



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: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - 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
2025-152	05/27/2025	TK	JB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U


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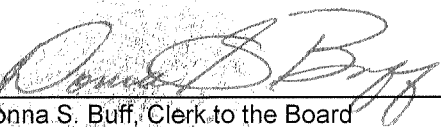
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 1
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$429,028.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Prevention Strategies Coordinator, Public Health Director, Public Health Assistant Director, Grants Coordinator, Business Administrator, Assistant Business Administrator, Community Health Administrator, Community Strategist, Health Educator
 - Program will monitor outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and ongoing assessment of data and current and emerging community needs.
 - Monitoring, surveillance, data collection, and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
 - Maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the Opioid Settlement Funds
 - Provide oversight and management of funded programs.
- g. Provider: Gaston County Public Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$429,028.00.

Adopted this the 27th day of May, 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 05/27/2025

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT**
As it appears in Munis	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> 4335674265 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em;"> FundDeptDivSubDivProgSubProgFutureFuncObjProj </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.6em;"> xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx </div>	
Ex. Employee Training	Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	Ex. \$5,000.00 Ex. (\$5,000.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(214,514.00)
Salaries	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510001-	141,932.00
FICA	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510100-	10,858.00
Retirement	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510101-	19,302.00
401K Contribution	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510102-	7,097.00
Health Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510103-	18,600.00
Dental Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510104-	465.00
Life Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510105-	310.00
Program Supplies	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520002-	1,000.00
Food and Provisions	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520005-	4,000.00
Employee Training	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520011-	6,000.00

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$214,514.00 Total Project \$429,028.00 of our allotment for a Collaborative Strategic Planning program and operating costs. The program will monitor outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and conduct ongoing assessment of data related to current and emerging community needs. In addition, the program will maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the opioid settlement funds. Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$214,514.00

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Postage	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520014-	50.00
Software Rental	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-530029-	4,800.00

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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 2 \$214,514.00 Total Project \$429,028.00 of our allotment for a Collaborative Strategic Planning program and operating costs. The program will monitor outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and conduct ongoing assessment of data related to current and emerging community needs. In addition, the program will maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the opioid settlement funds. Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027): \$214,514.00

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DHHS - Public Health Division Board Action

File #: 25-286

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$429,028.00 (**Year 1: \$214,514.00, Year 2: \$214,514.00, Total: \$429,028.00**)

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 \$429,028.00. 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 \$11,845,106.51 in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$429,028.00 in Opioid Settlement funds that will be used to fund program oversight by monitoring outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and conduct ongoing assessment of data related to current and emerging community needs. In addition, the program will maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the opioid settlement funds.

Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$214,514.00

Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027): \$214,514.00

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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