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AGENCY PROFILES

The Board of County Commissioners funds nineteen outside agencies that are outside the structure of Gordon County government operations. The outside agencies are:

Gordon County Health Department (5110)

This agency, under the direction of a local Board of Health, determines the county's health needs and develops programs to meet those needs. This agency administers numerous community health related programs such as health screenings, health services, WIC program, and special health programs for children and infants. In addition, this department has an environmental health unit that reviews plans and inspects tourist accommodations, inspects cleanliness of restaurants, reviews plans and inspects public swimming pools, evaluates and protects private water wells, issues septic tank permits, performs rabies control activities, investigates health and disease related issues, and performs various public education activities. The county provides this agency with a county-owned building and an annual supplement.

School Nurse Program (5152)

This program provides funds toward the expenses of school nurses in both the Calhoun City School System and the Gordon County School System.

Gordon Hospital Ambulance Service (5171)

This service, contracted out to Gordon Hospital, provides the county with emergency medical transportation services. The county provides this service with an annual supplement and a fuel subsidy.

Georgia State Patrol (5175)

The county pays this state agency's cell phone service to support its operation in the county.

Coosa Valley Regional Services and Development Corporation (5510)

This private non-profit organization, on contract with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission that is the local Area Agency on Aging, provides the Meals on Wheels Program (nutritional programs and home delivered meals) for elderly citizens in a ten county area including Gordon County. The county provides this agency with an annual supplement that is directly allocated toward the provision of meals.

Department of Family and Children Services (5446)

This agency, under the direction of the Georgia Department of Human Services Region-3, provides and administers all welfare and public assistance functions within the county including such programs as assistance to needy families, food stamps and Medicaid.

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City of Calhoun Recreation Department (6110)

This city department provides a full range of recreation programming to all citizens of the county. Under the HB 489 Service Delivery Strategy agreement executed by the county and all five cities within the county on August 6, 2002 and updated during June 2009, the City of Calhoun Recreation Department originally received \$275,000 per year plus a 3% annual increase each year of county General Funds in addition to their SPLOST funding.

Calhoun/Gordon County Arts Council (6130-572019)

This non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, under the direction of an independent Board of Directors, is comprised of five divisions: Arts in Education, Community Chorus, Little Theater, Roland Hayes Museum, Music Guild, and the Visual Arts Guild. This organization offers culturally diverse programming in music, dance, theater, and visual art exhibitions. The county provides this organization with an annual supplement.

Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Association (6130-572031)

This private association, under the direction of a local Board of Directors, organizes and manages the community's annual fair and other special events including the July 4th event, Christmas Parade, and the Springfest event. The county provides this association with funding for the annual July 4th event and fairground improvements.

Calhoun/Gordon County Library (6510)

This agency, under the direction of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, which serves Gordon, Whitfield, and Murray Counties and headquartered in Dalton, is responsible for operating and managing the Local Gordon County library branch. This library branch has a collection of books, videos, newspapers, magazines, genealogy materials and computers. The library's operation is funded by the county (65%) and the City of Calhoun (35%). The county provides this agency with an annual supplement and the state provides funding for the purchase of additional library materials.

Georgia Forestry Commission (7140)

The county pays this state agency \$10,500 per year based on a formula of \$0.10 for 104,999 acres in order to participate in the forest wildfire protection program.

Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources-Wildlife Resources Division (7160)

The county pays this state agency's cell phone service to support its operations in the county.

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Development Authority of Gordon County (7520)

This authority promotes trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities within Gordon County and promotes and develops the 200 acre industrial park located on McDaniel Station Road and the industrial park located on U.S. 41 South. The county provides this authority with an annual supplement to pay debt service on a recently acquired industrial property. This property was acquired by the Development Authority through a bank loan guaranteed by the Gordon County government.

Calhoun/Gordon County Airport Authority (7560)

This five member authority has the responsibility of operating and managing the Calhoun/Gordon County airport, also known as Tom B. David Field. This Level III general aviation airport has 250 acres, a 6,000 foot long and 100 foot wide lighted asphalt runway, modern terminal and fuel system, 71 T-hangers, 9 corporate hangers, numerous tie-downs, sells aviation fuel, and leases hangers for revenue. The airports operation is funded by the county (50%) and the City of Calhoun (50%). The county provides this authority with an annual supplement.

Voluntary Action Center (7636-572007)

This agency, under the direction of an independent Board of Directors, offers many programs to citizens in need including: (1) Emergency Assistance Program – that offers a food pantry, clothing, household items, rent assistance, and utility bill assistance, (2) Thrift Shop – has economically priced used clothing, furniture, and other items donated by the public at reduced rates, (3) Disaster Closet for Burn-out and Tornado Victims – bedding, furniture, dishes, pans, towels, silverware, clothing, and temporary shelter costs, (4) Prescription Assistance – working with local medical and pharmaceutical personnel to meet the prescription needs of those who qualify, and (5) Special Holiday Assistance – referrals for Thanksgiving Food Baskets, Empty Stocking Fund, and Family and Teenage Holiday Adoptions. The county provides this agency with an annual supplement.

Prevent Child Abuse Gordon County, Inc. (7636-572009)

This organization, formerly known as Commission on Children & Youth, is under the direction of an independent Board of Directors, serves as a child abuse prevention agency and offers five major programs: (1) Nurturing Parents Program, a group parenting class conducted three times per year in 12-15 week sessions, (2) First Steps Program, in conjunction with Gordon Hospital, a parent support, information, and referral program for parents with newborns, (3) Healthy Families/Parents as Teachers Program, a voluntary home visitation program for children 0-3 and their families, (4) Grand Families, a support program for families caring for the children of relatives that offers in addition to support groups, information and training on topics important to relative caregivers and the children for which they are caring, and (5) the Supervised Visitation Center which offers families with children in foster care or relative placement a safe non-threatening place for visits with their children. The county provides this organization with an annual supplement.

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Winners Club (7636-572012)

This private, non-profit organization, under the direction of a local Board of Directors, provides recreation and mentoring programs to at-risk children with disabilities. The County provides this organization with an annual supplement.

George Chambers Resource Center (7636-572025)

This private non-profit agency, under the direction of a local Board of Directors, contracts with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities to provide various services to individuals with developmental disabilities. These services include community access, community living supports, supported employment, transportation, and respite. This agency also contracts with the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Services to assist individuals to secure employment. Lastly, this agency also contracts with the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging to assist the aging and disabled populations to remain in their homes and provides personal supports and skilled nursing. The county provides this agency with a county-owned facility and an annual supplement for fuel for their vans.

5311 Transportation Program (901)

This federally funded public transportation program, contracted out by the county and operated by North Georgia Community Action, Inc., provides a variety of transportation services to Gordon County citizens with its three buses including curb-to-curb, shared ride, route deviation, demand-response, and charter transportation services. Out of county transportation is provided on a case-by-case basis. The regular hours of service are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and charter service is provided after regular operating hours on weekdays and on weekends. The county provides this program with an annual supplement, fuel, and a dispatching office at the Gordon County Social Service building.

FY 2015-16 BUDGETS HIGHLIGHTS

- Georgia State Patrol small equipment budget expenditures increased \$8,780 for the purchase of four radar units.
- Calhoun Recreation budget expenditure increased \$11,762 in accordance with a contract with the City of Calhoun.
- Fair Association budget expenditure decreased \$8,000 due to completion of fairground improvements.
- Library budget expenditure increased \$23,134 due to increased salary and benefits.
- Prevent Child Abuse GC, Inc. budget expenditure increased \$2,270 to help fund forensic interviews.
- 5311 Transportation Program budget expenditure increased \$19,442. One half of the total cost of this program (\$98,241) is paid by a grant from the State of Georgia reported in Intergovernmental revenue.

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Agency Description	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Budget	FY 2015-16 Department's Requested Budget	FY 2015-16 Administrator's Recommended Budget	FY 2015-16 Commission Approved Budget	% Change From FY 2014-15
Health Department	405,261.96	405,262.00	405,262.00	405,262.00	405,262.00	0.00%
School Nurse Program	68,250.00	68,250.00	84,175.00	68,250.00	68,250.00	0.00%
Ambulance Service	293,999.96	314,000.00	314,000.00	314,000.00	314,000.00	0.00%
Georgia State Patrol	3,551.45	3,705.00	10,280.00	10,280.00	10,280.00	177.46%
Meals on Wheels	3,276.00	3,276.00	3,276.00	3,276.00	3,276.00	0.00%
DFACS	44,562.96	44,563.00	44,563.00	44,563.00	44,563.00	0.00%
Calhoun Recreation	380,663.00	392,082.00	403,844.00	403,844.00	403,844.00	3.00%
Arts Council	3,000.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00%
Fair Association	4,550.00	12,550.00	12,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	-63.75%
Library	195,903.58	227,174.00	250,308.00	250,308.00	250,308.00	10.18%
Georgia Forestry Commission	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00%
DNR-Law Enforcement Div	881.36	1,399.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-14.22%
GC Development Authority	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00%
Airport Authority	148,781.00	148,781.00	148,781.00	148,781.00	148,781.00	0.00%
VAC	9,919.00	9,919.00	9,919.00	9,919.00	9,919.00	0.00%
Prevent Child Abuse GC, Inc.	2,730.00	2,730.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	83.15%
Winners Club	4,550.00	4,550.00	6,000.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00%
G. Chambers Resource Ctr.	8,908.00	8,908.00	8,908.00	8,908.00	8,908.00	0.00%
5311 Transportation Program	159,759.15	177,039.00	196,481.00	196,481.00	196,481.00	10.98%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,859,047.42	1,949,238.00	2,029,597.00	2,004,222.00	2,004,222.00	2.82%



Library Expansion