



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; and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and 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"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2; 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 that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states 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) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Self-referral strategies such as the Angel Programs or the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI)
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit B, Strategy D.1.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:

- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$402,350.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date January 1, 2026 through End date June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funds for Gaston Together will be used to implement two programs in Gaston County: Hub Situation Table and a Community Co-Responder Program. The Hub Situation Table model is a proactive integrated response to at-risk, vulnerable populations to reduce calls to emergency services and the police. The Community Co-Responder Program pairs law enforcement with mental health clinicians to respond to calls-for-service that typically involved behavioral health crises. Both models are designed to provide support and services to those in need in the community and to also provide alternatives to incarceration.
- g. Provider: Gaston Together

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$402,350.00.

Adopted this the 26th day of February, 2026.

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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