



**GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD ACTION**

County Admin Building  
128 W. Main Avenue.  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**Veterans Services**

**File #: 15-072**

Commissioner Philbeck - To Increase Department of Veterans Services Budget by \$30,000 to Fund ACCESS Transportation Program Through June 30, 2016

**STAFF CONTACT**

Kurt Geske/Veterans Services/704-866-3692

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- Increase VSO client transportation budget from \$60,000 to \$90,000
- This would increase VSO operating expenditures from \$78,069 to \$108,069, and the overall VSO budget from \$342,083 to \$372,083
- Additional County funds: \$30,000

**BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

Increase 2015 - 2016 County Budget by \$30,000

**BACKGROUND**

- Gaston County currently provides transportation (through the ACCESS system) for veterans with medical appointments at VA Medical Center - Salisbury and VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic - Charlotte.
- Virtually all of the veterans who make use of this program do not have other transportation options, and would presumably have to forego receiving VA medical care if ACCESS transportation were not available.
- Based upon past demand for services, \$60,000 is currently budgeted for this program.
- During the first five months of the 2015 - 2016 budget year, the number of requests for transportation has increased significantly.
- Based upon the average monthly expenditure through November 2015, the projected cost of this program (through June 2016) will be \$79,073.40.
- Accordingly, absent additional funding, Gaston County will have to stop providing ACCESS transportation for veterans at the end of March 2016.

**POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

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	Brown	Carpenter	Fraleigh	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-031	01/26/2016	TP	CB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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## GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 5820 Veterans Services  
 Dept. # Department Name

Kurt Geske  
 Department Director's Signature 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

Resolution #

Date

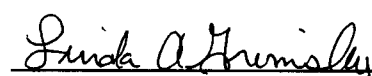
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT	AMOUNT
	Fund - Dept - Subdept - Div - Acct - Subacct	SUBPROJECT	Whole Dollars Only
	xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxx - xxx - xxx	xxxxx - xxxx	(See Note Below)
Transportation of clients	10-5820-315-000		\$30,000.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	10-9900-991-500		\$(30,000)

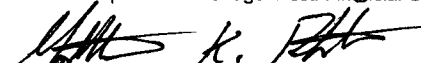
### JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

1. Current 2015 - 2016 client transportation budget = \$60,000; 2. Increased demand for client transportation during first five months of budget year indicates that actual cost will be approximately \$80,000; 3. Without additional funding, at current rate of expenditure, program will need to be suspended after March 2016; 4. Program is critical; without transportation provided by Gaston County, many veterans would be unable to receive health care at VA medical facilities; 5. Request additional \$30,000 in County funds to keep veteran transportation program operating through end of current budget year.

### APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

 1/28/16  
 County Manager/Interim Assistant County Manager Date

 1/28/16  
 Financial Operations Manager/Asst. Financial Operations Mgr. Date

 1/28/16  
 Interim Budget Administrator Date

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.