



**RESOLUTION TITLE: TO ACCEPT AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) WATERLINE GRANT FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (NCDEQ) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,375,000**

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received an earmark for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in S.L. 2021-180 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in the amount of \$2,375,000 to perform work detailed in the submitted application; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County:

- 1) That Gaston County does hereby accept the American Rescue Plan Grant offer of \$2,375,000.
- 2) That Gaston County does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.
- 3) That Ray Maxwell, Infrastructure & Asset Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted the 28th Day of March, 2023.

  
Chad Brown, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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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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Appropriation of \$2,375,000 in ARPA funding from NCDEQ Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserve and the reimbursement to the CIF fund balance for funds appropriated via Resolution 2022-294 to cover a funding shortfall for the High Shoals, Hardin, Dallas water line project (DEQ Project #: SRP-D-ARP-0075). The project will construct the Infrastructure necessary to provide water service between the Town of Dallas and the City of High Shoals.



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## Public Works

## Board Action

File #: 23-118

Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Approve a Resolution to Accept and Appropriate an American Rescue Plan (ARP) Waterline Grant from the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)/ NC Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) to Provide Water Service Between the City of High Shoals and the Town of Dallas in the Amount of \$2,375,000, Which Will Increase the Total Amount of the Grant to \$7,853,000

### STAFF CONTACT

Dan Ziehm, PE- Public Works Director- 704-862-6795

### BUDGET IMPACT

Increase federal grant revenues and decrease fund balance appropriated in CIF by \$2,375,000.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

### BACKGROUND

The NC Division of Water Infrastructure awarded \$5,478,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for water, wastewater, and stormwater projects to Gaston County (Project# SRP-D-ARP-0075). The waterline project required County funds totaling \$2,449,000 as the project was not fully grant funded. Resolution # 2022-203 approved on June 28, 2022, appropriated \$894,000 from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) fund balance for the design fees associated with the project. Resolution # 2022-294 approved on September 27, 2022, appropriated an additional \$1,555,000 for the County required contribution which is also being appropriated from the CIF fund balance. An application was submitted by Public Works to NCDEQ/DWI for an additional \$2,375,000 in grant funding to help cover the funding gap and reduce County costs.

As per 2022-294, the additional funds granted by NCDEQ/DWI and accepted by Gaston County will reimburse a prior fund balance appropriation to the CIF fund balance. Approval of this Board Action accepts the additional \$2,375,000 in ARPA funds from NCDEQ/DWI and returns those funds back to the CIF fund balance as approved per Resolution 2022-294. Further, approval of this Board Action authorizes the County Manager, or her designee, to execute any required grant documents.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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