



Gaston County

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Budget and Purchasing Board Action

File #: 18-428

Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate a Governor's Crime Commission Grant Award to Fund Salaries and Fringes for the Sheriff's Domestic Violence Deputies (**\$136,836; County Match 25% -\$45,612**)

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate additional Federal pass-through State funds. The 25% county match is provided by a portion of the court advocate's salary

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

There is an urgent need to provide on-going services through the specialized Domestic Violence Unit (2 DV Deputies and 2 Court Advocates) and their goals of providing consistent, integrated, comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence. In 2016, The Shelter responded to 1,080 crisis calls- a 20% increase from the previous year- and 2,920 information calls. The Shelter provided 5,950 bed nights for 185 DV victims. The Sheriff's Office received 9,344 DV calls for service, and served 420 criminal warrants and 134 orders for arrest between 10/1/16 and 9/30/17. The Court Advocate assisted with 862 ex-parte orders and accompanied 721 clients to court during the same time period. The Sheriff's Office will continue to fund an existing Court Advocate's position as the 25% match for GCC grant funding. The Sheriff's Office will also partner with 10 municipal law enforcement agencies through an MOU to assume primary responsibility for serving all domestic violence-related warrants and summons in each jurisdiction to strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women.

This project will fund post-violence law enforcement services to domestic violence victims in order to increase victims' knowledge and safety, to decrease victims' stress, and ultimately to reduce domestic violence and associated trauma, injury and death in Gaston County.

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:

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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4131 Budget/Purchasing
Dept. # Department Name

Matthew Rhoten 11/06/2018
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)
2018 GCC DV LE Unit Grant	010-02-4315-4315-425022-19556	(\$136,836)
Salary: 2018 GCC DV LE Unit Grant	010-02-4315-4315-510001-19556	\$90,125
FICA: 2018 GCC DV LE Unit Grant	010-02-4315-4315-510100-19556	\$7,363
Retirement: 2018 GCC DV LE Unit Grant	010-02-4315-4315-510101-19556	\$7,722
401K Contribution: 2018 GCC DV LE Grt.	010-02-4315-4315-510102-19556	\$4,826
Group Insurance: 2018 GCC DV LE Grt.	010-02-4315-4315-510103-19556	\$20,400
Overtime: 2018 GCC DV LE Unit Grant	010-02-4315-4315-510002-19556	\$6,400

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission administers the state's federal block grants related to domestic violence victims' services. The Gaston County Sheriff's Office has been awarded \$136,836 or 75% of the costs to continue the Domestic Violence Unit, which includes salary and benefits funding for two Domestic Violence Deputies. The 25% in-kind match will be met through a portion of the Court Advocate's salary and fringe benefits (group insurance). The Court Advocate's salary is already included in the Sheriff's Budget and is paid through Civil Service Processing Fees.

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.