



Agenda Action Form Overview

Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.26BCC030 to recognize additional funding from the NC Department of Adult Correction in the amount of \$19,117.00 for transportation for the Local Reentry Council

Background/Justification

In December 2016, the Justice Services Department (JSD) (Formerly Criminal Justice Resource Center) was awarded a contract from the NC Department of Public Safety now NC Department of Adult Correction (NCDAC) to serve as the Intermediary Agency for the Local Reentry Council (LRC). The LRC is designed to coordinate services and resources at the local level to support justice involved individuals to reduce recidivism and victimization while promoting positive citizenship. The Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee serves as the executive body overseeing the on-going work of the Durham Local Reentry Council. The Justice Services Department provides administrative support, office equipment and office space for the Local Reentry Council Coordinator and the Employment Case Manager, as well as supervises the services and provides oversight to the Local Reentry Council.

Per the contract, JSD purchases all the supportive services from approved county vendors in the required areas of housing assistance, transportation assistance, employment assistance and job readiness, childcare assistance, and basic needs for returning citizens served by the Local Reentry Council. The LRC Coordinator is the primary contact for the Durham LRC, which receives referrals from multiple sources to include: NCDAC prison case managers, Probation/Parole officers, community-based programs, and private citizens. The LRC Coordinator and the Employment Case Manager provide short-term case management for all clients until an appropriate connection is made with a service provider and/or employer. Once a client is referred to a service provider the case remains open for either 30 days or six months depending on the needs to the client.

The Intermediary Agency contract has been awarded annually to JSD since December 2017, with the current contract period of December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025. This contract is expected to be renewed in three consecutive years, provided funds are appropriated in the NC State Budget.

The current contract amendment is designed to provide additional funding to the LRC for client transportation in the amount of \$19,117.00. These funds are available through December 31, 2026 contingent upon contract renewal. All expenditures are on a reimbursement basis and can be used for bus passes, ride shares or van transport for clients; fuel cards or mileage reimbursements tied to reentry related activities; contracts or MOU's with local transit providers; or other Department approved modes of transportation.

Policy Impact

This contract will fund the continuation of the Durham Local Reentry Council and supportive services for individuals returning to our community after incarceration.

Procurement Background

N/A



Fiscal Impact

This contract does not require a County match. It will help offset County funding for support services for returning citizens.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 26.BCC030 to recognize additional funding from the NC Department of Adult Correction in the amount of \$19,117.00 for transportation for the Local Reentry Council