



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, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain 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"); 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: Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate Resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in alignment with the NC MOA, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

Strategy authorized:

- Name: Naloxone Distribution
- Exhibit: Exhibit A / Strategy 7
- Amount: \$644,928
- Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025
- Program/Activity Description: GEMS Community Paramedicine

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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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFrale	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2023-160	05/25/2023	TK	AF	A	A	A	A	AB	A	A	U

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- 24/7 Opioid overdose response. Respond to provide options for harm reduction or treatment alternatives.
- 24/7 MAT program. Bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Provide additional dosing through the night, if needed.
- Outreach
- Better address emerging hazards
- Continue and expand Naloxone Kit Distribution

f. Program/Activity Provider: Gaston Emergency Medical Services

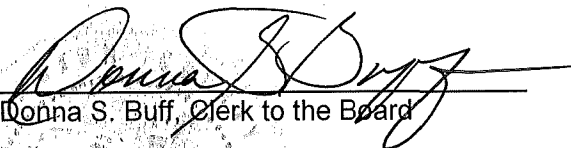
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$644,928.

Adopted this the 25th day of May, 2023.



Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 23-213

Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Community Support Services) - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$644,928 for the Community Paramedicine Program; Approve the Addition of Three New Paramedic Positions for the Program

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BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$644,928. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Minimal impact to the budget ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The State of NC joined in the national litigation against pharmaceutical supply chain participants who engaged in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of opioid medications that has harmed the public. On June 8, 2021 the Board of Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (Res 2021-172) joining in the national litigation. Gaston County was awarded \$21,612,790 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 16 years. To date the County has received \$2,801,978 in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$644,928 in Opioid Settlement funds for the Community Paramedicine Program that will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department. The \$644,928 will fund three new paramedic positions allowing the County to provide 24/7 opioid overdose response, bridge the gap from overdose to treatment, expand Naloxone Kit distributions and provide outreach.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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