



Gaston County

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Police Department

Board Action

File #: 23-513

Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Appropriation of Funds (\$200,000) from the Federal (Treasury/Justice) Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program for the Purpose of Purchasing a Mobile Command Unit

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Fund Balance. Increase Revenue and Expense by \$200,000.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Appropriate Asset Forfeiture (Treasury/Justice) Fund Balance by \$200,000 and Appropriate \$200,000 to the Asset Forfeiture-Treasury account.

BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Control Act of 1984 and the Anti-Drug Act of 1986 provide for distribution among participating law enforcement agencies of assets forfeited in connection with drug related arrest and the above laws prohibit the use of such funds to reduce local fund budgeted for law enforcement programs.

The Gaston County Police Department has received funds from the Federal Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program. Appropriation of funds from the Asset Forfeiture Fund Balance into the Asset Forfeiture-Treasury account for the purpose of purchasing a Mobile Command Unit. The funding will be used in partnership with Gaston Emergency Management. Funding will replace the current, aging mobile command unit with a new vehicle that has updated technology and a design flexible enough to accommodate a wide variety of public safety events for police, fire, and medics.

The current Mobile Command Unit is a 2001 Freightliner model. During fiscal year 2022, the department spent approximately \$20,000 in maintenance and was "out of service" due to maintenance for approximately six months. This unit lacks basic technology and is ill-equipped for medium to large scale events.

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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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The vehicle will be used at public events to provide a public safety presence and in emergency situations such as hostage, missing persons, barricaded subjects, and large fire events providing the capability for extended time on the scene. The vehicle will be available to county municipalities and to other surrounding counties upon request.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: GPD-000 County Police
Dept. Code Department Name

S. M. Zill 10/11/2023
Department Director Date

REQUEST TYPE:

☐ 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

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis Ex. Employee Training	ACCOUNT NUMBER <div> <div>4</div><div>3</div><div>3</div><div>5</div><div>6</div><div>7</div><div>4</div><div>2</div><div>6</div><div>5</div> </div> <div> Fund Dept Div SubDiv Prog SubProg Future Func Obj Proj </div> <div> xxxx xxx xxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxx xx xxxxxx xxxxxx </div> Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	AMOUNT** Whole dollars only Ex. \$5,000 Ex. (\$5,000)
Fund Balance/Asset Forfeiture/ Asset Forfeitures/Treasury	2020-NPD-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000 2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFTPD	{ 200,000 } 200,000

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

The Comprehensive Control Act of 1984 and the Anti-Drug Act of 1986 provide for distribution among participating law enforcement agencies of assets forfeited in connection with drug related arrests and the above laws prohibit the use of such funds to reduce local funds budgeted for law enforcement programs. The department requests funds be appropriated for assisting in the purchasing of a mobile command unit. This new unit will be replacing the current mobile command unit which is in need of repairs due to age and costs associated with repairs.

** 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.