



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Juvenile Community Programs Section

Josh Stein, Governor
J. Jeffrey Smythe, Secretary

William L. Lassiter, Chief Deputy Secretary
Cindy Porterfield, Director

April 8, 2026

Dear Derrick Harris,

Congratulations! The Juvenile Community Programs Section is pleased to announce that **PORT Program in Gaston** has been awarded discretionary funding for FY 2025-2026. This award is to fund (or partially fund) the following:

Agency Request(s)	Awarded Discretionary Funds
Freedom House of Mecklenburg, Inc.	\$ 1,192.18

As a reminder, discretionary awards for FY 2025-2026 are treated as additional JCPC dollars and equipment or capital outlay, valued at \$500 or more with a useful life in excess of one year, must have a cash match. In order to complete the award process, please access NCALLIES, complete a JCPC Program Agreement Revision, and prompt your Area Consultant via email once the revision is completed. If you have any questions or need technical assistance to complete the revision process, please contact your consultant.

We are providing this notification of discretionary fund award to your agency to ensure that all local approval by the JCPC and local county commission boards may be accomplished. Please check with your local county government officials to ensure that all local actions taken to complete this process are in accordance with locally approved/adjusted protocols. Please note the following timeline to ensure timely disbursement of discretionary fund awards:

- **No later than April 24, 2026:** Programs/JCPCs awarded discretionary funds must submit a JCPC Program Agreement Revision in NCALLIES for Area Consultant review (prompt your consultant via email once completed).
- **No later than May 22, 2026:** All JCPC approval actions must be finalized. County approval is required before the disbursement of discretionary funds.

Note: Administrative Code 14B NCAC 11B.0106 states that prior county approval is required for discretionary funds. It does not indicate the specific protocols of the approval. Our DPS JCPC Policy sets forth local JCPC approval processes. However, the Department is allowing local discretion as to how counties approve requests.

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- **May 29, 2026 (by close of business):** All JCPC Program Agreement Revisions must be locally approved **and signed (not just submitted)** in NCALLIES via DocuSign for a **June 2026** disbursement.

Note: Failure to meet the May 29, 2026 signature deadline may result in termination of the award of discretionary fund

Thank you for your continued investment in the youth and families of North Carolina through the valuable services that you offer for them. It is our hope that this discretionary fund award will further enhance and offer the needed support for your agency to provide continuity of services for our youth and their families.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Porterfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Cindy Porterfield, Director
Juvenile Community Programs

Cc: JCPC Chairperson
County Finance Officer
DPS Area Consultant



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gaston County Finance Office
FROM: [Lisa K Partin](#) - Juvenile Community Programs
DATE: June 16, 2026
THRU: Cindy Porterfield, Director, Juvenile Community Programs
RE: 6/2026 JCPC Disbursement Notification

JCPC PROGRAM	AMOUNT	# OF PROGRAMS
JCPC Funds	\$64,267	10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT REQUEST	\$64,267	10

Requested By:

Cindy C. Porterfield
Director, Juvenile Community Programs

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6/2026

6/16/26 6/2026 JCPC Disbursement Notification					
FUNDING ID	INVOICE #	JCPC PROGRAM	COUNTY	AMOUNT	# OF PROGRAMS
	JCPCFUNDS/2606	JCPC Funds		\$64,267	10
1836-24218	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Breaking Away: Opportunities for Life	Gaston	\$3,876	
136-10265	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Community Outreach	Gaston	\$8,651	
1836-23887	JCPCFUNDS/2606	HandUp Solutions	Gaston	\$3,326	
136-11426	JCPCFUNDS/2606	JCPC Administration	Gaston	\$1,291	
136-10121	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Juvenile Mediation	Gaston	\$11,250	
136-10306	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Juvenile Restitution	Gaston	\$5,748	
136-12167	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Parenting Education	Gaston	\$2,736	
136-10302	JCPCFUNDS/2606	PORT Program	Gaston	\$14,880	
136-10311	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Psychological Testing	Gaston	\$916	
136-10305	JCPCFUNDS/2606	Teen Court	Gaston	\$11,593	
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENT REQUEST		\$64,267	10

Requested By:



Cindy C. Porterfield
Director, Juvenile Community Programs

Fw: JCPC Discretionary Request

From Gail Sparks <Gail.Sparks@gastongov.com>
Date Thu 6/18/2026 6:51 PM
To Debbie Stone-Muller <Debbie.StoneMuller@gastongov.com>

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From: Kyle Sutherland <Kyle.Sutherland@gastongov.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 1:38 PM
To: Johnson, Melissa G <melissa.g.johnson@ncdps.gov>; Stephen Zill <szill@gcps.org>; sara.brunner@ncdps.gov <sara.brunner@ncdps.gov>; Judy Leahy <leahy_inc@yahoo.com>; Cathy Hart <Cathy.Hart@gastongov.com>
Cc: Gail Sparks <Gail.Sparks@gastongov.com>
Subject: RE: JCPC Discretionary Request

Approve

Kyle Sutherland, CPA, CIA, CLGFO
Director, Finance
704.866.3130

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Cc: Gail Sparks <Gail.Sparks@gastongov.com>
Subject: JCPC Discretionary Request
Importance: High

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The PORT program is requesting \$1,192 in Discretionary Funds to replace an obsolete computer needed to support their program in Gaston County.

The request does not impact Gaston JCPC funding. This is a statewide competition, and the programs have to provide their own match. I believe the request is justified and reasonable. Since Gaston JCPC does not meet in April, and the meeting on Discretionary requests is on April 6th, I am asking the leadership to support this request. Please respond "approve" or "disapprove".

Thanks,

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