



**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. Narcan Distribution
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA

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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	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	TKeigher	SShehan	Vote
2025-392	12/09/2025	SS	JB	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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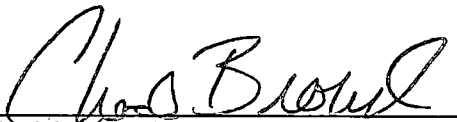
- c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$140,655.30
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date January 1, 2026, through End date June 30, 2027.
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Narcan Distribution

Funds will be used for the flexible deployment of Narcan vending machines allowing rapid response to shifting community needs. This will ensure supplies are readily available and placed where they will have the greatest impact. The program will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department.

- g. Provider: Gaston Emergency Medical Services

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$140,655.30.

Adopted this the 9th day of December, 2025.

  
Chad Brown, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST

  
Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

SEAL

# GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO: Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

FROM: HLT Health  
 Dept. Code Department Name  
Brittain Kenney 12/09/2025  
 Department Director Date

## REQUEST TYPE:

- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds\*

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds\*
- \* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis	ACCOUNT NUMBER										AMOUNT**
	4	3	3	5	6	7	4	2	6	5	
	Fund	Dept	Div	SubDiv	Prg	SubPrg	Future	Func	Obj	Proj	
Ex. Employee Training	xxxx	xxx	xxx	xxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxx	xx	xxxxxx	xxxxx	Ex. \$5,000.00 Ex. (\$5,000.00)
	Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520011-										
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-										(91,325.30)
Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520002-										1,360.00
Medication	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520003-										53,725.00
Food and Provisions	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520005-										390.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520007-										225.30
Furn/Equip<5k	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520020-										34,500
Other Medical Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520004-										1,125.00

## JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$91,325.30 /Project Total \$140,665.30 of our allotment for Naloxone Distribution. Funds will be used for the flexible deployment of Narcan vending machines allowing rapid response to shifting community needs. This will ensure supplies are readily available and placed where they will have the greatest impact. The program will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department.. Year 1 (January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026) \$91,325.30 Year 1 Only.

\*\* Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

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	Dept. Code	Department Name
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Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-										(49,330.00)
Medication	2055-EMS-000-00000-NalKit-Stratg7-0000-02-520003-										49,330.00

**JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:**

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 2 \$49,330.00 /Project Total \$140,665.30 of our allotment for Naloxone Distribution. Funds will be used for the flexible deployment of Narcan vending machines allowing rapid response to shifting community needs. This will ensure supplies are readily available and placed where they will have the greatest impact. The program will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department. Year 2 (July 1st, 2026 - June 30, 2027) \$49,330.00 Year 2 Only.

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## DHHS - Public Health Division Board Action

File #: 25-593

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$140,655.30 (Year 1: \$91,325.30, Year 2: \$49,330.00, Total: \$140,655.30)

### STAFF CONTACT

Abigail Newton - Assistant Public Health Director - DHHS - Public Health Division - 704-853-5103

### BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$140,655.30. No additional County funds.

### 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 was awarded \$40,520,354.00 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date the County has received \$14 million in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$140,655.30 in Opioid Settlement funds for the flexible deployment of Narcan vending machines allowing rapid response to shifting community needs. This will ensure supplies are readily available and placed where they will have the greatest impact. The program will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department.

Year 1 (January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026): \$91,325.30

Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027): \$49,330.00

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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