



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Financial and Management Services - Grants

Board Action

File #: 26-296

Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept and Appropriate FY27 State and Federal Grant Funds from CACNC for The Lighthouse (1 yr - \$185,869)

STAFF CONTACT

Kyle Sutherland - Financial & Management Services - Finance - 704-866-3130

BUDGET IMPACT

General Fund:

Increase state and federal grant revenue by \$185,869

Increase expenditures by \$185,869

No additional County funds.

BACKGROUND

The State of North Carolina has appropriated \$10,000,000 for accredited and provisional Children's Advocacy Centers who are compliant with accreditation standards and as such are in good standing with Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina (CACNC). These funds support the cost of services provided by The Lighthouse, a Sub-Award recipient of this funding. The Lighthouse will receive \$185,869 for expenses related to services provided July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Funds will support salaries and fringe benefits for two existing positions: Clinical Advocate - SWIII: Blended VA/MH, Family/Victim Advocate and program supplies.

The funding sources for this award are as follows:

CFDA# 93.669 Child Abuse & Neglect State Grants (.18%)

CFDA# 93.558 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (15.82%)

State funding (84%)

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR); FY27 Award Funding 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:

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GASTON COUNTY					
BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)					
TO:	Matthew Rhoten, County Manager				
FROM:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">GRT</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 70%;">Financial & Management Services - Grants</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Dept. Code</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Department Name</td> </tr> </table>	GRT	Financial & Management Services - Grants	Dept. Code	Department Name
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☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

[illegible]**JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:**

Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina is an accredited state chapter of the National Children's Alliance, the national umbrella organization for children's advocacy centers dealing with child abuse. The CACNC distributes and manages funds appropriated by the NC Legislature for Child Advocacy Centers across NC. Funds for the Lighthouse will support salaries and fringe benefits for two existing positions:

Clinical Advocate - SWIII: Blended VA/MH, Family/Victim Advocate and program supplies.



June 22, 2026

Organization: **Gaston County – The Lighthouse CAC**

The State of North Carolina has appropriated \$10,000,000 for accredited and provisional Children's Advocacy Centers who are compliant with accreditation standards and as such are in good standing with Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina (CACNC). These funds were awarded to support the cost of services provided by CACNC and local Children's Advocacy Centers.

The Lighthouse CAC of Gaston County, as a Sub-Award recipient of this funding, will receive up to \$185,869 for expenses related to services provided July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina maintains the state contract for these funds on your behalf.

The anticipated funding sources for this award are as follows:

CFDA# 93.669 Child Abuse & Neglect State Grants (.18%)
CFDA# 93.558 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (15.82%)
State funding (84%)

The formal Letter of Agreement, which outlines the requirements for this funding, will be released once CACNC's FY27 contract with NC DHHS has been executed.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Deana L. Joy
Chief Executive Officer