



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Budget and Purchasing Board Action

File #: 19-408

Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for Two Law Enforcement Based Victim Specialists Housed in the Sheriff's Office **(\$276,000)**

STAFF CONTACT

Pat Laws - Budget & Purchasing - 704-866-3771

BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Federal revenues. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this award, funded under the Office for Victims of Crime FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program, is to develop or enhance crime victim specialist programs within law enforcement agencies to better support victims through the criminal justice process including connecting them with community-based direct victim services programs to more quickly and more effectively serve them. The Gaston County Sheriff's Office will hire two qualified Crisis Response Specialists to provide around-the-clock service and aid to victims and support to law enforcement with a special focus on communities residing in nine Qualified Opportunity Zone census tracts. Crisis Response Specialists, the Gaston County Sheriff's Office, and collaborating partners will provide enhanced services resulting in increased community safety and security, increased knowledge of victim services and the criminal justice system, increased cooperation with investigations leading to prosecutions, and a decrease in recidivism in these communities.

POLICY IMPACT

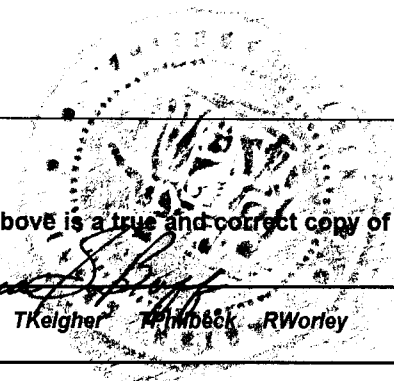
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ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request

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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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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4131 Budget & Purchasing
 Dept. # Department Name

Matthew Rhoten 10/1/19
 Department Director's Name 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

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION <small>(As it appears in the budget)</small>	ACCOUNT NUMBER <small>Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx</small>	AMOUNT <small>Whole Dollars Only (See Note Below)</small>
DOJ: Victim Specialist	010-02-4315-4315-420000-20542	(\$276,000)
Salaries: Victim Specialist	010-02-4315-4315-510001-20542	\$228,000
FICA: Victim Specialist	010-02-4315-4315-510100-20542	\$17,442
Retirement: Victim Specialist	010-02-4315-4315-510101-20542	\$20,406
Health Ins: Victim Specialist	010-02-4315-4315-510103-20542	\$4,402
Victim Specialist	010-02-4315-4315-560000-20542	\$5,750

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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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.