



Gaston County

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Public Works

Board Action

File #: 24-348

Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Approve and Appropriate Fund Balance for the Modernization of Elevators Located Throughout the Gaston County Courthouse (**Year 1: \$2,050,000 - Community Investment Fund / Year 2: \$1,450,000 - Courthouse Parking Deck Fund / Total Project: \$3,500,000**)

STAFF CONTACT

Daniel K. Ziehm, PE - Public Works Director - 704-862-6795

BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Fund Balance from the sources indicated and transfer to the General Government Capital Fund.

Year 1 (FY2025): \$2,050,000 - Community Investment Fund

Year 2 (FY2026): \$1,450,000 - Courthouse Parking Deck Fund

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Increase revenue and expense in the General Government Capital Fund, via a transfer from the sources indicated.

Year 1 (FY2025): \$2,050,000 - Community Investment Fund

Year 2 (FY2026): \$1,450,000 - Courthouse Parking Deck Fund

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Courthouse, located at 325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, was constructed as part of the Judicial Campus in 1998 and was opened to the public in 1999. There are seven (7) elevators located throughout the Courthouse: four (4) public elevators, two (2) prisoner elevators, and one (1) judges' elevator. The elevators are 26 years old and experiencing more mechanical breakdowns, while parts and electrical components for the drive and control systems are becoming more difficult to source. On May 8, 2024, Gaston County experienced two tornados and heavy storm activity and power to the Judicial Campus was lost. When power to the Judicial Campus was restored, a power surge to the elevator controls and drive systems severely damaged those systems rendering the elevators inoperable. The two prisoner elevators were able to be restored to normal service within two days. Two of the public elevators were also returned to limited service. To repair and restore the Judges Elevator took approximately six weeks. Two public elevators currently remain out of service waiting for parts to be sourced and fabricated. The seven elevators located throughout the Courthouse are critical to the movement of the public, judges, staff, and prisoners throughout the building. When the public elevators are non-operable, the building stairways must be opened, leading to an increased need for Sheriff's Office staffing and decreased building security.

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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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POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)					
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- ☐ 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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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County Public Works seeks to modernize all seven elevators throughout the Courthouse. Modernizing the elevator systems will ensure efficient and effective Courthouse operations. Modernized elevator systems will have greater reliability and necessary maintenance/service parts will be more readily available. Approval of this Board Action appropriates a total of \$3,500,000, in Fund Balance, from the Community Investment Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, over two years, and directs Gaston County Public Works to begin the modernization design and bidding process.