



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:

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 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	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2023-230	07/27/2023	BH	AF	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

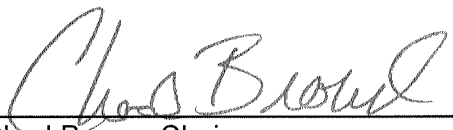
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- c. Amount: \$644,928
- d. Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025
- e. Program/Activity Description: Community Paramedicine
 - 24/7 Opioid overdose response. Respond to provide options for harm reduction or treatment alternatives.
 - 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

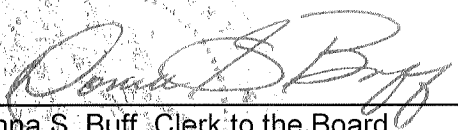
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$644,928.

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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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

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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

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

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