



RESOLUTION TITLE: TO ACCEPT AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) WATERLINE GRANT FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (NCDEQ) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,478,000

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received an earmark for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in S.L. 2021-180 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in the amount of \$5,478,000.00 to perform work detailed in the submitted application; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County:

- 1) That Gaston County does hereby accept the American Rescue Plan Grant offer of \$5,478,000.00.
- 2) That Gaston County does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.
- 3) That Ray Maxwell, Infrastructure & Asset Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted the 27th Day of September, 2022.

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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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: Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

FROM: PWK Public Works
 Dept. Code Department Name

Dan Zehiem 9/10/2022
 Department Director Date

Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

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Dept. Code

Public Works
Department Name

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☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund
☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund
☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments

☒ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Appropriation of \$5,478,000 in ARPA funding from NCDEQ Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserve and the appropriation of an additional \$1,555,000 from the CIF fund balance for the county matching funds for the High Shoals, Hardin, Dallas Water Line Project (DEQ Project #: SRP-D-ARP-0075). The project will construct the infrastructure necessary to provide water service between the Town of Dallas and the City of High Shoals.



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Finance Board Action

File #: 22-394

Commissioner Worley - Finance on behalf of Public Works - To Approve a Resolution to Accept and Appropriate an American Rescue Plan (ARP) Waterline Grant from the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) / NC Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) to Provide Water Service Between the City of High Shoals and the Town of Dallas in the Amount of \$5,478,000, Authorize an Appropriation from the Community Investment Fund of \$1,555,000, and Approve Administrative Correction to Res 2022-203 Adopted 6/28/2022 to Correct Project Account Number for Design Fees

STAFF CONTACT

Cary Rodriguez - Public Works - 704-866-6791

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenues and expense by \$7,033,000 in both the Community Investment and General Government CIP funds. Estimated Project design fees of \$894,000 were appropriated per Resolution 2022-203 (approved 6/28/2022).

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Minimal change to the Budget Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The NC Division of Water Infrastructure will award a total of \$1.69 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funding from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for water, wastewater, and stormwater projects. Gaston County was appropriated \$5,478,000 from the Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserve in the Other Projects Category for the High Shoals, Hardin, Dallas - Water Line Project (Project# SRP-D-ARP-0075). This project will construct the infrastructure necessary to provide water service between the Town of Dallas and the City of High Shoals. The water component to the project will create a water system interconnection between Dallas and High Shoals. The current water supply for the City of High Shoals is provided through a bulk purchase with Lincoln County. This purchase contract allowed for the purchase of up to 100,000 gal/clay and the contract expired in 2020. The best solution to resolve the water supply challenge between Lincoln County and High Shoals and to provide water service to the Hardin Road area, is to construct an interconnection between the Town of Dallas and the City of High Shoals. An interconnection between Dallas and High Shoals will allow High Shoals to purchase their water inside Gaston County and avoid paying outside rates to Lincoln County.

The water line project requires County funds totaling \$2,449,000 as the project is not fully grant funded. Resolution #2022-203 approved on June 28, 2022 appropriated \$894,000 from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) fund balance for the design fees associated with the project. This board action appropriates the additional \$1,555,00 needed for the county portion which is also being appropriated from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) fund balance and is reflected on the attached Budget Change Request. An application has been submitted by Public Works for an additional \$2,375,000 in grant funding to help cover the funding gap and reduce the county costs. We are awaiting notification from NCDEQ regarding the status of funding from this grant application. If the additional funds are awarded, they would be used to return the fund balance appropriation to the CIF fund balance.

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This Board Action also serves as an administrative correction for Resolution 2022-203 due to an account number change. The original budget change request listed the project expense account for the design fees as 4005-PWK-000-00000-WSLine-HShIDal-0000-01-540007-P2213. The account has been changed to 4005-PWK-000-00000-WSLine-HShIDal-0000-01-540016-AG011 for the purpose of keeping the design and administrative costs of the project separate from construction costs and to add the correct ARPA project code.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution; Budget Change Request (BCR)