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Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

Board Action

File #: 23-508

Commissioners Brown & Fraley - GEMS & Police Department - To Approve and Appropriate Funds for a Mobile Command Unit and a Rescue Ambulance Unit (**\$850,642**)

STAFF CONTACT

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Chief Stephen Zill - County Police - 704-866-3316

BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Fund Balance.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Appropriate Fund Balance by \$850,642 and appropriate \$281,000 to GEMS & \$569,642 to County Police Capital Motor Vehicles Accounts.

BACKGROUND

As our County continues to grow, our commitment to preparedness and collaboration remains a top priority. Gaston County Public Safety agencies consist of Police, Emergency Management & Fire Services, and Emergency Medical Services. The Public Safety agencies within our County, along with our municipalities, play a crucial role in safeguarding the well-being of our residents and visitors. Under the leadership of the Public Safety Manager, the agencies have teamed up to replace the Mobile Command Unit and Rescue Ambulance Unit.

The units will enhance our ability to provide our service and facilitate effective preparedness. We have identified the need to replace two units that are over 20 years old. Both vehicles have been previously approved for replacement. The Rescue Ambulance was approved as part of the FY22 vehicle financing package, and the Mobile Command Unit is being partially funded by a grant received by GCPD in FY23. Additional funding is needed for several factors:

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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:

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1. **Versatility:** The new units will significantly expand our capacity to respond to a wide range of events and incidents, ensuring that we can adapt to the evolving needs of our community.
2. **Cost Escalation:** Market conditions and supply chain disruptions have led to unexpected cost escalations since the initial procurement of these units. Securing additional funding is essential to bridge this financial gap.
3. **Availability:** The manufacturer has made available features that were not present or available during the original discussions for procurement.
4. **Functional Adaptation:** The replacement units are designed with flexibility in mind, enabling seamless collaboration among all County Public Safety agencies during critical events. This adaptability is vital for the efficient coordination of resources and responses.

This investment is not just about replacing aging equipment. It's about ensuring that our community remains resilient, safe, and well-prepared for the challenges of the future.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

GASTON COUNTY
BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO:

FROM:

Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

EMS
Dept. Code

Gaston County EMS
Department Name

Mark Lamphiear
Department Director

10/4/2023
Date

FROM: EMS Gaston County EMS
Dept. Code Department Name

Mark Lamphiear 10/4/2023
Department Director Date

REQUEST TYPE:

☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund
☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund
☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*
☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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** Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Appropriate funds for replacement of the Mobile Command Unit and Rescue Ambulance Unit.