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DHHS - Social Services Division Board Action

File #: 25-386

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Approve the FY2025-2026 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan

STAFF CONTACT

Lara Gurganus - Adult and Aging Administrator - 704-862-7663

BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact. Funds were included in the FY26 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND

Gaston County will receive \$1,376,617 in Home and Community Care Block Grant funds for FY2025-2026 to provide support services to older adults. The Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee met on March 11, 2025 to approve the best use of these funds, which allocates funds as follows: In-Home Aide, \$798,440; Home Delivered Meals, \$357,921; Transportation, \$123,896; Adult Day Care, \$84,572; and Respite Group Care, \$11,788. The Gaston County Health and Human Services Board reviewed the plan and voted on June 5, 2025 to recommend approval of the FY2025-2026 funding plan. The allocation of this funding, as well as the County's required match, is included in the Department of Health and Human Services FY2025-2026 Budget. The County required match is \$152,957. (Note: In the event the grant funds expire, the County shall not assume budgetary responsibility for the program, or any personnel associated with the program.)

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

FY2025-2026 HCCBG Funding Plan

DO NOT TYPE BELOW THIS LINE 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 **JBailey CBrown** CCloninger AFraley BHovis SShehan Vote 2025-244 07/22/2025 BH TK Α Α Α Α Α Α U

DISTRIBUTION:

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State Fiscal Year: SFY 2025-2026 Provider Name: Gaston DHHS Address Line 1: 330 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way Address Line 2: Gastonia, NC 28052

County: Gaston Area Agency on Aging: Centralina Council of Governments

	Please Select Services to Be Delivered		Fed	eral/State	Loca	al Match	
	Transportation (General)	250	\$	11,947	\$	1,328	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	Transportation (Medical)	033	\$	111,949	\$	12,439	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	In-Home Aide-Level I - Home Management	041	\$	63,912	\$	7,102	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	In-Home Aide-Level II - Personal Care	042	\$	687,613	\$	76,402	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	In-Home Aide-Level III - Personal Care	045	\$	46,915	\$	5,213	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	Home Delivered Meals	020	\$	357,921	\$	39,769	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	Adult Day Care	030	\$	84,572	\$	9,397	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
	Respite, Group	309	\$	11,788	\$	1,310	< <local (cash="" 732a="" be="" broken="" by="" computation="" cost="" form<="" in-kind)="" match="" need="" on="" out="" source="" svc="" td="" to="" will=""></local>
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Comparison of Fed/State Funding and Rates vs. Prior Year

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Transportation (General)	250	\$	6,607	\$	13.9635	\$	11,947	13.2990	\$	5,340	\$	(0.6645)
Transportation (Medical)	033	\$	103,522	\$	17.0835	\$	111,949	14.9955	\$	8,427	\$	(2.0880)
In-Home Aide-Level I - Home Management	041	\$	87,828	\$	33.0158	\$	63,912	32.9653	\$	(23,916)	\$	(0.0506)
In-Home Aide-Level II - Personal Care	042	\$	686,659	\$	35.1210	\$	687,613	34.9684	\$	954	\$	(0.1526)
In-Home Aide-Level III - Personal Care	045	\$	23,953	\$	38.2021	\$	46,915	37.0552	\$	22,962	\$	(1.1469)
Home Delivered Meals	020	\$	454,787	\$	15.3365	\$	357,921	12.6409	\$	(96,866)	\$	(2.6956)
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NC DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES COST OF SERVICES - LABOR DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE DAAS-732A1

AGENCY NAME: Gaston DHHS Fiscal Period: July 2025 through June 2026 State Fiscal Year: SFY 2025-2026 SERVICE FTE FULL TIME Assignable ADMIN. In-Home Aide-Level I - Home I In-Home Aide-Level II - In-Home Aide-Level STAFF NAME POSITION SALARY Equivalent PART TIME Salary SALARY Management Adult Day Care Respite, Group Murphy Coordinator \$ 93,774 0.75 PART TIME 70,331 688 \$ 17,455 \$ 5,111 \$ 15,420 \$ 16,907 \$ 13,001 \$ 790 Social worker \$ 75,448 1 FULL TIME 75,448 16,963 \$ 56,143 \$ 2,342 Campbell Baldwin Social Worker \$ 68,043 0.75 PART TIME 51,032 10,334 \$ 40,698 Sellars Social Worker \$ 67,475 0.5 PART TIME 33,738 9,706 \$ 24,032 Supervisor \$ 97,812 0.75 PART TIME 73,359 \$ 18,634 \$ 52,197 \$ 2,528 53,983 McKinney SWII \$ 53,983 1 FULL TIME 53,983 Blackwell SWII \$ 53,983 1 FULL TIME 53,983 53.983 83,206 Pate Supervisor \$ 83,206 1 FULL TIME 83,206 0.5 PART TIME 18.344 Cook Monitor \$ 36,688 \$ 18,344 18,976 Hunter Monitor \$ 37,952 0.5 PART TIME 18,976 16,924 0.5 PART TIME 16,924 Littleighn Monitor \$ 33,847 S 0.5 PART TIME 19,144 \$ 38,288 19 144 Medermid Monitor 17,581 Monitor \$ 35,167 0.5 PART TIME 17.581 Ouzts-Burch 0.5 PART TIME 17,914 17,914 Pruitt Monitor \$ 35,827 Monitor \$ 37,952 0.5 PART TIME 18,976 18,976 Stowe 0.75 PART TIME 63,724 51,631 \$ 12,093 Creech Supervisor \$ 84,965 Silvers Activities Director \$ 56,999 0.75 PART TIME 42,749 24,056 \$ 18,693 Baker Activity Aide \$ 42,466 0.65 PART TIME 27,603 6,533 \$ 21,070 Sain Activity Aide \$ 41,016 0.65 PART TIME 26,660 26,660 Activity Aide \$ 36,010 0.65 PART TIME 23,407 23,407 Gwinn Activity Director \$ 57,028 0.5 PART TIME 28,514 28,514 Davis Activity Aide \$ 40,322 0.5 PART TIME 20,161 20,161 done 2.342 \$ 191.172 S SUBTOTAL FT: \$ 266,620 \$ 16.963 S 56.143 Ś 688 \$ 17,455 \$ 193,963 \$ 52,646 \$ 43.785 S 132.347 S 3,487 S 144,766 S SUBTOTAL PT: \$ 589,137 \$ TOTAL \$ 855,757 \$ 688 S 17.455 \$ 60,748 \$ 188,490 \$ 5,829 \$ 335,938 \$ 193.963 S 52,646 \$ 29.79% 40.18% 56.91% 0.00% 0.00% #DIV/0! #DIV/01 PERCENT FT 0.00% 0.00% 27.92% 31 15% #DIV/OI 70.21% 43.09% 100.00% 100.00% #DIV/01 #DIV/01 100.00% 72.08% 59.82% PERCENT PT: 68.84% #DIV/01 100,00%

North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services'
Service Cost Computation Worksheet

DAAS-732A

		Service	Service	Service	Service In-Home Alce-Level II - Personal	Service I In-Home Aide-Level III - 1	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service
		Transportation (General)	Transportation [Medical]	Management	Care	Personal Care	Home Delivered Meals	Adult Day Care	Respite, Group	0	0
I. Projected Revenues	Grand Total	250	033	041	042	045	020	030	309	#N/A	#N/A
A. Fed/State Funding From the Div. of Aging & Adult Svcs.	\$ 1,376,617	\$ 11,947		\$ 63,912	\$ 687,613	\$ 46,915	\$ 357,921	\$ 84,572	S 11,788	s -	\$.
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B. Total Required Minimum Match (cash + in-kind)	\$ 152,957	\$ 1,327					\$ 39,769	\$ 9,397		\$ -	\$ -
C. Subtotal, Fed/State/Required Match Revenues	\$ 1,529,574			\$ 71,013	\$ 764,014	\$ 52,128	\$ 397,690	\$ 93,969	\$ 13,098	\$ -	\$ -
D. NSIP Cash Subsidy/Commodity Valuation	\$ 35,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5 -	\$ -	\$ 35,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
E. OAA Title V Worker Wages, Fringe Benefits and Costs											
Local Cash, Non-Match											
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		Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service
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5. Total Reimbursement Rate		13.2990				\$ 37.0552	\$ 12.6409	\$ 50.4123	\$ 34.8431	\$ -	\$ -
C. Units Reimbursed Through HCCBG		998	8,295	2,154	21,849	1,407	31,460	1,864	376	•	
D. Units Reimbursed Through Program Income*		2	5	3	13		380	1	1		
E. Units Reimbursed Through Remaining Revenues		-	-	1,843	1,737	42	12,283	3,434	1,478	-	
F. Total Units Reimbursed/Total Projected Units		1,000	8,300	4,000	23,599	1,450	44,123	5,299	1,855	•	

• The Division of Aging ARMS deducts reported program income from reimbursement paid to providers. Une III.D indicates the number of units that will have to be produced in addition to those stated on line III.C in order to earn the net revenues stated on line IC.

Certification:

Leerlify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information included in the cost computation above is accurate and complies with all laws and regulations. Lalso understand that material deviations in reported cost information could limit funding, and also result in return of funds if the error or omission results in a higher than actual reported cost.

Authorized Signature	Title	Date

Information on this form (DAAS-732A) corresponds with information stated on the Provider Services Summary (DAAS-732) as follows:

1	DAAS-732A	UAAS-738
Block Grant Funding	Line I.A	Col. A
Required Local Match-Cash & In-Kind	Line I.B	Col. B
Net Service Cost	Line 1.C	Col. C
NSIP Subsidy	Line I.D	Col. D
Total Funding	L 1.C+I.D	Col. E
Projected HCCBG Reimbursed Units	Line BLC	Col. F
Total Reimbursement Rate	Line III.B.5	Col. G
Projected Total Service Units	Line III.F	Col. I

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Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Outreach Methodology

July 2025 through June 2026

Outreach Methodology to Address the Service Needs of Target Population

Community Service Provider:	Gaston DHHS	
County:	Gaston	

While all older adults age 60 and over are eligible for services, sec. 305(a)(2)(E) of the Older Americans Act requires programs to target services to older individuals with the greatest economic and social need, (with particular attention to low-income older adults, including low-income minority older adults, older adults with limited English proficiency, and older adults residing in rural areas). The community service provider shall specify how these service needs will be met through the services identified on the Provider Services Summary (DAAS-732). This narrative shall address outreach and service delivery methodologies that will ensure that this target population is adequately served and conform with specific objectives established by the Area Agency on Aging, for providing services to low income minority individuals. Additional pages may be used as necessary.

The Department has continued to be successful in reaching the low-income minority with services. 12% of Gaston County's 65+ population are below 100% of poverty level and an additional 24% are within 100%-199% of poverty level. According to 2022 census data, 23% of Gaston County population are age 60+ and 16% of Gaston County's population are minority. Between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, the Department reached this target population as evidenced below:

	Minority	At/Below Poverty Level
Transportation	42%	24%
In-Home Aide	26%	21%
Home Delivered Meals	23%	34%
Adult Day Care	67%	33%

Gaston County's 60+ rural population is estimated to be 20%. At last count, 28% of those receiving In-Home Aide services are considered rural (living outside the city limits). In addition, 29% of Home Delivered Meal recipients, 26% of Congregate Nutrition participants and 27% of Transportation riders live outside the city limits based on 2020 accounts.

Public awareness/service access efforts are on-going. In addition, other human service professionals (home health agencies, hospital discharge planners, social work staff) are in touch with both target populations (low-income minority and rural) and consistently make these individuals aware of service availability.

July 2025 through June 2026

Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Community Service Provider Standard Assurances

Gaston DHHS	agrees to provide services through the Home and
Community Care Block Grant, as specified on the	Provider Services Summary (DAAS-732)
in accordance with the following:	

- 1. Services shall be provided in accordance with requirements set forth in:
 - a) The County Funding Plan;
 - b) The Division of Aging and Adult Services Home and Community Care Block Grant Procedures Manual for Community Service Providers; and
 - c) The Division of Aging and Adult Services Standards at

https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/daas/monitoring

Community service providers shall monitor any subcontracts with providers of Block Grant services and take appropriate measures to ensure that services are provided in accordance with the aforementioned documents.

- Priority shall be given to providing services to those older persons with the greatest economic or social needs. The service needs of low-income minority elderly will be addressed in the manner specified on the <u>Outreach Methodology to Address</u>
 Service Needs of Target Population (DAAS-733).
- 3. The following service authorization activities will be carried out in conjunction with all services provided through the Block Grant:
 - a) Eligibility determination;
 - b) Client intake/registration;
 - c) Client assessment/reassessments and quarterly visits, as appropriate;
 - d) Determining the amount of services to be received by the client; and
 - e) Reviewing consumer contributions policies with eligible clients.
- 4. All licenses, permits, bonds, and insurance necessary for carrying out Block Grant Services will be maintained by the community service provider and any subcontracted providers.
- 5. As specified in 45 CFR 75, Subpart D-Post Federal Award Requirements, Procurement Standards, community service providers shall have procedures for settling all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurement of services through the Block Grant. Community service providers shall have procedures governing the evaluation of bids for services and procedures through which bidders and contracted providers may appeal or dispute a decision made by the community service provider.
- 6. Applicant/Client appeals shall be addressed as specified in Section 7 of the Division of Aging and Adult Services Home and Community Care Block Grant Manual for Community Service Providers.
- 7. Community service providers are responsible for providing or arranging for the provision of required local match, as specified on the Provider Services Summary, (DAAS-732). Local match shall be expended simultaneously with Block Grant funding.
- 8. Community service providers agree to comply with audit and fiscal reporting requirements as specified in the Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services (DAAS-735).
- Compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, as specified in paragraph fourteen (14) of the Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services (DAAS-735) shall be maintained.
- 10. Providers of In-Home Aide, Home Health, Housing and Home Improvement, and Adult Day Care or Adult Day Health Care shall sign and return the attached assurance to the area agency on aging indicating that recipients of these services have been informed of their client rights, as required in Section 314 of the 2006 Amendments to the Older Americans Act (DAAS-734 Standard Assurances Regarding In-Home Client Rights).

- 11. Subcontracting All HCCBG community service providers must assure that subcontractors (for-profit and non-profit entities only) meet the following requirements:
 - a. The subcontractor has not been suspended or debarred. (N.C.G.S. §143C-6-23, 09 NCAC 03M)
 - b. The subcontractor has not been barred from doing business at the federal level.
 - c. The subcontractor is able to produce a notarized "State Grant Certification of No Overdue Tax Debts."
 - d. All licenses, permits, bonds and insurance necessary for carrying out Home and Community Care Block Grant services will be maintained by both the community service provider and any subcontractors.
 - e. The subcontractor is registered as a charitable, tax-exempt (501c3) organization with the Internal Revenue Service (non-profit subcontractors only).
- 12. Confidentiality and Security. Per the requirements in 10A NCAC 05J and Section 6 of the Home and Community Care Block Grant Procedures Manual, client information in any format and whether recorded or not shall be kept confidential and not disclosed in a form that identifies the person without the informed consent of the person or legal representative. Community service providers, including subcontractors and vendors, must adhere to all applicable federal, state and departmental requirements for protecting the security and confidentiality of client information including but not limited to appropriately restricting access, establishing procedures to reduce the risk of accidental disclosures from data processing systems, and developing a process by which the Division of Adult Aging Services is notified of suspected or confirmed security incidents and data breaches.
- 13. Record Retention and Disposition. All community service providers are responsible for maintaining custody of records and documentation to support the allowable expenditure of funds, service provision, and the reimbursement of services. Service providers must adhere to the approved record retention and disposition schedule posted at https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/administrative-offices/office-controller/records-retention by the NC Department of Health and Human Services Controller's Office, as well as the local government schedules posted by the NC Department of Natural and Culltural Resources at https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/local

Service providers are not authorized to destroy records related to the provision of services under this Agreement except in compliance with the approved DHHS retention and disposition schedule, which allows for the proper destruction of records based on a schedule by funding source and fiscal year. The agency agrees to comply with 07 NCAC 04M .0510 when deciding on a method of record destruction. Confidential records will be destroyed in such a manner that the records cannot be practically read or reconstructed.

(Authorized Signature)	(Date)

Standard Assurance To Comply with Older Americans Act Requirements Regarding Clients Rights

For

Agencies Providing In-Home Services through the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults

As a provider of one or more of the services listed below, our agency agrees to notify all Home and Community Care Block Grant clients receiving any of the below listed services provided by this agency of their rights as a service recipient. Services in this assurance include:

- In-Home Aide
- Home Care (home health)
- Housing and Home Improvement
- Adult Day Care or Adult Day Health Care

Notification will include, at a minimum, an oral review of the information outlined below as well as providing each service recipient with a copy of the information in written form. In addition, providers of in-home services will establish a procedure to document that client rights information has been discussed with in-home services clients (e.g. copy of signed Client Bill of Rights statement).

Clients Rights information to be communicated to service recipients will include, at a minimum, the right to:

- be fully informed, in advance, about each in-home service to be provided and any change in service(s) that may affect the wellbeing of the participant;
- participate in planning and changing any in-home service provided unless the client is adjudicated incompetent;
- voice a grievance with respect to service that is or fails to be provided, without discrimination or reprisal as a result of voicing a grievance;
- · confidentiality of records relating to the individual;
- · have property treated with respect; and
- be fully informed both orally and in writing, in advance of receiving an in-home service, of the individual's rights and obligations.

Client Rights will be distributed to, and discussed with, each new client receiving one or more of the above listed services prior to the onset of service. For all existing clients, the above information will be provided no later than the next regularly scheduled service reassessment.

Agency Name: _	Gaston DHHS
Name of Agency Administrator: _	Lara Gurganus
Signature: _	

(Please return this form to your Area Agency on Aging and retain a copy for your files.)

CLIENT/PATIENT RIGHTS

- You have the right to be fully informed of all your rights and responsibilities as a client/patient of the program.
- 2. You have the right to appropriate and professional care relating to your needs.
- 3. You have the right to be fully informed in advance about the care to be provided by the program.
- 4. You have the right to be fully informed in advance of any changes in the care that you may be receiving and to give informed consent to the provision of the amended care.
- 5. You have the right to participate in determining the care that you will receive and in altering the nature of the care as your needs change.
- You have the right to voice your grievances with respect to care that is provided and to expect that there will be no reprisal for the grievance expressed.
- 7. You have the right to expect that the information you share with the agency will be respected and held in strict confidence, to be shared only with your written consent and as it relates to the obtaining of other needed community services.
- 8. You have the right to expect the preservation of your privacy and respect for your property.
- 9. You have the right to receive a timely response to your request for service.
- 10. You shall be admitted for service only if the agency has the ability to provide safe and professional care at the level of intensity needed.
- 11. You have the right to be informed of agency policies, changes, and costs for services.
- 12. If you are denied service solely on you inability to pay, you have the right to be referred elsewhere.
- 13. You have the right to honest, accurate information regarding the industry, agency and of the program in particular.
- You have the right to be fully informed about other services provided by this agency.

Internal Consistency Checks

Review of Local Match Comparison Input Sheet vs. 732A Cash and In-Kind Totals

		Difference
Transportation (General)	OK	-
Transportation (Medical)	OK	-
In-Home Aide-Level I - Home Management	OK	-
In-Home Aide-Level II - Personal Care	OK	-
In-Home Aide-Level III - Personal Care	OK	-
Home Delivered Meals	OK	-
Adult Day Care	OK	-
Respite, Group	OK	-
	0 OK	-
	0 OK	-
	0 OK	-
	0 OK	-
	0 OK	-
	0 OK	-

732A1 Labor Distribution Schedule Comparison of Assignable Salary To Overall Salary Entered

Total Assignable Salary and Cumulative Salary total for Si

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