



# Gaston County

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## Police Department

### Board Action

File #: 22-409

Commissioner Worley - Police Department - To Accept and Appropriate Discretionary Funds from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in the Amount of \$25,000 to Fund the Teen Traffic Court Pilot Project in Gaston County for FY22-23

#### STAFF CONTACT

J. D. Ramey - Chair/Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - 704-866-3321

#### BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate 100% of State Discretionary Funding.

#### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Increase State Grant Revenue by \$25,000 and Appropriate \$25,000 into the Teen Court Program.

#### BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council has been awarded \$25,000 in discretionary funds from the Department of Public Safety to fund the Teen Traffic Court pilot project. A 20% match of \$5,000 is being provided by the Alliance for Children and Youth. The specific target population for this pilot project is youth age 16-17 at the time of the driving offense and cannot be charged with the following:

- Speed of more than 25 mph over the posted speed limit
- Impaired driving (DWI)
- Accident resulting in injuries
- Youth has not been referred to the program previously for a driving offense

#### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR), Revised Funding Plan & Award Letter

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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	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	TPhilbeck	RWorley	Vote
2022-305	09/27/2022	AF	TK	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

Check cell- Amounts must sum to \$0.00

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## NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 666,963 Local Match: \$ 142,264 Rate: 20%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER State/Federal	OTHER Funds	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind				
1	JCPC Administrative	\$15,500	\$3,100					\$18,600	17%
2	Community Outreach	\$104,171	\$20,834					\$125,005	17%
3	Juvenile Mediation	\$48,645	\$9,729					\$58,374	17%
4	Juvenile Restitution	\$52,083	\$10,417					\$62,500	17%
5	Kids At Work	\$88,514	\$17,703					\$106,217	17%
6	PORT	\$163,520	\$32,704					\$196,224	17%
7	Psychological Testing	\$10,417	\$2,083					\$12,500	17%
8	Strengthening Families	\$35,872	\$7,174		\$3,872			\$46,918	24%
9	Teen Court	\$92,154	\$13,431	\$5,000				\$110,585	17%
10	Triple P	\$25,475	\$5,095					\$30,570	17%
11	YDI Family Life Skills	\$32,125	\$6,425					\$38,550	17%
12	YDI Vocational and Career Preparation	\$23,487	\$4,697					\$28,184	17%
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TOTALS:		\$691,963	\$133,392	\$5,000	\$3,872			\$834,227	17%

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Gaston County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2022-2023

Amount of Unallocated Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS \_\_\_\_\_

Discretionary Funds added \$25,000

check type ☐ initial plan ☒ update ☐ final

DPS Use Only		
Reviewed by _____	Area Consultant	Date _____
Reviewed by _____	Program Assistant	Date _____
Verified by _____	Designated State Office Staff	Date _____

Joseph Ramey 9-13-22  
Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

Chas Brown 9/27/22  
Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)  
or County Finance Officer

Attest: Deanna D. Byrd  
Clerk to the Board



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Roy Cooper, Governor  
Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr., Secretary

William L. Lassiter, Chief Deputy Secretary  
Cindy Porterfield, Director

August 2, 2022

Alliance for Children & Youth  
Gaston Teen Court  
P.O. Box 1695  
Gastonia, NC 28053

Dear Ms. Farmer,

Thank you for your willingness to provide services to youth and families in Gaston County through the 2022-2023 Teen Traffic Court Pilot Project. We commend your willingness to expand your existing Teen Court Program to serve this specific population for specific driving offenses.

For fiscal year 2022-2023, your agency has been awarded additional DPS funds in the amount of **\$25,000**. A *Program Budget Revision Agreement* must be submitted in NCALLIES in order to align your 22-23 teen court budget with these additional funds. Component narrative edits may also be needed to describe the teen traffic court pilot program if your program agreement doesn't already include that language. Several sites have opted to provide a distinct, separate Program Agreement for this pilot project which is also acceptable.

Please be sure to include the generous source for in-kind match offered by the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina, including access to a free annual membership to the SHC of NC, a \$425 value, access the *Alive at 25* curriculum, access to training by the Safety Council's in the use of its database, and the participant *Alive at 25* student workbooks, valued at \$7 each. These generous in-kind calculations should be reflected as match within your budgets. As a reminder, however, *please ensure that you have adequate match to support funds awarded*.

As a partner in our efforts to serve a specific target population for this pilot project, we wish to ensure that the focus of your program meets the following target population requirements.

Youth must be 16 or 17 at the time of the driving offense and cannot be charged with the following:

- Speed of more than 25 mph over the posted speed limit
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Outcomes for this target population and pilot project will be stringently tracked and monitored. Please know that we wish to offer continued assistance to you in our efforts to support the work that you are doing and show success with this pilot project for possible statewide expansion to other interested teen court programs.

Your DPS Area Consultant (see below) can assist you should you have any questions.

Area Consultant: Melissa Johnson  
Phone: (828) 296-4745 (office)  
Email: [melissa.g.johnson@ncdps.gov](mailto:melissa.g.johnson@ncdps.gov)

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We commend your efforts to engage in this partnership with us to provide effective services to youth and families through the Teen Traffic Court Pilot Project. Thank you for your commitment to serving North Carolina's youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cindy Porterfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Porterfield, Director, Juvenile Community Programs

cc: JCPC Chair, Chief Court Counselor, Area Consultant, Area Administrator, County Finance