



Board Action Report

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Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Accept a Grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a County Wide Educational Initiative to Increase and Enhance Best Practices for Recycling in Gaston County and Partnering Municipalities and Appropriate the Required Local Match Necessary to Complete the Project (**State Grant - \$24,000; Local Match - \$6,000**)

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate State Grant Funding (80%) \$24,000; Local Match (20%) \$6,000

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Gaston County Solid Waste and Recycling Division continues to look for various ways to maintain the integrity of recycling opportunities for residents of Gaston County. Within the past year, global markets have deteriorated and threatened local recycling programs. The Division applied for and recently received notification of award from NCDEQ for a "County Wide Educational Initiative to Increase and Enhance Best Practices for Recycling in Gaston County and Partnering Municipalities." Through this grant, the Division plans to rebrand educational materials provided to all residents of the County regardless of location. Each municipality and the County would have a collective branding message. The idea is to simplify and reduce contamination. Based on changes happening in the recycling markets, staff has worked diligently with municipalities and vendors to understand what materials will be accepted now and in the future. After meeting with representatives from the municipalities in the County, the agreement was made by all to work towards a unified message in order to salvage the best recycling streams that we knew would have outlets.

Approval of this Board Action accepts the grant award in the amount of \$24,000 and appropriates the required local match in the amount of \$6,000 for the County Wide Education Initiative to increase and enhance best practices for recycling in Gaston County and partnering municipalities. Additionally, approval of this Board Action authorizes the County Manager or his designee to execute said documents on behalf of Gaston County and appropriates funding for expenditure purposes. The attached Budget Change Request moves funding into the specific accounts to meet guidelines for auditing and reporting.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request

