



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC019 Public Health to recognize \$140,350 from NC DHHS Division of Public Epidemiology Section of the Communicable Disease Branch.

Background/Justification

The primary mission of the Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) is to reduce morbidity and mortality resulting from communicable diseases that are a significant threat to the public through detection, investigation, testing, treatment, tracking, control, education, and care activities to improve the health of people in North Carolina.

These funds have rolled over from FY-23-24 and will be used to continue to support communicable disease surveillance, detection, control, and prevention activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and other communicable disease challenges impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The scope and magnitude of the COVID-19 response required an “all hands-on deck” approach that redirected staff from much of their normal day-to-day responsibilities. This created a disproportionate focus on COVID-19 cases at the expense of other communicable diseases. As a result, the ability to perform routine activities (e.g., case investigation/management, patient education, etc.) for these other diseases has been suboptimal compared to pre-pandemic efforts. These funds are intended to assist with a return to, and in some instances exceed, pre-pandemic service delivery for other communicable diseases.

Policy Impact

Recognition of these funds are in line with current Board policy and do not require an exception.

Procurement Background

Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact

Recognizing these revenues for the current fiscal year will allow for additional funding needed to rapidly establish and monitor key activities related to communicable disease.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends the Board approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC019 Public Health to recognize \$140,350 from NC DHHS Division of Public Epidemiology Section of the Communicable Disease Branch.