



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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state 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) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

- 1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

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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
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- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 1
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$267,363.60,
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date August 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Opioid Outreach and Response Coordinator
 - Coordinator position whose duties will include collaborative strategic planning as defined in the MOA.
 - Program will monitor outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and ongoing assessment of data and current and emerging community needs.
 - Monitoring, surveillance, data collection, and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
 - Develop and maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the Opioid Settlement Funds
 - Support oversight and management of funded programs.
- g. Provider: Gaston County Community Support Services

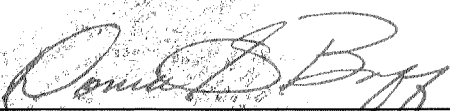
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$267,363.60.

Adopted this the 27th day of July, 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 #: 23-351

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$267,363.60 for the Collaborative Strategic Planning Program

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BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$267,363.60. 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 will receive a projected \$43,000,000 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date the County has received \$ 2,801,978 in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$267,363.60 in Opioid Settlement funds for the Collaborative Strategic Planning Program that will be managed by the Community Support Services Department. The \$267,363.60 will fund one Opioid Outreach Coordinator and the program's operating costs. The Coordinator will facilitate the collaborative strategic planning process as defined in the MOA and support oversight and management of programs funded with opioid settlement funds. The program will monitor outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and conduct ongoing assessment of data related to current and emerging community needs. In addition, the program will develop and maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the opioid settlement funds.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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