

# 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:

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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Chad Brown, Chairman Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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GASTON COUNTY								
	BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)							
то:	Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager							
	CSS Community Support Services							
FROM:	CSS Community Support Services Dept. Code Department Name							
	Dept. code Deptitment Name							
	Gregory Grier 4/25/2023							
	Department Director Date							
REQUEST TYPE:	Line-Item Transfer Within Department & FundLine-Item TransferProject Transfer Within Department & Fund✓Additional ApproprLine-Item Transfer Between Departments*Requires resolution by the Board	iation of Funds*						
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis Ex. Employee Training	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund-Dept-Div-SubDiv-Prog-SubProg-Future-Obj-Proj XXXX-XXX-XXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXX	<b>AMOUNT**</b> Whole dollars only Ex. (\$5,000) Ex. \$5,000						
Opioid Settlement	2055-000-000-00000-000000-00000-0000-05-410211-	\$ (644,928.00)						
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510001-	\$ 450,264.00						
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510100-	\$ 34,446.00						
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510101-	\$ 58,203.00						
401K	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510102-	\$ 22,515.00						
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510103-	\$ 69,000.00						
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510104-	\$ 1,800.00						
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510105-	\$ 1,200.00						
Furn/Equipment<\$5,000	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-520020-	\$ 4,800.00						
Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-520011-	\$ 1,200.00						
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-520006-	\$ 1,500.00						
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\*\* Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

#### JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This Board Action and BCR appropriates \$644,928 of our allotment for the GEMS Community Paramedicine Program. The funds will be used to hire three Community Paramedics which will allow for 24/7 opioid overdose response and bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Funding will also be used for outreach and expansion of Naloxone Kit distribution.



# **Gaston County**

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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

# STAFF CONTACT

Gregory Grier - Community Support Services - 704-862-6735

### 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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