



Gaston County

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DHHS - Social Services Division

Board Action

File #: 17-086

Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Approve a Transfer of Funds within the Children Residential Program to Cover Expenses for Foster Care Placements for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (**Transfer is Within Budget and Requires No Additional County Funds - \$285,000**).

STAFF CONTACT

Angela Karchmer - DHHS-Department of Social Services -704-862-7930

BUDGET IMPACT

Transfer budgeted funds within the Child Services Foster Care Program in order to have available funds in the appropriate accounts for foster care placements for the remainder for FY16-17.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Transfer \$285,000 from multiple Children Services expense accounts into the State Foster Home account.

BACKGROUND

In February, 2016, DHHS-DSS had 253 children in foster care with 211 children in paid placements. As of February, 2017, we now have 342 children in foster care and of these 253 are in paid placements. This is an increase of 42 children in paid placements. The average cost from October 2015 to February 2016 was \$184,000 per month and now the average cost from October 2016 to February 2017 is \$265,000 per month, an increase of \$81,000 per month. Due to such are large increase in paid placements, our foster care board payment accounts are overspending. Therefore, we are requesting to transfer funds within the Children Residential accounts to cover the overspending.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request

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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	Brown	Fraley	Grant	Hovis	Keigher	Phillips	Worley	Vote
2017-072	03/28/2017	RW	TK	A	AB	A	A	A	A	A	U

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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 5867 DHHS- Social Services
Dept. # Department Name

Department Director's Signature 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

Resolution # Date

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT	AMOUNT
	Fund - Dept - Subdept - Div - Acct - Subacct	SUBPROJECT	Whole Dollars Only
	XX - XXXX - XXXX - XXXX - XXX - XXX	XXXXX - XXXX	(See Note Below)
Other Contracts/Subsidy-State FC	20-5867-5861-699-000	17099-0001	285,000
Public Asst Payment-IVE FC	20-5867-5441-475-000		(185,000)
Adoption Assistance	20-5867-5471-475-001		(55,000)
Family Reunification	20-5867-298-000		(40,000)
Special Foster Home Contracts	20-5867-5863-699-000		(5,000)

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

County Manager/Interim Assistant County Manager Date

Financial Operations Manager/Asst. Financial Operations Mgr. Date

Interim Budget Administrator Date

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.