



RESOLUTION TITLE: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GASTON TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Gaston County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids; and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and,

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 11
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,254,606.19
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 1st, 2026 through End date June 30th, 2028. Any unspent funds as of June 30, 2028, will be returned to fund balance.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Jail MAT/MOUD
Two Community Paramedics and one peer support specialist will be in the Gaston County Jail and will administer MAT to those who enter with a current prescription as well as pregnant individuals who meet the criteria to initiate MAT. Two detention officers will be responsible for movement of patients throughout the jail facility for the purposes of MAT. All program staff will also be responsible for providing education to inmates as well as jail staff. Outcomes to be measured include number of inmates receiving MAT, impact on overdose post-release, recidivism rates, and continuing participation in treatment post-release.
- g. Provider: Gaston County EMS, Gaston County Sheriff's Office, and Olive Branch Ministry or any other service provider as deemed appropriate

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,254,606.19.

Adopted this the 23rd day of June, 2026.

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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