



Gaston County

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Police Department

Board Action

File #: 23-405

Commissioner Worley - Police Department - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Discretionary Funds through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in the Amount of \$12,302 to Continue the Pilot Program, *Traffic Teen Court*, in Gaston County for Court-Involved Youth through Fiscal Year 23-24

STAFF CONTACT

S. M. Zill, Chief of Police - Gaston County Police Department - 704-866-3321

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase State Grant Revenue by \$12,302 and Appropriate \$12,302 into the Teen Court Program.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice awarded funds in 2022 to fund a pilot Traffic Teen Court in Gaston County JCPC for fiscal year 2022-2023. On June 6, 2023 the JCPC received notification that a decision was made to continue the pilot project through FY 2023-24 and that additional discretionary funds in the amount of \$12,302 were awarded for FY 2023-2024. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council approved this revision at its June 13, 2023 meeting. No county matching funds are required.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR), NC DPS-Community Programs-County Funding Plan Form & Award Letter

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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
2023-324	09/26/2023	BH	AF	A	A	A	A	AB	AB	A	U

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NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 666,963 Local Match: \$ 150,701 Rate: 20%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/Federal	Funds		
1	JCPC Administrative	\$15,500	\$3,100					\$18,600	17%
2	Community Outreach	\$97,078	\$19,416					\$116,494	17%
3	Juvenile Mediation	\$49,386	\$9,877					\$59,263	17%
4	Juvenile Restitution	\$54,649	\$10,930					\$65,579	17%
5	PORT	\$164,261	\$32,852					\$197,113	17%
6	Psychological Testing	\$11,158	\$2,232					\$13,390	17%
7	Strengthening Families	\$37,168	\$7,434		\$4,191			\$48,793	24%
8	Teen Court	\$105,208	\$18,581		\$2,461			\$126,250	17%
9	Kids at Work	\$89,255	\$17,851		\$10,656			\$117,762	24%
10	Positive Parenting	\$31,372	\$6,274					\$37,646	17%
11	Hand-Up Solutions	\$24,230	\$4,846					\$29,076	17%
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TOTALS:		\$679,265	\$133,393		\$17,308			\$829,966	18%

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Gaston County
 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2023-2024

Amount of Unallocated Funds _____

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS _____

Discretionary Funds added \$12,302

check type Initial plan update final

---DPS Use Only---

Reviewed by _____	_____
Area Consultant	Date
Reviewed by _____	_____
Program Assistant	Date
Verified by _____	_____
Designated State Office Staff	Date

SM 201 8-8-2022
 Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

Chris Brown 9/26/23
 Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
 or County Finance Officer

Robert
 Clerk to the Board



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Roy Cooper, Governor
Eddie M. Buffalo Jr., Secretary

William L. Lassiter, Chief Deputy Secretary
Cindy Porterfield, Director

June 6, 2023

Arin Farmer, Program Manager
Gaston Teen Court
P.O. Box 1695
Gastonia, NC 28053

Dear Ms. Farmer:

We recognize and appreciate the efforts that the Gaston Teen Court program made during the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year and the progress in implementing and offering the traffic teen court pilot program in Gaston County. This pilot endeavor has produced some positive outcomes during this current fiscal year. However, this current year also required program development, instructor selection, training for instructors to teach the *Alive at 25* classes, and promotion of the program in the community. A decision was made to continue the pilot project through the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year to allow the Section to better assess the impact of the traffic teen court model and its outcomes based on a full complete year of implementation.

Based upon your request for fiscal year 2023-2024, your agency has been awarded DPS funds in the amount of **\$12,302** for the upcoming fiscal year for this project . This amount must be added into the 23-24 *Program Agreement* in NC ALLIES in order to align your 23-24 teen court budget with these additionally awarded DJJ funds. Please be sure to include the source for in-kind match offered by the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina, including access to a free annual membership to the SHC of NC, a \$500 value, access to the *Alive at 25* curriculum and training offered by the SHC of NC, supportive use of the Council's database, and free access to the participant *Alive at 25* student workbooks, valued at \$10 each. These generous in-kind calculations should be reflected as match within your budgets. As a reminder, *please ensure that you have indicated adequate match to support funds awarded.*

Outcomes for this target population and pilot project will continue to be stringently tracked and monitored. Please know that we wish to offer continued assistance to you in our efforts to support the work that you are doing. It is our desire to study the success of this pilot project so as to inform possible statewide expansion to other interested teen court programs. Your DPS Area Consultant (see below) can assist you should you have any questions.

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We commend your efforts to continue this partnership with us to provide effective services to youth and families through the Teen Traffic Court Pilot Project. Thank you for your commitment to serving North Carolina's youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Porterfield". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Cindy Porterfield, Director
Juvenile Community Programs

cc: JCPC Chair, Chief Court Counselor, Area Consultant, Area Administrator, County Finance