

Gaston County

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Board Action Report

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Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds Awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission for the Implementation of the Sexual Assault Program Implemented by Phoenix Counseling in the Amount of \$324,002 (*No County Funds*)

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate federal revenues. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Phoenix Counseling Center filled a void in Gaston and Lincoln Counties by implementing a new SASP in 2016. The program provides the following core services to victims of sexual assault: hotline and crisis services; transportation assistance; referral to shelter services; medical and court advocacy; referral to legal advocacy; individual counseling; support group services; and community education. Program personnel identify victims of sexual assault, determine victims' needs through crisis assessment, collaborate with community partners to address victims' individual needs, and work towards improving both physical and emotional health outcomes for these adults and children. Gaston County serves as the fiscal agent for the program.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request