



# Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners  
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## Tourism Development Board Action

File #: 24-538

Commissioner Brown - Tourism Development - To Appropriate \$100,000 in Tourism Fund Balance in Support of Belmont Trolley and the Construction of a Trolley Barn

### STAFF CONTACT

Micheal Applegate - Tourism Development - 704-813-0144

### BUDGET IMPACT

Tourism Fund (Special Revenue Fund): Increase fund balance appropriated by \$100,000. Increase expenditures by \$100,000.

### BACKGROUND

The Belmont Trolley's mission is to preserve the past by restoring trolley service and operating a museum in Gaston County while inspiring the future through emerging technologies, connecting communities, and serving as a catalyst for economic growth. The Belmont Trolley Station will be a hub of downtown activity. Designed to be a uniquely identifiable landmark with a local-historical flavor, the Belmont Trolley Station will be an engaging facility housing three trolleys, serving as an innovation center for emerging technologies and a museum facility showcasing local rail history.

The Tourism Advisory Board voted to support the Belmont Trolley Station with \$100,000 from the Tourism Fund Balance. To date other sponsors have been the Belmont Tourism Authority (\$200,000), the State of North Carolina (\$1,000,000), the City of Belmont (\$300,000), a private foundation (\$300,000), and individual donors and businesses (\$40,000). With Tourism's contribution, the total raised is \$1,940,000, enough to begin Phase I of the Belmont Trolley Station.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

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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	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2024-405	11/12/2024	KJ	CC	A	A	AB	A	A	A	A	U

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## GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

**TO:** Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

**FROM:** TRM Tourism Development  
 Dept. Code Department Name  
 10-29-24  
 Department Director Date

**REQUEST TYPE:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Transfer Within Department & Fund   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Appropriation of Funds* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Between Departments      | * Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners                    |

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT**
As it appears in Munis	4     3     3     5     6     7     4     2     6     5 <small>Fund Dept Div SubDiv Prog SubProg Future Func Obj Prej</small> <small>xxxx xxx xxx xxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxx xx xxxxxx xxxxx</small>	
Ex. Employee Training	Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	Ex. \$5,000.00 Ex. (\$5,000.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	2005--NDP-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(\$100,000)
Other Contracts & Subsidies	2005-TRM-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-570006-	\$100,000

**JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:**

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\*\* 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.