



TITLE: TO AMEND GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE 2021-264 FOR THE GASTON COUNTY CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Gaston County Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264 for the Gaston County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds was adopted in Regular Session by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners on September 28, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners shall amend Section 2 of the Grant Project Ordinance to authorize appropriations for specific programs, services, projects, and activities. The Board may also appropriate some or all of these funds to an enterprise fund in an annual budget ordinance for a water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure project.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, that:

Section 1: This ordinance is to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF). Gaston County has received the full \$43,612,126 allocation of CSLRF funds. These funds may be used for the following categories of expenditures, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

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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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Section 2: The following amounts are appropriated for the project and authorized for expenditure:

CSLRF Project \$43,612,126*

Project Allocations

- FJC Program Project \$ 300,000 - Amended 06/28/2022
- Grants Manager Position \$ 676,887 – Amended 04/26/2022
- Short-term Emergency Housing Assistance \$ 250,000 - Approved 01/11/2022
- Cherryville Park Design \$ 200,000 - Approved 03/22/2022
- North Belmont Park Waterline Extension \$ 300,000 – Approved 04/26/2022
- Lowell Elementary School Waterline Extension \$ 22,940 - Amended 09/27/22
- Chapel Grove Elementary Waterline Extension \$ 472,000 – Approved 04/26/2022
- Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension \$ 1,203,000 – Amended 09/26/2023
- Courthouse Video Arraignment System \$ 136,313 – Approved 07/26/2022
- ARPA Project Coordinator (2 positions) \$ 1,155,967 – Approved 07/26/2022
- Revenue Replacement (Standard Allowance) \$10,000,000 – Approved 11/10/2022
- Mobile Shower/Laundry Unit \$223,100 – Amended 07/27/2023
- GREAT Grant \$65,500 – Approved 07/27/2023
- Gaston College \$3,200,000 – Approved 09/26/2023
- Homeless Projects \$375,000 - Approved 12/12/2023
 - Catherine’s House
 - Integrated Care of Greater Hickory (ICGH)
 - HealthNet
- Public Safety Campus \$7,550,000 – Approved 01/23/2024
- **Chapel Grove Elementary Waterline Extension (Increase)** **\$136,500 (BCR Attached) 2/27/2024**

Remaining Available CSLRF Project \$17,344,919

[*Once it is determined how we will spend all or a portion of the ARP funds, the governing board will amend this section to authorize appropriations for specific programs, services, projects, and activities. The Board may also appropriate some or all of these funds to an enterprise fund in an annual budget ordinance for a water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure project.]

Section 3: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

CSLRF Funds \$43,612,126

- ARPA: Family Justice Center \$ 300,000 - Amended 06/28/2022
- Grants Manager Position \$ 676,887 - Amended 04/26/22
- Short-term Emergency Housing Assistance \$ 250,000 - Approved 01/11/2022
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Section 4: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency and the grant agreements.

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the project to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

Section 6: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to County Commissioners.

Section 7: This grant project ordinance expires on December 31, 2026, or when all the CSLRF funds have been obligated and expended by the County, whichever occurs sooner.

Adopted this 27th day of February 2024.

/s/ _____
Chad Brown, Board Chair

/s/ _____
Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board