



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Financial and Management Services - Budget Board Action

File #: 25-184

Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Governor's Crime Commission Grant Funds for The Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center **(\$98,724.17 Year 3 Funds - No Match)**

STAFF CONTACT

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

BUDGET IMPACT

General Fund: Increase federal grant revenue by \$98,724.17. Increase grant expenditures by \$98,724.17. No County funds.

BACKGROUND

The Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) was awarded \$98,724.17 to fund a Forensic Interviewer partial salary and benefits, Victim Advocate partial salary and benefits, and Program Manager partial salary and benefits.

The Forensic Interviewer facilitates and coordinates forensic interviews for potential victims of child abuse, ensuring interviews are legally sound and culturally sensitive. The Victim Advocate provides comprehensive victim and family advocacy services, including crisis intervention, trauma education, and systematic guidance, often on an on-call basis. The Program Manager oversees staff, programming, accreditation, and the growth of the CAC, ensuring quality assurance and Multi-Disciplinary Team partner development. The Program Manager also assists with data management, reporting, staff evaluations, and other needed tasks.

The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission administers the state's federal grants through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants. This grant does not require a match.

Year 3 grant period of performance: 10/1/24-9/30/25.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR), Amended Award Agreement

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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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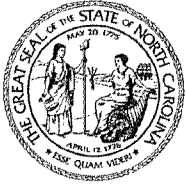
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GASTON COUNTY									
BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)									
TO:	Matthew Rhoten, County Manager								
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*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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** 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.		

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Amended Grant Award

Project Name: Gaston Co Child Advocacy Center -- The Lighthouse 2022

Grant Period: 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2025

Agreement Number: 2000071472

Subrecipient: Gaston County

Implementing Agency: Gaston County CAC --
The Lighthouse

Authorizing Official: Matthew Rhoten

Project Director: Tanisha Maness

Source: 2022 Victims of Crime Act

Federal Grant Number: 15POVC-22-GG-00774-ASSI

CFDA #: 16.575

Match Funding Required (%): 0.00%

Federal Funding Award (%): 100.00%

Match Funding Required (\$): \$0.00

Federal Funding Award (\$): \$197,448.34

Extension Amount: \$98,724.17

Grant Manager: Brenda Washington

Total Project Budget (\$): \$296,172.51

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) hereby awards this grant funding based upon the final application and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of North Carolina. Your funding initially is from the federal grant source listed herein. As funding levels change, the source of the funds may change. Subrecipients agree that they will abide by, and meet all match requirements, indicated above as Match Funding.

To view additional funding details, including totals by year and by expense type, you may access an Agreement Budget Summary in the [North Carolina Enterprise Business System](#) (EBS).

Award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the application and special conditions, but also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., code of federal regulation). Therefore, all key staff should receive the special conditions, the assurances and certifications provided GCC, and the application as approved by GCC, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award. No alterations of any kind may be made to this grant award.

The Special Conditions for this grant, posted on the GCC website at www.ncdps.gov/gcc/award-special-conditions/ are incorporated into this award as if the same were set forth herein.

DS
MR / initialing here, I certify, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are true as of the date of this award acceptance: (1) I have conducted or there was conducted on our behalf a diligent review of all terms and conditions of, and all supporting materials submitted in connection with, this award, including any assurances and certifications (including anything submitted in connection therewith by a person on behalf of the applicant before, after, or at the time of the application submission and any materials that accompany this acceptance and certification); and (2) I have the legal authority to accept this award on behalf of the applicant.

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 Matthew Rhoten
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 Signature of Authorizing Official Date
 Matthew Rhoten
 Name of Authorizing Official

Signed by: **Governor's Crime Commission**
 Caroline Farmer
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 Signature of Director Date
 Caroline Farmer, Executive Director
 Name and Title of Director

Signed by: **Project Director**
 Tanisha Maness
 2/26/2025 | 10:56:19 EST
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 Signature of Project Director Date
 Tanisha Maness
 Name of Project Director

Federal Award Identification Worksheet

Federal award identification : 2022 Victims of Crime Act

Project ID : 2000071472

Subrecipient : Gaston County

Federal Award Identification # (FAIN) : 15POVC-22-GG-00774-ASSI

Unique Entity ID (UEI) : QKY9R8A8D5J6

Federal award date : October 1, 2021 To September 30, 2025

Subaward period of performance start and end date : October 1, 2022 To September 30, 2025

Federal funds obligated in this agreement : \$296,172.51

Federal funds obligated to the subrecipient : \$591,879.20

Total federal award : \$44,765,575.00

Indirect cost rate for the federal award : We do not receive an indirect cost rate

Indirect cost rate to be used by the subrecipient : 0.00%

Identification of whether the award is research and development (R&D) : We do not fund research and development

Pass through entity and awarding official : NC Governor's Crime Commission
Caroline Farmer, Executive Director
Caroline.Farmer@ncdps.gov

Federal awarding agency : Office of Justice Programs Office for Victims of Crime

OVC FY 2022 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant

Federal award description : This program will provide funds from the Crime Victims Fund to enhance crime victim services in the State. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance funds typically are competitively awarded by the State to local community-based organizations that provide direct services to crime victims.