



Gaston County

Gaston County
Board of Commissioners
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Financial and Management Services - Budget Board Action

File # 26-001

Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Sheriff's Office) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds to Support Court Advocates in the Sheriff's Office (Year 1 \$125,000)

STAFF CONTACT

Ashley Rhom - Financial and Management Services - Grants - 704-866-3099

BUDGET IMPACT

General Fund:

Increase Year 1 federal grant revenues by \$125,000

Increase Year 1 personnel expenses by \$125,000

No match required

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Sheriff's Office was awarded a three-year grant from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission in the amount of \$125,000 to support partial salaries and fringes for two Court Advocates in the Sheriff's Office.

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There is no required match.

Total grant period of performance: 10/1/25 - 9/30/28. Year one period of performance. 10/1/25 - 9/30/26.

Award amounts for grant years two and three have not been announced yet and cannot be included in this Board Action.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR), Grant Award

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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				
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Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

Department Name

Date _____

*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

** 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.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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 GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION
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<http://www.ncdps.gov/gcc/>

GRANT AWARD

Project Name: Gaston Co. Sheriff - Advocacy for Unders

Grant Period: 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2028

Agreement Number: 2000081146

Subrecipient: GASTON COUNTY

Implementing Agency: Gaston County Sheriff's Office

Authorizing Official: Matthew Rhoten

Project Director: Ashley Rhom

Source: 2024 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT

Federal Grant Number: 15POVC-24-GG-00687-ASSI

CFDA #: 16.575

Match Funding Required (%): 0.00%

Federal Funding Award (%): 100.00%

Match Funding Required (\$): \$0.00

Federal Funding Award (\$): \$125,000.00

Grant Manager: Brenda Washington

Total Project Budget (\$): \$125,000.00

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) hereby awards this grant funding based upon the final application and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of North Carolina. Your funding initially is from the federal grant source listed herein. As funding levels change, the source of the funds may change. Subrecipients agree that they will abide by, and meet all match requirements, indicated above as Match Funding.

To view additional funding details, including totals by year and by expense type, you may access an Agreement Budget Summary in the [North Carolina Enterprise Business System \(EBS\)](#).

Award requirements include not only the conditions and limitations set forth in the application and special conditions, but also compliance with assurances and certifications that relate to conduct during the period of performance for the award. These requirements encompass financial, administrative, and programmatic matters, as well as other important matters (e.g., code of federal regulation). Therefore, all key staff should receive the special conditions, the assurances and certifications provided GCC, and the application as approved by GCC, so that they understand the award requirements. Information on all pertinent award requirements also must be provided to any subrecipient of the award. No alterations of any kind may be made to this grant award.

The Special Conditions for this grant are posted publicly in the Governor's Crime Commission folder at <https://public.powerdms.com/DPSNC/tree> so incorporated into this agreement.

MR By initialing here, I certify, under penalty of perjury on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are of the date of this award acceptance: (1) I have conducted or there was conducted on our behalf a diligent review of all terms and conditions of, and all supporting materials submitted in connection with, this award, including any assurances and certifications (including anything submitted in connection therewith by a person on behalf of the applicant before, after, or at the time of the application submission and any materials that accompany this acceptance and certification) and (2) I have the legal authority to accept this award on behalf of the applicant.

Signed by: Matthew Rhoten **Authorizing Official**
 DAC788E942884CD 1/5/2026 | 09:46:02 PST
 Signature of Authorizing Official Date

Matthew Rhoten

Name of Authorizing Official

Signed by: Caroline Farmer **Crime Commission**
 F2176AA81E0546F 12/22/2025 | 17:23:45 PST
 Signature of Director Date

Caroline Farmer, Executive Director

Name and Title of Director

Signed by: Ashley Rhom **Project Director**
 11F7E1DB3CE4429 1/5/2026 | 05:45:09 PST
 Signature of Project Director Date

Ashley Rhom

Name of Project Director

Federal Award Identification Worksheet

Federal award identification	2024 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT		
Project ID	2000081146		
Subrecipient	GASTON COUNTY		
Federal Award Identification # (FAIN)	15POVC-24-GG-00687-ASSI		
Unique Entity ID (UEI)	QKY9R8A8D5J6		
Federal award date	October 1, 2023	To	September 30, 2027
Subaward period of performance start and end date	October 1, 2025	To	September 30, 2028
Federal funds obligated in this agreement	\$125,000 00		
Federal funds obligated to the subrecipient	\$125,000 00		
Total federal award	\$24,576,283 00		
Indirect cost rate for the federal award	We do not receive an indirect cost rate		
Indirect cost rate to be used by the subrecipient	0 00%		
Identification of whether the award is research and development (R&D)	We do not fund research and development		
Pass through entity and awarding official	NC Governor's Crime Commission Caroline Farmer, Executive Director Caroline.Farmer@ncdps.gov		
Federal awarding agency	Office of Justice Programs Office for Victims of Crime		
Federal award description	OVC FY 2024 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant This program will provide funds from the Crime Victims Fund to enhance crime victim services in the State. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance funds typically are competitively awarded by the State to local community-based organizations that provide direct services to crime victims.		