



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Budget & Strategy Board Action

File #: 22-237

Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds Awarded to the Gaston County Police Department (\$74,929) by the NC Sheriffs' Association

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate State revenues. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Police Department (GCPD) has been investigating Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) crimes for several years. Each year, there has been a rise in the number and severity of ICAC cases. During 2021, the GCPD assigned a detective to the Homeland Security Investigations ICAC Taskforce and became very aware of the increase in ICAC and the urgent need to address these crimes in a proactive manner. The current GCPD technology is outdated and does not provide access to all of the available data. The improved technology and training that this funding will provide will result in a more productive and efficient initiative to respond to these crimes against children.

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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2022-179	06/28/2022	RW	TP	A	AB	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: GPD Gaston County Police

Dept. Code Department Name

Chief Joseph Ramey 5/31/2022

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT**
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Ex. Employee Training	Ex. 1000-BGT-000-000000-0000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	Ex. \$5,000 Ex. (\$5,000)
NC Sheriff Assoc: ICAC Grant	1000-GPD-000-000000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-445006-G0032	(74,929)
F/E<\$5K: ICAC Grant	1000-GPD-000-000000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-G0032	15,776
F/E>\$5K: ICAC Grant	1000-GPD-000-000000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-540002-G0032	40,868
Training: ICAC Grant	1000-GPD-000-000000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-520011-G0032	10,294
Misc Expense: ICAC Grant	1000-GPD-000-000000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-520017-G0032	7,991

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

In November 2021, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the 2021 Appropriations Act (S.L. 2021-180) and it was signed by the Governor. The Act appropriated \$3 million to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association to be used for grants to sheriffs' offices and other local law enforcement agencies to investigate reports of internet crimes against children (ICAC).

These funds will be used for two objectives: 1) equipment and data access: develop an up-to-date Internet Crimes Against Children lab that will be used to collect evidence to prosecute ICAC cases and 2) specialized training to provide a training annual pass (TAP-\$5,999) that will allow multiple users (e.g., the ICAC investigator and crime scene investigators) to participate in all trainings offered through the Magnet Forensics Training Portal and 1 Cellebrite pass for 1 participant to complete a two-day intermediate level certification course.

** 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.