



Gaston County

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Budget & Strategy

Board Action

File #: 22-492

Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for a Victim Witness Assistance Program and Approve New Position: Program Coordinator (**1 Year Grant \$88,970.32**)

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Federal revenues. No additional County funds; however, VAWA Grants require a 25% match. The match will be provided by the District Attorney's Office.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

A Victim/Witness Assistance Program Coordinator will serve as the main point of contact in the District Attorney's Office for victims of DV, SA, and Child and Elder Abuse Crimes throughout criminal court proceedings. The coordinator will work exclusively with the District Attorney's Office to coordinate victim and witness appearances in court and provide support during proceedings. The coordinator will have clinical training on working with people who have experienced trauma and will guide victims through the court process and explain the resources and services available. This position will also serve as the DA's liaison to coordinate the efforts of and share information from a High Risk DV Team (HRDVT) that is being developed as a collaborative effort across multiple community partners and service providers. Matching funds will be provided by an Assistant DA assigned to work with DV, SA, and child and elder abuse victims and the Victim/Witness Assistance Coordinator.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

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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:

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2022-377	12/13/2022	BH	KJ	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: BGT Budget & Strategy

Dept. Code Department Name

Janet Schafer 11/15/22

Department Director Date

REQUEST TYPE:

☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*

☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments

* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis	ACCOUNT NUMBER										AMOUNT** Whole dollars only
	4	3	3	5	6	7	4	2	6	5	
	Fund	Dept	Div	SubDiv	Prog	SubProg	Future	Func	Obj	Proj	
	XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXX	XX	XXXXXX	XXXXX	
Ex. Employee Training	Ex. 1000-BGT-000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-										Ex. \$5,000 Ex. (\$5,000)
FedGrtRev: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/Wi	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-410000-G0055										(\$88,970.32)
Salaries: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/Wit	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510001-G0055										\$65,000
FICA: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/Wit	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510100-G0055										\$4,972.50
Ret: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/Wit	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510101-G0055										\$7,403.50
401KCont: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/Wit	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510102-G0055										\$2,103.54
Health Ins: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510103-G0055										\$9,173.32
Dental Ins: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510104-G0055										\$241.80
Life Ins: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/Wit	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510105-G0055										\$75.66

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

A Victim/Witness Assistance Program Coordinator will serve as the main point of contact in the District Attorney's Office for victims of DV, SA, and Child and Elder Abuse Crimes throughout criminal court proceedings. The NC Courts report, "Response to DV" identified the implementation of a victim/witness assistance program as a best practice and a recommended procedure to improve victim safety, offender accountability and court efficiency in domestic violence, sexual assault, and child and elder abuse crimes while ensuring the due process rights of all parties.

** 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.