

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. <u>Budget item or resolution required</u>. 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. <u>Budget item or resolution details</u>. 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:

Strategy authorized:

- a. Name: Recovery Support Services
- b. Exhibit: Exhibit A / Strategy 3

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do here taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:							eby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action			
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- c. Amount: \$644,928
- d. Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025
- e. Program/Activity Description: 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. Provider: Gaston County Emergency Medical Services

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

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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GASTON COUNTY								
BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)								
то:	Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager							
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FROM:	CSS Community Support Services Dept. Code Department Name							
	Gregory Grier 6/29/2023							
	Department Director Date							
REQUEST TYPE:	Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund Line-Item Transfer Between Funds* Project Transfer Within Department & Fund Additional Appropriation of Funds* Line-Item Transfer Between Departments *Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners							
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT**						
	Fund-Dept-Div-SubDiv-Prog-SubProg-Future-Obj-Proj							
As it appears in Munis Ex. Employee Training	XXXX-XXX-XXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXX	Whole dollars only Ex. (\$5,000)						
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Opioid Settlement	2055-000-000-00000-000000-000000-05-410211-	\$ (644,928.00)						
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510001-	\$ 450,264.00						
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510100-	\$ 34,446.00						
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510101-	\$ 58,203.00						
401K	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510102-	\$ 22,515.00						
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510103-	\$ 69,000.00						
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510104-	\$ 1,800.00						
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510105-	\$ 1,200.00						
Furn/Equipment<\$5,000	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520020-	\$ 4,800.00						
Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520011-	\$ 1,200.00						
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520006-	\$ 1,500.00						
		2,300.00						
	Check cell- Amounts must sum to \$0	\$						
** Decreases in expenditures and increases in reven funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.	ue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Pl	ease note that transfers between						
JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:								
	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.	5							



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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 23-322

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Amend the Resolution Directing the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds (Res# 2023-160, Adopted May 25, 2023) to Reflect Strategy 3 - Community Paramedicine Program

STAFF CONTACT

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

BUDGET IMPACT

Correction of account numbers previously budgeted per Resolution 2023-160. No additional County funds required.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

On May 25, 2023 the Board approved Resolution 2023-160 which allocated \$644,928 in Opioid Settlement funds for the Community Paramedicine Program that will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department. The Community Paramedicine Program was deemed by the County as qualifying under Strategy 7 (Naloxone Distribution). The state recently reviewed our spending authorization and determined Strategy 3 (Recovery Support Services) was a better fit for the program and asked that we change it.

This Board Action, if approved, changes the strategy of the Community Paramedicine Program from Strategy 7 to Strategy 3 as per the state's request and the attached Spending Authorization and Budget Change Request. There is no change in the amount or use of the funds.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

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Revised Spending Authorization Resolution and Revised Budget Change Request (BCR)

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