



Gaston County

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County Manager

Board Action

File #: 21-301

Commissioner Brown - County Manager - To Approve a Contract with Design Workshop and Appropriate the Necessary Funds to Create a 2040 Community Vision for Gaston County **(\$140,120)**

STAFF CONTACT

Gina Shell - Office of the County Manager - 704-866-3038

BUDGET IMPACT

The County will accept and appropriate \$60,015 from Gaston Together after collection of contributions from public and private sectors. Additionally, the County will appropriate \$80,105 from County fund balance. This appropriation will cover the entire amount of the County's contributions for this effort. Any remaining costs of the visioning effort will be paid by Gaston Together with outside funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

\$80,105 will be appropriated from Fund Balance.

BACKGROUND

The County is partnering with Gaston Together to lead the effort to create a long-term community vision. Other financial and in-kind contributing partners include the municipalities in the county, Gaston County Schools, Gaston College, Belmont Abbey College, Gaston Business Association, Gaston Community Foundation, and CaroMont Health. Many other partners will be identified and included as the work of the Steering Committee ramps up.

Securing the services of a dedicated professional consultant is critical to the success of an effort of this scale, applying technical expertise to interpret complex datasets; ensuring a robust, transparent, and fully inclusive process; facilitating a path to decision-making from varying opinions. The 21-person Steering Committee, composed entirely of Gaston County residents and leaders, will rely on the consultant for the day to day work behind citizen and stakeholder engagement.

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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	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	TPhillbeck	RWorley	Vote
2021-287	10/26/2021	CB	KJ	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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The visioning process will include at least 12 robust public engagement sessions with compilation of all results; review and analysis of relevant data and existing strategic and planning documents; coordination with public and non-profit sector stakeholders; facilitation of Steering Committee meetings, development of vision document; creation of long-term vision implementation approach; and overall project management.

The county-wide visioning effort was a key recommendation from the Economic Development study completed for the Board by Ted Abernethy in 2019, and the charge to initiate the visioning process was part of the Manager's workplan in response to Abernethy's recommendation.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4131 Budget & Strategy
Dept. # Department Name

Janet Schafer 9/13/2021
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 (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
	Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project	Whole Dollars Only
	xxx - xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxxx - xxxxxx	(See Note Below)
Fund Balance Appropriated	010-99-9900-0000-490000	(\$80,105)
Misc. Rev: 2040 Community Vision	010-01-4120-0000-415000-22031	(\$60,015)
Prof Svc: 2040 Community Vision	010-01-4120-0000-530010-22031	\$140,120

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

The County is partnering with Gaston Together to lead the effort to create a long-term community vision. The process will include at least 12 robust public engagement sessions with compilation of all results; review and analysis of relevant data and existing strategic and planning documents; coordination with public, private, and non-profit sector stakeholders; facilitation of Steering Committee meetings, development of vision website and document; creation of vision implementation approach; and overall project management.

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.