



GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD ACTION

County Admin Building
128 W. Main Avenue.
Gastonia, NC 28052

Board of Commissioners

File #: 16-029

Commissioner Philbeck - To Approve the Dallas Township Grant Recommendations (**\$500,000 Fund Balance Appropriation**)

STAFF CONTACT

Earl Mathers, County Manager (704) 866-3101

BUDGET IMPACT

Reduces Fund Balance by \$500,000

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Authorizes County Manager to make necessary budget amendments to move funds into the appropriate project accounts/sub-accounts.

BACKGROUND

During its 10/27/2015 Regular Meeting, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2015-292, to approve a Township Improvement Grant Program to be funded from the proceeds of the CaroMont Lease and authorized \$3,500,000 from the proceeds to be distributed within each township. Each Township is eligible for \$500,000 in grant proceeds (with the exception of Gastonia Township, which is eligible for \$1,000,000). At the direction of the Board, the County Manager facilitated an application process and grant requests were accepted until December 31, 2015.

The following project(s) were recommended for the Dallas Township (See the Attached Project Recommendations Packet for more detail)

- Sewer Inter-connect Line Dallas/Two Rivers - \$300k
- High Shoals City Hall - \$125k
- The Dream Center Academy (Jason Williams Co-Sponsor) - \$75k

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	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-035	01/26/2016	JW	MP	A	A	A	N	A	A	A	6 - 1

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Approval of this request authorizes the County Attorney to draft the necessary contracts and authorizes the County Manager to execute said contracts on behalf of Gaston County.

Approval of this request also authorizes the County Manager to prepare the necessary budget changes to commit funds for these projects. These budget changes will be submitted to the BOC at the 2/9/2016 Regular Meeting for informational purposes only.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

**Gaston County
Township Investment Grant Applications**

Dallas Township

Project	Requested Amount	Recommended Approval
Sewer Inter-connect Line Dallas/Two Rivers	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
High Shoals City Hall	\$ 300,000	\$ 125,000
The Dream Center Academy *Jason Williams Co-Sponsor	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000
Total:	\$ 750,000	\$ 500,000

Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Township Grant Application

(Cover Sheet)

Project/Program Name:

Sanitary Sewer Inter-Connect Line Linking the Town of Dallas to the Two Rivers Utilities Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Sponsoring Commissioner:

Chairman Tracy Philbeck.

Applicant Organization, Contact Information and Contact Person:

Town of Dallas
210 North Holland Street
Dallas, NC 28034
Tax ID# 566001211
704-922-3176 phone
704-922-4701 fax
James M. Palenick, Town Manager
jpalenick@dallasnc.net

Township Name:

Dallas Township

Amount Requested:

\$300,000.00

Program/Project Description:

See attached, detailed narrative.

Estimated Duration of the Project or Program:

Following award, it is expected that the acquisition of right-of-way, bidding, and construction of the project will take twelve (12) months.

Project Description Overview:

Summary:

The project consists of the construction of 4,332 linear feet of primarily 18" (with some 12") PVC, underground, sanitary sewer main linking the Town of Dallas sanitary sewer collection and treatment system to the Two Rivers Utilities (Gastonia) Long Creek Wastewater treatment plant. The portion of the line that falls within the jurisdiction, and is the economic responsibility of, Two Rivers (Gastonia) is 810 linear feet, or approximately 18.7%. Conversely, the line portion which falls within the jurisdiction, and is the economic responsibility of, the Town of Dallas is 3,552 linear feet, or approximately 81.3%. The overall estimated construction cost of the project is \$640,589.00 – with the Dallas portion accounting for \$500,116.00 of the total, and the Two Rivers (Gastonia) portion making up the remaining \$140,473.00. All of the engineering and design work for the project is complete – meaning the project is ready for bid upon the securing of complete financing; as is the preparation of the surveyed, Right-of-way maps -- which will allow for the rapid acquisition of the necessary right-of-way easements from seven (7) identified property-owners. Once in place, the line will have the capacity to carry a "peak-flow" of 1.97 MGD (million gallons per day) of effluent produced by the Dallas Collection system for conveyance to the Long Creek plant for treatment. Total treatment capacity at the Long Creel Plant is 16MGD; with approximately 50% (8MGD) of such capacity deemed excess and currently unused. The City of Gastonia (Two Rivers) and the Town of Dallas have jointly funded the engineering work completed to date and have further agreed to each cover the construction costs of the portion of the line falling within their individual jurisdiction(s). By unanimously-adopted resolution of the Board of Aldermen on November 10, 2015, (copy attached) Dallas has committed to cover all portions of its construction cost obligations exceeding the \$300,000 being sought from the County by this request. The City of Gastonia, and by extension, its Two Rivers Utility System/Fund, is responsible to cover the complete cost of its portion of the project (letter of commitment attached).

By completing the inter-connect line, the following outcomes will be achieved:

- The Town of Dallas will achieve 100% redundancy ("back-up" capacity) to its treatment system assuring that the environment will be protected from over-flows or discharges that would otherwise occur in the event of a disruption in operations at the Dallas Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The Town of Dallas could support large-scale industrial and economic development growth knowing its collection system could be expanded beyond its current treatment capacity – given the inter-connection to the Long Creek Plant.
- The physical infrastructure would be in place to allow Dallas and Gastonia (Two Rivers) to negotiate the long-term consolidation of their treatment and/or collection systems—possibly also allowing for the elimination of the Dallas Treatment Plant discharge into the South Fork of the Catawba River.
- The cause of County-wide Water/Sewer would be further supported and enhanced.
- Economic efficiencies and economies of scale would be achieved in overall treatment, benefitting both Gastonia and Dallas residents and rate-payers by keeping costs lower than with separate, independent treatment systems.

1. Impact:

The 2010 Census lists the Dallas Township population as 21,436. Something over 7,000 of those residents are either already served by the Dallas wastewater collection and treatment system, or could be served by an "inter-connected" system that would have access to greater capacity as a result of such "inter-connection". As such, a full One-Third (33%) of all Dallas Township residents would be impacted. In addition, in Gastonia Township (2010 census: 85,249) nearly all of the residents of the city of Gastonia (beneficial owners of the Two Rivers Utility system and Long Creek treatment plant) whose 2010 Census population is listed as 71,741, (84% of Township) would indirectly be impacted by, and benefit from the inter-connection to Dallas.

2. Sustainability:

This one-time, public infrastructure project, once-completed, would be 100% sustainable without any further County financial support. The inter-connect line would be owned and/or maintained by the Town of Dallas and Two Rivers Utility, either individually or collectively in perpetuity.

3. Match/Leverage:

Total Project cost for the construction of the Inter-connect line is estimated at \$640,589.00; and the Township Grant Application Request is for \$300,000 – meaning that \$340,589.00, or 53.2% of all required funding will come from sources other than Gaston County. (Dallas: \$200,116.00 and Two Rivers (Gastonia): \$140,473.00).

4. Job Creation/Economic Development:

Initially, the \$640,589.00 construction project will mean that a local or regional underground utility contractor/firm will provide or support 8-10 construction jobs for 8-10 months. However, of greater importance and impact is the significant areas around the current Dallas collection system boundaries where sewer line expansions could occur to serve economic development knowing such areas then became effectively "inter-connected" to the large amount of excess treatment capacity at the Long Creek Plant.

5. Education:

There are no immediately-identified gains to primary, secondary, or higher education as a result of the project. However, the longer-term positive effect on economic development could serve the cause of financial support to education in the County.

6. Quality of Life/Health/Safety:

This project significantly lowers the risk of environmental damage from overflows or discharges occurring as a result of disruptions to operations at the Dallas treatment plant and as such is enthusiastically supported by the NCDENR. In addition, it offers the future prospect of completely eliminating the treatment plant discharge into the South Fork of the Catawba River authorized for ongoing operation of the Dallas Plant. Its possible enhancement of economic development also bodes well for a general enhancement of the quality of life for the Dallas area and Gaston County as a whole.

**Resolution Requesting That the Gaston County Board of Commissioners Consider
The Provision of Financial Support, From Caromont Lease Proceed Revenues,
Toward The Construction of A Sanitary Sewer Inter-Connect Line Linking The
Town of Dallas to The Two Rivers Utilities Long Creek Wastewater Treatment
Plant.**

Whereas, The Town of Dallas and the City of Gastonia, through its Two Rivers Utility, have worked jointly and cooperatively over the past several years to plan for, design, and engineer a sanitary sewer inter-connect line linking the Town of Dallas Waste-water collection system to the Long Creek Waste-water treatment plant; and,

Whereas, such an inter-connect would provide a critically-important back-up for the Town of Dallas in the event its waste-water treatment plant operations were compromised, disrupted, or ultimately discontinued in the cause of utility consolidation and environmental stewardship; and,

Whereas, both the City of Gastonia and Town of Dallas are committed to seeing this multi-jurisdictional infrastructure project completed – having each contributed financially to fully complete the design engineering for the project – however, the estimated \$640,000 construction cost (of which \$500,000 is the Town of Dallas Share; and \$140,000 is the City of Gastonia/Two Rivers) is precluding the project from moving forward; and,

Whereas, If the Gaston County Board of Commissioners would consider and approve a contribution of \$300,000 toward the Town of Dallas' \$500,000 inter-connect line cost-share, from the recently-negotiated Caromont Lease Proceeds Revenues, then the Town of Dallas would commit the remaining \$200,000 from its Water/Sewer Fund Balance, which, along with the City of Gastonia' commitment of its \$140,000 cost-share will allow this "shovel-ready" project to move forward quickly; and,

Whereas, the long-term cause of utility consolidation and County-wide water and sewer would be furthered by this high-priority project while also supporting economic development within the greater Dallas area by linking the significant excess treatment plant capacity at the long Creek Plant to the Dallas collection system.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: The Town of Dallas, by the affirmative vote of its Board of Aldermen does hereby officially request that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners Approve the Contribution of \$300,000 toward the Dallas cost-share of the Long Creek sanitary sewer inter-connect line linking the Dallas sanitary sewer collection system to the Two Rivers Long Creek Waste-water treatment plant, and in turn, the Town of Dallas does hereby commit to provide the remaining cost-share funds (estimated to be \$200,000) from its Water/Sewer Fund Balance and only further dependent upon the City of Gastonia/Two Rivers Utility providing for its \$140,000 cost-share.

ADOPTED This 10th Day of November, 2015

Ayes: Aldermen Cearley, Huggins, Morrow, Thomas, Withers

Nayes: None

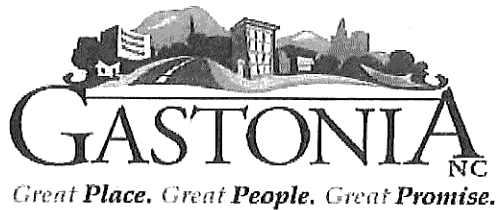
By: Rick Coleman

Rick Coleman, Mayor



Attest: Maria Stroupe

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk



December 15, 2015

Mr. Jim Palenick, Town Manager
Town of Dallas
210 N. Holland Street
Dallas, NC 28034

Subject: Gaston County Township Grant: Dallas / Gastonia Sewer Interconnect Project

Dear Mr. Palenick:

On December 13, 2013, the City of Gastonia and the Town of Dallas entered into an agreement to design a sewer interconnection between Dallas' Wastewater Treatment Plant and Gastonia's Long Creek Outfall Sewer Line. The project was to develop a design for the repair and/or replacement of the existing (former) sewer line between our municipalities. The project as planned includes the installation of a new metering point near Robinson Clemmer Road, a new sewer line from the metering point to the Dallas WWTP, repairs to the existing sewer line from Robinson Clemmer Road to the Long Creek Outfall, and additional right-of-way acquisition as applicable.

The project length is approximately 4,300 LF of which 3,500 LF will be on the Dallas system and 800 LF on the Gastonia system. The previously estimated (total) cost for the sewer line construction is \$640,000, which includes \$500,000 for the Dallas portion and \$140,000 for the Gastonia portion. Robinson & Sawyer, Inc. prepared the design and easement maps for the project; said engineering services are completed and the Project is ready to be submitted for NCDENR permitting.

It is our understanding that Dallas will be applying for a Gaston County 'Township Grant' to fund this project in the amount of \$300,000, more specifically that the Dallas Board of Aldermen have formally resolved to cover all "Dallas" proportional costs over and above the \$300,000, and are requesting that Gastonia commit to cover the estimated \$140,000 portion of the project allocated to it. Accordingly, contingent upon the execution of the applicable interlocal agreement between Dallas and Gastonia, we support the application for the Project as outlined above, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in completing this regional sanitary sewer interconnect.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Munn, City Manager

ESTIMATE
Dallas-Gastonia Sanitary Sewer
Interconnect

Item No.	Spec. prov. section No.	Item	Estimated quantity	Unit bid	Est bid price	Extended price
Section I - Gastonia Portion						
(Improvements From Sta. 10+00 to Sta. 18+09.90)						
1	1.01	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	9.00	Temporary Gravel Construction Entrance	2	EA	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00
3	9.00	Temporary Silt Fence	283	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 849.00
4	9.00	Temporary Rock Check Dam	1	EA	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
5	9.01	Seed, Mulch, and Tack	14.2	MSF	\$ 220.00	\$ 3,124.00
6	2.06	15" Sanitary Sewer Line Removal	62	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,240.00
7	2.06	18" Sanitary Sewer Line Removal	180	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,600.00
8	4.19	Abandonment & Demolition of Existing Manhole	1	EA	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
9		Demolition of Existing Metering Station	1	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
10		6' High Chain Link Fence	80	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,600.00
11		Remove & Reset Existing Gate	1	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
12		20' Wide, 6' High CL Double Swing Gate	1	EA	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
13	4.00	18" PVC SS Line (0'-6' Deep)	62	LF	\$ 80.00	\$ 4,960.00
14	4.00	18" DIP SS Line (0'-6' Deep)	180	LF	\$ 180.00	\$ 32,400.00
15	4.01	Sanitary Sewer Manhole (6'-8' Deep)	2	EA	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,400.00
16	4.01	Manhole Vent (Check Valve Type)	1	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
17	4.01	Install New Sealed Ring & Cover on Exist MH	3	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
18	4.02-.05	Metering Manhole (Complete in Place)	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
19	4.16	Video Inspection	810	LF	\$ 2.50	\$ 2,025.00
20	8.00	Incidental Stone-ABC	25	SY	\$ 35.00	\$ 875.00
21	2.02	Undercut Excavation	50	CY	\$ 15.00	\$ 750.00
22	2.05	Stabilization Fabric, Tensar BX1100 or Approved Equal	30	SY	\$ 10.00	\$ 300.00
23	1.02	Contingency Allowance	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Bid Sec.I - Gastonia Portion						\$ 140,473.00
Section No. II - Dallas Portion						
(All Improvements Beyond Sta. 18+09.90)						
24	1.01	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
25	9.00	Temporary Gravel Construction Entrance	1	EA	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
26	9.00	Temporary Silt Fence	3102	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 9,306.00
27	9.00	Temporary Rock Check Dam	4	EA	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00

28		Clear & Grub	0.8	AC	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,800.00
29	9.01	Seed, Mulch, and Tack	118	MSF	\$ 220.00	\$ 25,960.00
30	2.06	12" Sanitary Sewer Line Removal	380	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 7,600.00
31	2.06	15" Sanitary Sewer Line Removal	715	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 14,300.00
32		Sanitary Sewer Plug	12	EA	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,800.00
33	4.19	Abandonment & Demolition of Existing Manhole	11	EA	\$ 600.00	\$ 6,600.00
34	8.00	Incidental Stone-ABC	20	TN	\$ 35.00	\$ 700.00
35		4' High Chain Link Fence	50	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,000.00
36		Remove and Reset Existing CL Fence	30	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 600.00
37		Remove and Reset Existing Gate	2	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
38		12" RCP	60	LF	\$ 28.00	\$ 1,680.00
39	4.00	18" PVC SS Line (0'-6' Deep)	1700	LF	\$ 80.00	\$ 136,000.00
40	4.00	18" PVC SS Line (6'-8' Deep)	323	LF	\$ 90.00	\$ 29,070.00
41	4.00	18" PVC SS Line (8'-10' Deep)	8	LF	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00
42	4.00	18" DIP SS Line (0'-6' Deep)	705	LF	\$ 120.00	\$ 84,600.00
43	4.00	18" DIP SS Line (6'-8' Deep)	47	LF	\$ 130.00	\$ 6,110.00
44	4.00	18" DIP (CL 52) MecLok	80	LF	\$ 130.00	\$ 10,400.00
45	4.00	12" PVC SS Line (0'-6' Deep)	498	LF	\$ 50.00	\$ 24,900.00
46	4.00	12" PVC SS Line (6'-8' Deep)	41	LF	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,255.00
47		Concrete Pipe Cap	61	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,220.00
48	4.00	12" DIP SS Line (0'-6' Deep)	120	LF	\$ 65.00	\$ 7,800.00
49	4.01	4' Dia. Sanitary Sewer Manhole (0'-6' Deep)	3	EA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
50	4.01	4' Dia. Sanitary Sewer Manhole (6'-8' Deep)	10	EA	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 22,000.00
51	4.01	4' Dia. Sanitary Sewer Manhole (8'-10' Deep)	1	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
52	4.01	4' Dia. Sanitary Sewer Manhole (10'-12' Deep)	1	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
53	4.01	4' Dia. Sanitary Sewer Manhole (12'-14' Deep)	1	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
54	4.01	6' Dia. Outside Drop Sanitary Sewer Manhole (10'-12' Deep)	1	EA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
55	4.05	Concrete Pier	2	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
56	4.05	Timber Piles	60	VF	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,000.00
57		Manhole Vent	5	VF	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
58		Manhole Vent (Check Valve Type)	1	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
59	4.07	18" Plug Valve and Box	2	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
60	4.16	Video Inspection	3550	EA	\$ 2.50	\$ 8,875.00
61	2.04	Rock Excavation	50	CY	\$ 150.00	\$ 7,500.00
62	2.02	Undercut Excavation	50	CY	\$ 15.00	\$ 750.00
63	2.05	Stabilization Fabric, Tensar BX1100 or Approved Equil	30	SY	\$ 9.00	\$ 270.00
64	9.02	Class I Rip Rap	250	TN	\$ 35.00	\$ 8,750.00
65	9.00	Filter Fabric NCDOT Type I	30	SY	\$ 9.00	\$ 270.00
66	1.02	Contingency Allowance	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Bid Section II - Dallas Portion						\$ 500,116.00
Total Bid Sec. I & II						\$ 640,589.00

Jim Palenick

From: Jim Palenick <jpalenick@dallasnc.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 10:13 AM
To: 'Tracy.Philbeck@gastongov.com'; 'Earl.Mathers@gastongov.com'; 'Rick Coleman'
Cc: 'Jason.Williams@gastongov.com'; 'Mickey.Price@gastongov.com'; 'tomkcom@aol.com';
'Allen.Fraley@gastongov.com'; 'Joe.Carpenter@gastongov.com';
'chad.brown@carolina.rr.com'; 'mayorb@cityofgastonia.com'
Subject: Resolution of Dallas Town Board Requesting County Support for Wastewater Inter-Connect Line

Hon. Commissioner Philbeck & County Manager Mathers:

The Board of Aldermen for the Town of Dallas, at their Board Meeting on Tuesday evening, November 10th, unanimously approved a "Resolution Requesting That the Gaston County Board of Commissioners Consider the Provision of Financial Support, From Caromont Lease Proceed Revenues, Toward the Construction of a Sanitary Sewer Inter-Connect Line Linking the Town of Dallas to the Two Rivers Utilities Long Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant". A Certified copy of the resolution as adopted has been scanned and attached hereto for your review and use. I have also forwarded the Original in today's mail to the attention of Manager Mathers.

This high-priority, shovel-ready and fully-engineered infrastructure project is a joint project of the City of Gastonia/Two Rivers Utility and the Town of Dallas and serves the long term cause of utility consolidation and County-wide water and sewer while also furthering and supporting economic development within the greater Dallas area by linking the significant excess treatment plant capacity at the Long Creek Plant to the Dallas collection system. The Town of Dallas has resolved to provide the estimated \$200,000 local cost share required in the event that the Gaston County Board approves the request for \$300,000 detailed in the Resolution.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, or if you would like a representative at any future Meeting wherein this matter might be discussed, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thank You,

James M. (Jim) Palenick
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Tel: (704) 735-1651 - Fax: (704) 735-5595

December 30, 2015

Attn. Earl Mathers County Manger
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P.O. Box 1578
Gastonia, NC 28053

Application for Township Grant – City of High Shoals

Project Name: High Shoals City Hall

Sponsoring Commissioner: Tracy Philbeck

Applicant Organization, Contact Information & Contact Person:

- (a) City of High Shoals
- (b) Dan Weekley – Mayor / 980-429-1224
- (c) City Hall - 704-35-1651

Township name: City of High Shoals

Amount Requested: \$300,000.00

Project Description: Construction of New City Hall facility/Government Center

Estimated Duration of the Project: 7 months

Additional Information:

- 1). the proposed project should be completed by July 1, 2016. High Shoals was awarded by the L.G.C. a Certificate to Construct on December 8, 2015. High Shoals has awarded a construction contract to BPM Construction of Charlotte NC with a start date of 12/14/2015.
- 2). High Shoals is requesting a Township Grant of \$300,000.00 and has the means to match this amount through other funds.
- 3). the current plans are to include future development, as stated in the narrative which will increase a direct economic impact on our city.
- 4). unfortunately there are no educational gains associated with the project. However there may be Health and quality of life gains with the completion of additional spaces, reference the narrative.
- 5). High Shoals has the means and experience to maintain precise accounting procedures to track all expenditures.



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6). since this is a governmental facility there is an annual budget for maintenance and operations for such a facility.

The City of High Shoals appreciates your consideration for a Township Grant.

Sincerely,
Dan Weekley



MAYOR
Dan Weekley

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CLERK
Lucy Williams

November 13, 2015

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman
Gaston County Commission
PO BOX 1240
Dallas NC 28034

High Shoals is currently conducting business out of a single wide modular office building. We only have two businesses in the City of High Shoals and they are located in the only two commercial structures in our city limits. We have two major obstacles we are trying to overcome. One is that it is very difficult to attract businesses while representing our city out of a single wide modular unit and that if we were able to convince someone to bring their business to High Shoals we have no available structure for them to occupy.

The current City Hall is located on a 1.58 acre parcel owned by the City of High Shoals. Our plans for this parcel is to construct an attractive modern designed brick City Hall with a Clerk's Office, Council Offices, a Small Meeting Room along with a Council Chambers/Community Meeting Room. Our plan is once City Hall is paid for we construct a second building for flex space with the intent of attracting new businesses to High Shoals. We hope to repeat this process as each additional structure is paid off until we max out the 1.58 acre parcel, with the intent of making High Shoals an economic center for the northern portion of the County.

We are currently working on obtaining the adjacent 30 acre parcel, the old mill property, and developing it with a Brown Field Grant. We hope to develop this parcel for commercial and recreational use. An established central business center on our current 1.58 acre parcel will further help enhance the development of the mill property.

This would be a 15 to 20 year plan with us unable to start the 2nd phase (constructing the first flex space building) for five years, the time we it would take to pay off City Hall, without any help from the County.

If we were awarded this grant from the County we could possibly start the 2nd phase within the next twelve months allowing us to start growing our economic center enhancing not only High Shoals but creating a very large economic benefit for this area of the County. We have experienced asset growth over the past few years and these projects will enhance this growth greatly.

Sincerely,
Dan Weekley
Mayor



P.O. Box 6, High Shoals, N.C. 28077
Tel: (704) 735-1651 - Fax: (704) 735-5595

RESOLUTION

Resolution requesting funds from Gaston County for the purpose of building a new city hall.

WHEREAS, The City of High Shoals is currently using a ModSpace trailer for its current city hall structure

WHEREAS, The City of High Shoals is planning for economic growth to be established from the building of the new city hall

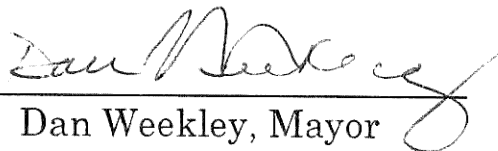
WHEREAS, The City of High Shoals is looking toward the future and being proactive in the development of new businesses in the area

WHEREAS, The City of High Shoals is pursuing appropriate funding from other sources

WHEREAS, The City of High Shoals feels the sums for the structure are adequate and not in excess for the purpose and function.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of High Shoals would appreciate any help in funding this project from Gaston County as the City of High Shoals is a major gateway from the northern corridor of the county

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this the 10th day of November 2015.



Dan Weekley, Mayor



DreamCenter
OF GASTON COUNTY

2782 Fairview Drive
Gastonia, NC 28052
(704) 396-6925

dreamcentergastoncounty.com

**Grant Application for
Gaston County Grant**

December 2015

Amount Requested

\$150,000

Description of Proposed Program

The Dream Center of Gaston County is committed to addressing the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of impoverished families, to break the cycle of dependency, both government assistance dependency and substance abuse, through education.

The **Dream Center Academy** is a college access mission of the Dream Center of Gaston County that will empower students in Gaston County:

to **LEAD** - to **SUCCEED** - to **SERVE**

1. By developing real world leadership experiences and skills.
2. Through academic excellence and perseverance.
3. By actively contributing to the world around them.

What is the Dream Center Academy?

The DCA is a College Access Program for Title 1 students in Gaston County Schools. DCA will take 50 6th grade students per school year beginning in 2016 and add 50 more 6th grade students in 2017 and each year beyond. In 6 years, the Dream Center Academy will have 400 students in the program from 6th – 12th grade.

The DCA will involve **daily after school tutoring** with credentialed teachers and a **hot meal** for the students. The tutoring will be from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

The DCA will take students on **field trips** to Washington DC, New York City, and over 30 Colleges and Universities.

The DCA's goal is to **equip** young men and women that will be the future leaders of Gaston County through educational, leadership, and character development.

Why should Gaston County give the Dream Center a Grant?

The DCA has a **\$200,000 challenge grant** from the David Belk Cannon Foundation to begin the Dream Center Academy. The grant from Gaston County would be matched and would allow the DCA to begin IMMEDIATELY! The David Belk Cannon Foundation has asked that the Dream Center raise \$200,000 and then they will release the \$200,000 challenge grant.

The Dream Center Academy will be a **unique** program in Gaston County that is very measurable and will allow the citizens of Gaston County to be able to tangibly track the benefits of the \$150,000 investment. This project can be measured every 9 weeks and will be tracked by Gaston County Schools to ensure the viability of the program.

The DCA has **partnered with Gaston County Schools** to provide a one of a kind program that will give our students a world class mentoring program that will see these children reach their God given potential.

AS SOON AS DCA GETS THE GASTON COUNTY GRANT, WE WILL HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!

Our first step will be to hire a director and begin to meet with prospective students and their families to prepare the students for the DCA beginning in August 2016.

Need for the Program

Located in the western part of Gaston County, the Dream Center is surrounded by neighborhoods that struggle with issues that face poverty stricken families. Within a three-mile radius of the Dream Center of Gaston County there are approximately 27,000 residents, **28%** of which live below the poverty level, **40%** are single mothers, **39%** do not have a high school diploma or GED, and **25%** are concerned about basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. These factors lead to issues with higher crime rates, lower parental participation, less support for school age children, and limited community resources.

A report released in 2014 by National Student Clearinghouse, which examined data from more than 3.5 million high school graduates, found that poverty remains a more important indicator of whether a student will go to college than high school demographics or location.

Hundreds of students in Gaston County that are born into poverty dream of what it would be like to succeed in school and wonder if they would ever be able to attend any college. The Dream Center Academy is an opportunity for students to get the tools they need to succeed in high school and ultimately graduate from college. Our goal is to help these students reach their potential and become leaders in our community.

The Dream Center Academy wants to raise high character and high integrity students who believe in the importance of owning their own education while developing a deeper understanding of their opportunity to make a difference in the world.

Objectives and Purposes of the Program

The Dream Center Academy model is based on an already extremely successful program in Durham, NC – Student U. The Durham program has seen their students grow and succeed since its inception in 2007. 100% of Student U's students have graduated from high school and 97% have gone on to attend college. Also when compared to other low-income Durham students the Student U's students outperformed on End of Grade testing. We believe we can have these great results here in Gaston County with the implementation of the Dream Center Academy.

How the Objectives and Programs will be met

The Dream Center of Gaston County is a community-based facility located at 2782 Fairview Drive in Gastonia, NC. The Dream Center Academy will work closely with Gaston County Schools to **identify the students** in most need for the program and to recommend qualified teachers and staff to ensure the students receive the highest quality education.

The Academy will consist of the following:

Year-Round Support:

1. Daily After-School Program

Students receive two hours of structured support and enrichment every school day during the year at Dream Center Academy's Year Round Program. Students begin their after-school day with a healthy snack and spend time connecting with their peers. Students then move to Study Skills where they complete their homework and

build healthy study habits. Students end their day in enrichment clubs focused on arts, STEM, leadership, character building, and/or academic intervention.

2. Out-of-School Support

Community Days allow students, families, and teachers to reconnect with the DCA community and develop a service minded character. Every 3 Week Phone Calls and Quarterly Parent Conferences between Year Round Staff and families ensure that students are receiving the support they need to become their best selves.

When necessary DCA's School Social Worker provides students and families with social and emotional support.

Summer Enrichment:

Students participate in a **five-week academic enrichment program** during the summer. Students receive project based hands-on, small group instruction. Students take core classes in **reading, math, and science**. They also will select from various different elective courses. The curriculum taught is designed using Common Core standards and written by professional education professionals. College students serve as teachers with the guidance of experienced mentor teachers.

The Dream Center Academy values "outside of the classroom" learning experiences for students. During the summer program students take weekly field trips to local colleges and community organizations. All students participate in an extended field trip where they travel outside of Gaston County to connect curriculum to the real world.

The Dream Center Academy teachers are matched with a small group of students to serve as their advisor. Teachers call the student's families once a week and write an end of summer evaluation for the students. The goal is to form a strong bond with the students and their families which will continue throughout the school year.

Organizational Information

The Dream Center of Gaston County was established in 2013, based on a model used by more than 150 Dream Centers located throughout the United States. The organizational model has been **proven** to provide a positive impact on **breaking the cycle of poverty** in economically distressed and high crime neighborhoods across the country. We are partnering with local agencies such as **Crisis Pregnancy Center, Gaston College, As One Ministries, CaroMont Health, and Gaston County Schools** to provide programs and services on a daily and weekly basis. The Dream Center of Gaston County has quickly become a premier resource for families seeking a **helping hand** rather than a handout to empower their families to achieve higher goals.

Our mission is to empower families to achieve self-sufficiency through programs that focus on three key objectives: education, character development, and spiritual mentoring.

Together we can make a difference in our community!

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Douglas R. Lockett, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer

November 10, 2015

Pastor Dickie Spargo
Bethlehem Church
3100 Bethlehem Church St
Gastonia, NC 28056

Dear Dickie:

I wanted to put into writing my thoughts on why I support the Dream Center and the programs it provides. It is important for me to do this, because I am approached to support a number of worthwhile causes in our community but have to say the Dream Center and the Dream Center Academy is something that just resonated with me. Why? Knowing the cycle of generational poverty, brought on by things like defeatism, learned helplessness and parenting issues, the Dream Center and Dream Center Academy is the most practical investment I can think of to break this cycle and get ACTUAL results.

Please know that I am willing to share the work this organization is doing with anyone who will grant me the time to hear about it. The Dream Center Academy has my support. I hope to be of good use to the organization and its needs in the future.

All my best,

Douglas R. Lockett, FACHE
President and CEO



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December 15, 2015

Pastor Dickie Spargo
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Dear Dickie:

It is a distinct pleasure to write a letter of support for the Dream Center.

As I reflected on the evolution of the Dream Center, I came to the realization that it has been more than three years since Pastor Spargo visited me with an idea to reach a hurting area of our community. In my career I have seen a lot of well-intentioned ideas that are unable to make it past the concept stage. The Dream Center became a reality that is impacting lives.

The Dream Center has held numerous outreach events including hosting parenting classes, and special events such as a career fairs, dressing for success, prom dress giveaways and a "day of weddings."

Without hesitation, the Dream Center receives my highest recommendation for your consideration. I encourage you to visit and experience the ministry work for yourself; but heed this word of caution, you will want to become an active participant in the work of this dynamic organization.

Should you need additional information, please contact me by calling (704) 866-6111.

Sincerely,

W. Jeffrey Booker
Superintendent of Schools

The David Belk Cannon Foundation
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May 18, 2015

The Reverend Dickie Spargo
Bethlehem Church
3100 Bethlehem Church Road
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Dear Dickie:

This letter confirms a David Belk Cannon Foundation challenge grant of \$200,000 for the Dream Center Academy. This challenge grant is based upon the Dream Center Academy's raising an additional \$200,000 in cash and/or pledges.

THE DAVID BELK CANNON ACADEMY AT THE DREAM CENTER would certainly be satisfactory with our Board.

Please advise when you have completed your campaign. We will then forward our check.

Once again, thank you for your strong influence in bringing people into the Christian community.

Sincerely,

THE DAVID BELK CANNON FOUNDATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "B. Frank Matthews".

B. Frank Matthews, II
Chairman