



Gaston County

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Police Department Board Action

File #: 21-339

Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Appropriation of Funds from the Federal (Treasury/Justice) Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program for the Purpose of Purchasing Department Equipment (\$96,000)

STAFF CONTACT

J. D. Ramey, Chief of Police - Gaston County Police Department - 704-866-3321

BUDGET IMPACT

No County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Control Act of 1984 and the Anti-Drug Act of 1986 provide for distribution among participating law enforcement agencies of assets forfeited in connection with drug related arrests and the above laws prohibit the use of such funds to reduce local funds budgeted for law enforcement programs.

During fiscal years 2015 (Justice) and 2016 (Treasury) the Gaston County Police Department received funds from the Federal Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program. Funds to be allocated from the Drug Asset Fund Balance (025-99-9900-0000-490000 - FY2015/\$20,000 Justice / FY2016/\$76,000 Treasury). The Gaston County Police Department requests funds to be appropriated for purchasing the following equipment:

1. ERT Rifles - The County Police utilizes a team of highly trained officers who make up our Emergency Response Team. The ERT responds to the most dangerous situations. This team requires extra training and equipment. Currently team members are using rifles that are over a decade old and have had thousands of rounds fired through them. The rifles are nearing the end of their service life.

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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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2021-267	09/28/2021	BH	CB	A	AB	A	A	AB	A	A	U

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2. McKee Craft Boat Motor - The Department is asking for funds to replace the current boat motor for the McKee Craft (smaller boat). This motor is no longer operational and per Donald Carlson, Gaston County Fleet Administrator, the cost involved in repairing the motor is not cost efficient. The department is requesting funds to purchase a 2021 Yamaha VF250XB motor. This smaller boat is used in shallow waters.
3. Breaching System - The breaching system is a light weight hydraulic spreading system utilized for multiple types of breaching operations. This system has been used time and time again in large school lockdown situations. Most recently this tool was used in the UNC Charlotte active shooter situation.
4. Cellbrite Certified Examiner - The Criminal Investigations Unit utilizes technology on a daily basis as part of the investigative steps to solving crimes. As technology advances, CIU will need to keep pace and be able to examine cell phones. One of the best tools out there is Cellbrite. Cost includes 3 classes and testing to be classified as a Cellbrite Examiner.
5. Condor Packs -The Condor Venture Pack is designed for carrying the needed equipment for the crisis negotiator into the field. The bag is equipped with a laptop sleeve, multiple compartments for quick access and a bungee retentive stash pocket, the Venture can organize and keep all the needed equipment to be ready and uniform with all negotiators.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Dr. Kim S. Eagle COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4310 County Police
 Dept. # Department Name

J. D. Ramey 09/08/2021
 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	025-99-9900-0000-490000	[96,000.00]
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Treasury	025-02-4310-4310-530043-10002	76,000.00
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Justice	025-02-4310-4310-530044-50113	20,000.00

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

The Comprehensive Control Act of 1984 and the Anti-Drug Act of 1986 provide for the distribution among participating law enforcement agencies of assets forfeited in connection with drug related arrests. The above laws prohibit the use of such funds to reduce local funds budgeted for law enforcement programs. The department requests \$96,000 be appropriated for the purchasing of new ERT rifles, replacing the McKee Craft (smaller Marine Unit boat used in shallow waters) boat motor, a breaching system, Cellbrite Certified Examiner, and Condor Packs,. Equipment to be used by the ERT team and our Criminal Investigations Unit. ERT rifles are nearing the end of their service life; training/classes for classified examiner; breaching system is a light weight system used for multiple types of operations. Funds to be allocated from the Drug Asset Fund Balance (#025-99-9900-0000-490000 - FY2016/\$76,000 - Treasury; FY2015/\$20,000 - Justice).

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.