



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Sheriff's Office

Board Action

File #: 21-460

Commissioner Johnson - Sheriff's Office - To Appropriate Funding for Inmate Off-Site Medical Expenses (\$322,000)

STAFF CONTACT

Alan Cloninger - Sheriff - 704-869-6860

BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate from Fund Balance.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Appropriate from Fund Balance

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Jail has experienced an exponential increase with inmate off-site medical costs. There have been multiple inmates with hospital stays and inmates with chronic illness in safekeeping at the Central Prison. The budget for safekeeping medical expenses is \$100,000 of which \$95,420 has been expended with \$136,176 outstanding.

It is expected the off-site budget for medical expenses (\$175,000) of inmates housed at the Gaston County Jail will be exceeded this fiscal year as well. Presently, \$85,852 has been expended through October 2021 with eight months remaining.

There is no way to predict the type and quantity of injuries and illnesses that will occur. The identified cost drivers are substance abuse and chronic illness. It is estimated the Sheriff's Office will need approximately \$322,000 for off-site medical costs for the remainder of fiscal year 2022.

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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKelgher	TPhilbeck	RWorley	Vote
2021-335	12/14/2021	KJ	RW	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4315 Sheriff's Office
Dept. # Department Name

Alan Cloninger 11/26/21
Department Director's Name Date

TYPE OF REQUEST:

☐ 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 (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx	AMOUNT Whole Dollars Only (See Note Below)
Fund Balance Appropriated Professional Services	010-99-9900-0000-490000 010-02-4315-4323-530010	{322,000} 322,000

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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Note: Decreases in expenditures & increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures & decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require interfund transfer accounts.