



# Gaston County

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## Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) Board Action

File #: 25-522

Commissioner Hovis - Office of Capital Improvements - To Authorize the Conversion of a Temporary ARPA Position to a Full-time Project Manager Position to Continue Implementing Capital Projects in the Office of Capital Improvements. The Position will be Fully Funded Using ARPA Funds Through the End of Calendar Year 2026. Beginning January 1, 2027, at the Conclusion of ARPA Funding, the Position Will Be Funded Through Chargebacks to Capital Projects

### STAFF CONTACT

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### BUDGET IMPACT

No current budget impact. The position would be funded with ARPA funds through December 31, 2026. Effective January 1, 2027 (to be included in the FY27 budget), the position would be funded through chargebacks to Capital Projects.

### BACKGROUND

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 created new Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Act sets aside \$65.1 billion to be allocated to counties based on population and sent directly from the Department of Treasury. In May 2021, Gaston County was awarded \$43,612,126 in federal funds to meet urgent community needs in the wake of COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Gaston County Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264 for the Gaston County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds was adopted in Regular Session by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners on September 28, 2021.

The Treasury established deadline for the completion of all ARPA projects is December 31, 2026. One of the three positions charged with implementing Gaston County's ARPA water and sewer projects is now vacant. With 14 months remaining for completion of all ARPA projects and other high priority capital projects scheduled in future years, conversion of the vacant project coordinator position from a temporary position, ending in December, 2026, to a regular County position is needed. This Board Action authorizes the Conversion of the Vacant Position to a Full-time Project Manager Position. The position will be funded with ARPA Funds through December 31, 2026, and funded through chargebacks to Capital Projects.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

N/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.

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