



Gaston County

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Public Works

Board Action

File #: 21-041

Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Approve the Appropriation of \$5,300,000 in County Funds for the Construction of a New Extrusion Facility on the Gaston College Kimbrell Campus in Belmont

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriation of \$5,300,000 from the General Fund fund balance that will be transferred to the Capital Improvements Fund where expenditures will be increased by \$5,300,000.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

There is minimal impact to the budget ordinance.

BACKGROUND

Gaston College plans to construct an incubator, extrusion and testing facility for advanced fibers behind the existing Textile Technology Center on the Kimbrell Campus in Belmont, North Carolina. Preliminary plans for the facility include an approximately 30,000 to 40,000 square foot building with extrusion lab, spun yarn and filament processing, administration/reception, climate controlled storage, incubator flex spaces and associated building systems and parking. The proposed facility would house existing extrusion and laboratory operations to support development and testing of advanced fibers for use in personal protective equipment, military, medical and specialty products. The facility will allow development of specialty fibers to produce consumer products that can be tested on site. Having the complete process housed on site will allow quick performance feedback for use in refining the composition of the advanced fibers. The project was originally included in the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) PPE-NC Initiative as a \$5,300,000 allocation. Due to the December 30, 2021 expenditure deadline initially approved in the legislation, the project could not be designed, permitted, and completed prior to that date. The \$5,300,000 originally allocated to the extrusion project will be used to cover the salary and benefits of public safety and public health workers instead.

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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	CKelgher	JPhilbeck	RWorley	Vote
2021-061	02/23/2021	TP	BH	A	AB	A	A	A	A	AB	U

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Approval of this Board Action and attached Budget Change Request will appropriate \$5,300,000 from the County's General Fund fund balance for the construction of the proposed extrusion facility. The College will manage the design, permitting and construction of the facility along with any and all necessary tasks to complete the project. Any funding needed in excess of this allocation will be the responsibility of Gaston College. Upon project completion, Gaston College will provide a final update to Gaston County including a breakdown of project expenses showing the use of County funds. Funding will be remitted to the College on a reimbursement basis.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR) and NC Community College System - Capital Improvement Project Approval

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4120 County Manager Office
Dept. # Department Name

Dr. Kim Eagle 02/08/2021
 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-	(\$5,300,000)
Transfer to Community Investment Fund	010-98-9800-0000-580041-	\$5,300,000
Transfer from General Fund	041-98-9800-0000-480010-	(\$5,300,000)
Transfer to Capital Improvements Fund	041-98-9800-0000-580040-	\$5,300,000
Transfer from Community Investment Fund	040-98-9800-0000-480041-	(\$5,300,000)
Gaston College Extrusion Facility	040-03-5921-0000-540005-21022	\$5,300,000

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston College plans to construct an incubator, extrusion and testing facility for advance fibers behind the existing Textile Technology Center on the Kimbrell Campus in Belmont, North Carolina. The project was originally included in the NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) PPE-NC Initiative from the NC Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) as a \$5,300,000 allocation. Due to the December 30, 2021 expenditure deadline initially approved in the legislation, the project can not be designed, permitted, and completed prior to that date. This Board Action and Budget Change Request, if approved, appropriates \$5,300,000 in funding from the County's General Fund fund balance for the construction of the proposed extrusion facility. Any funding needed in excess of the \$5,300,000 will be the responsibility of Gaston College.

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.