



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: Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 11

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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	TKelgher	RWorley	Vote
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- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$1,047,985
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date June 1, 2024 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Jail MAT / MOUD

Two Community Paramedics and one peer support specialist will be in the Gaston County jail and will administer MAT to those who enter with a current prescription as well as pregnant individuals who meet the criteria to initiate MAT. Detention officers will be responsible for movement of patients throughout the jail facility for the purposes of MAT. All program staff will also be responsible for providing education to inmates as well as jail staff. Outcomes to be measured include number of inmates receiving MAT, impact on overdose post-release, recidivism rates, and continuing participation in treatment post-release.

- g. Provider: Gaston County EMS, Gaston County Sheriff's Office, and Olive Branch Ministry or any other service provider as deemed appropriate.

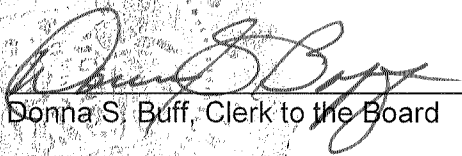
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$ 1,047,985.

Adopted this the 28th day of May, 2024.



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)**

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

FROM:

EMS Dept. Code	GEMS Department Name
Mark Lamphiear Department Director	5/28/2024 Date

REQUEST TYPE:

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ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis Ex. Employee Training	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund-Dept-Div-SubDiv-Prog-SubProg-Future-Obj-Proj XXXX-XXX-XXX-XXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXX-XX-XXXXXX-XXXX Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	AMOUNT** Whole dollars only Ex. (\$5,000) Ex. \$5,000
Opioid Settlement	2055-000-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-410211-	\$ (39,206.00)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510001-	\$ 12,211.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510100-	\$ 935.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510101-	\$ 1,573.00
401K	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510102-	\$ 611.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510103-	\$ 1,917.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510104-	\$ 40.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-510105-	\$ 20.00
Medication	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-520003-	\$ 4,999.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-520006-	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-520007-	\$ 2,900.00
Employee Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-520011-	\$ 1,000.00
Furn/Equip<\$5K	2055-EMS-000-00000-ATIMAT-Strgt11-0000-02-520020-	\$ 11,000.00

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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

This Board Action appropriates \$1,047,985 in Opioid Settlement funds for a Gaston County Jail MAT program, and setup Year 1 budget in the amount of \$39,206. Two Community Paramedics and one peer support specialist will be in the Gaston County jail and administer MAT to those who enter with a prescription as well as pregnant individuals who meet the criteria to initiate MAT. Detention officers will be responsible for movement of patients throughout the jail facility for the purposes of MAT. All program staff will also be responsible for providing education to inmates as well as jail staff. Outcomes to be measure include number of inmates receiving MAT, impact on overdose post-release, recidivism rates, and continuing participation in treatment post-release. Program Staff will report data weekly to the County Manager and the County Manager will report data monthly to the Commissioners. Gaston County jail and administer MAT to those who enter with a prescription as well as pregnant individuals who meet the criteria to initiate MAT. Detention officers will be responsible for movement of patients throughout the jail facility for the purposes of MAT. All program staff will also be responsible for providing education to inmates as well as jail staff. Outcomes to be measured include number of inmates receiving MAT, impact on overdose post-release, recidivism rates, and continuing participation in treatment post-release. Program Staff will report data weekly to the County Manager and the County Manager will report data monthly to the Commissioners.

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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 24-205

Commissioner Hovis - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the Gaston County Jail Medication Assisted Treatment / Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Program to be implemented by Gaston County Emergency Medical Services and Gaston County Sheriff's Office. **(Year 1: \$39,206 / Total Program: \$1,047,985)**

STAFF CONTACT

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

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by the following:

Year 1 (June 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024): \$39,206
Year 2 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025): \$501,958
Year 3 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$506,821
Total opioid settlement funds: \$1,047,985. 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 \$40,000,000 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date, the County has received \$9,065,809 in settlement funds. To date, \$2,810,533 has been allocated by the Board of Commissioners.

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This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$1,047,985 in Opioid Settlement funds for the Gaston County Jail MAT program to be implemented by Gaston County Emergency Medical Services and Gaston County Sheriff's Office. Certified Peer Support Specialist services will be provided by Olive Branch Ministry or any other service provider as deemed appropriate. Two Community Paramedics and one peer support specialist will be in the Gaston County jail as an extension of the Community Paramedicine Program and administer MAT to individuals daily while they are incarcerated in accordance with the Emergency Medical Services' standing order. Services in the jail will be based on demand and paid when provided.

Medication Assisted Treatment will be available for those who enter with a current prescription as well as pregnant individuals who meet the eligibility criteria to initiate MAT. Additionally, one or two detention officers (dependent on need) will be responsible for movement of patients throughout the jail facility for the purposes of MAT dosing. The Certified Peer Support Specialist, Community Paramedics, and detention officer(s) will also be responsible for providing education to inmates as well as new and existing jail staff. Training will include stigma reduction and cultural humility of those who use drugs, overdose awareness education and prevention, and harm reduction education. Outcomes to be measured include number of inmates receiving MAT, impact on overdose post-release, recidivism rates, and continuing participation in treatment post-release. Program Staff will report data weekly to the County Manager and the County Manager will report data monthly to the Gaston County Board of County Commissioners.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR) - Year 1