



# Gaston County

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## DHHS - Social Services Division Board Action

File #: 21-352

Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Emergency Rental Assistance Funds from the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$2,143,378

### STAFF CONTACT

Angela Karchmer - Social Services Director - 704-862-7930

### BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Federal revenues. No additional County funds.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Increase Federal revenues by \$2,143,378 and appropriate \$2,143,378 into Special Programs accounts.

### BACKGROUND

The Department of US Treasury made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds for a second allocation for the Emergency Rental Assistance program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grantees use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs. At least 85 percent of awarded funds must be used for direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. Remaining funds are available for case management and other administrative costs. Funds generally expire on September 30, 2025.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

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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	AFrale	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	TPhillbeck	RWorley	Vote
2021-257	09/28/2021	BH	CB	A	AB	A	A	AB	A	A	U

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## GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4790 DHHS-Social Services  
           Dept. #                      Department Name

Angela Karchmer 9/10/2021  
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)
Emergency Rental Assistance Grant 2	020-05-4790-0000-420000-22506	(2,143,378)
Salaries: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510001-22506	175,000
FICA: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510100-22506	13,400
Retirement: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510101-22506	20,000
Health Insurance: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510103-22506	25,000
Unemployment Ins: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510104-22506	3,000
Dental Ins: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510108-22506	3,000
Life ins: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-510109-22506	2,000
Temporary Help Services: ERA 2	020-05-4790-0000-530013-22506	80,106
Emergency Rent Asst 2: Direct Payments	020-05-4790-0000-560000-22506	1,821,872

### JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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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.