



Gaston County

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Budget and Purchasing Board Action

File #: 18-429

Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Grant Funds from the Governor's Crime Commission for the Sheriff's Office Supervised Safe Exchange Program (**Grant Funds - \$55,527; County Match 25% - \$17,352**)

STAFF CONTACT

Pat Laws - Budget - 704-866-3771

BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate federal pass-through State revenues. Additional County funds - \$17,352.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Child visitation and child custody exchanges are a vital part of maintaining and building relationships between a child and his parents, but they are often a major challenge for domestic violence victims. For these parents, exchanges can be frustrating and even frightening. Visitation exchanges become problematic when the personal differences between the parents are not settled. A domestic violence case makes the visitation exchange difficult to handle, especially when restraining orders are in effect. In 2016, the Sheriff's DV deputies were called for 59 court-ordered child custody exchanges that were DV related. Unsupervised exchanges have the potential to erupt into verbal abuse or even physical violence. In 2017, one unsupervised custody exchange resulted in a domestic violence-related death. This project will provide a designated safe exchange location monitored by surveillance cameras, an emergency call box and oversight by a Sheriff's Deputy in order to maximize safety and minimize the potential for conflict. Exchange referrals will come from judges, the courts, and local attorneys.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request

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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	JBrown	AFraley	BHovis	TKelgher	TRundbeck	RWorley	Vote
2018-264	11/13/2018	RW	AF	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4131 Budget/Purchasing
Dept. # Department Name

Matthew Rhoten 11/07/2018
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	AMOUNT
	Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project	Whole Dollars Only
	xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx	(See Note Below)
2018 GCC Safe Exchange Grt	010-02-4315-4315-420000-19557	(\$52,056)
Salaries	010-02-4315-4315-510001-	(\$12,588)
FICA	010-02-4315-4315-510100-	(\$4,764)
Salary: 2018 GCC Safe Exch Grt	010-02-4315-4315-510001-19557	\$62,244
FICA: 2018 GCC Safe Exch Grt	010-02-4315-4315-510100-19557	\$4,764
Print: 2018 GCC Safe Exch Grt	010-02-4315-4315-520013-19557	\$2,400

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

The Sheriff's Office will implement and oversee a supervised domestic violence custody exchange program to remove the risks associated with high-conflict exchanges, to maximize parents' and children's safety and to minimize opportunities for violence.

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.