



Gaston County

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Financial and Management Services - Budget Board Action

File #: 24-635

Commissioner Fraley - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for Hope United Survivor Network for Contracted Legal Services and Furniture/Equipment **(\$122,807.02)**

STAFF CONTACT

Ashley Rhom - Financial and Management Services - 704-866-3099

BUDGET IMPACT

General Fund: Increase federal grant revenue by \$122,807.02. Increase grant expenditures by \$122,807.02. No additional County funds.

BACKGROUND

The NC Council for Women and Youth (CFWYI) Family Violence and Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) American Rescue Plan (ARP) COVID-19 supplemental funding will be used to support a part-time contracted Family Law Attorney, including covering the costs of their office technology and furniture setup at the Hope United Survivor Network facility. This includes a complete laptop setup with monitor, keyboard, mouse, docking station, and printer, along with necessary office furniture.

In addition to this, the funding will support the purchase of 73 infrared heat signature cameras, which will be used by law enforcement and GEMS to detect signs of physical assault in evidence gathering.

The period of grant performance is 08/01/24 - 08/31/25.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR); Budget Approval Notice

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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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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)									
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Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

Department Name

Date _____

*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

** 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.

It is anticipated that this funding will enable subgrantees to create a safer and healthier physical, mental, and environmental space for clients and staff. Funding will support a contracted Family Law Attorney, as well as their office furniture and office technology setup. Funding will also support the purchase of 73 Infrared Heat Signature Cameras, which will be used by law enforcement and GEMS to detect signs of physical assault.

From: [Pat Laws](#)
To: [Ashley Rhom](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] CFWYI Actual Budget 1000023663 Approved
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:12:54 PM

FYI

Pat Laws MHDL, ED.S.
Grants Officer
(704) 866-3771

From: Joni DePinto <Joni.DePinto@doa.nc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:10 PM
To: Pat Laws <Pat.Laws@gastongov.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CFWYI Actual Budget 1000023663 Approved

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Dear Pat Laws:
CFWYI has approved your Actual Budget for FFY 24-25 COVID FVPSA
Gaston County/Gaston County
Application 1000023663
Agreement 2000080484

You may download and save a copy of the final budget for your records.



CFWYI Actual Budget ID: 1000023663

Part A. Eligibility Application: Use the Supporting Documents section at the bottom of the page to upload a Grantee Supplemental Application Form for the program listed in the "Program Description" field and the county listed in the "County" dropdown.

Grantee/Subr... Name:	GASTON COUNTY	Tax Id:	
Created On:	10/16/24	County:	GASTON
Program Description:	FFY 24-25 COVID FVPSA	Description:	Gaston County in its entirety
		Maximum Budget Amount:	122,807.02

Part B. Actual Budget: You do not need to submit an actual budget until you receive notification from CFWYI that you have been deemed eligible for an award for the program and county covered here.

Expenses (Position/Title)

Expense Group	Description	Requested Amount	User Narrative
Personnel	N/A	0.00	N/A

Expenses (Others)

Expense Group	Type	Requested Amount	User Narrative
Personnel	FICA	0.00	
Personnel	Fringe	0.00	
Personnel	Other Personnel Expenses (Specify)	0.00	
Travel/Trainings	In State Travel/Training	0.00	
Travel/Trainings	Out of State Travel/Training	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Rent	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Utilities	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Communications/Advertising	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Postage	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Supplies	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	
Total Requested Amount		122,807.02	

Expense Group	Type	Requested Amount	User Narrative
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Equipment Lease	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Publication and Printing	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Insurance/Bonding	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Professional Services	74,993.75	A contracted Family Law Attorney provide direct services only to domestic violence survivors in civil matters: 50Bs, lease agreements,custody consultations at approved federal consultant rat \$81.25/hr. for 923 hours.
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Memberships and Subscriptions	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Audit (Only if approved)	0.00	
Operating Expenses (Office/Shelter)	Other Operating Expenses (Specify)	0.00	
Equipment	Computer Device(s)	1,800.00	HUSN will provide an office space a laptop setup (a monitor, keyboar and mouse with docking station) fr use by the contracted attorney
Equipment	Printer(s)	600.00	Printer for contracted attorney's of space
Equipment	Furniture	1,613.27	Office furnishings for contracted fa law attorney's office at HUSN facil
Equipment	Copier(s)	0.00	
Equipment	Fax Machines(s)	0.00	
Equipment	Vehicles(s) business purpose	0.00	
Total Requested Amount		122,807.02	

Expense Group	Type	Requested Amount	User Narrative
Equipment	Other Equipment (Specify)	43,800.00	Infrared Heat Signature Cameras to detect signs of physical assault including strangulation to be used by LE and Gaston Emergency Medical Services. 73 units @ \$600/ea. The more expensive options were tested by GEMS, and they did not retain "heat signature" for as long nor did they produce as clear an image. The intention of these units is to collect evidence of strangulation on scene and the more expensive cameras produced much better quality. A recommendation was received for a higher priced unit from John Guarino, Pitt County. These are the units they utilize, and they have seen significant results.
Client/Victim Costs	Other Client/Victim Costs (Specify)	0.00	
Indirect/Administrative Cost	Indirect/Administrative Cost	0.00	
Total Requested Amount		122,807.02	

Supporting Documents

I attest that my submissions do not include Personally Identifiable Information as defined by 2 CFR 200 and NCGS 75-61(10). The following is the federal definition for ease of reference: Protected Personally Identifiable Information (protected PII) means an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, and educational transcripts.

Recipients and subrecipients of federal financial assistance are required under 2 CFR 303(e) to implement internal controls and take reasonable measures to safeguard protected PII. The Council for Women and Youth Involvement's (CFWYI) grant management system is not designed for storage of protected PII. If you need to submit such data, contact CFWYI staff to determine a means of secure transfer.

Please select Document Type:

Attachments (8)

3 Camera Quotes.pdf

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Document Type:

Certificate_of_Completion_1000023663.pdf

Document Type:

FVPSA ARP COVID-19 Supplemental Funding

Document Type: FY23-25 Supplemental Application Form

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Document Type:

☐ Legal Quote and HUB Posting.pdf

Document Type: undefined

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☐ I, the Executive Director of the organization, certify that I have reviewed the information in this application and all attachments thereto, and that it is accurate and current to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that the chair of the organization's board of directors has reviewed and approved the information in this application and all attachments. Both I and the organization board chair understand that the issuance of grant funds is contingent on fulfilling all responsibilities outlined in the grantee/subgrantee profile and application, including compliance with the terms of all contract documents, CFWYI program and reporting guidelines, and state and federal laws.