



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:

- 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 of dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 2025-151 on May 27, 2025, authorizing the expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds; however, Resolution 2025-151 contained errors regarding the name and accompanying exhibit of the strategy being authorized.

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: Recovery Support Services

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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:

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b. Exhibit: Exhibit A / Strategy 3

c. Amount: \$1,282,129.00

d. Period of Performance: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027

e. Program/Activity Description: GEMS Community Paramedicine

- 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 \$1,282,129.00. This Resolution replaces Resolution 2025-151 passed on May 27, 2025 in its entirety.

Adopted this the 22nd day of July, 2025.

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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