Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Amendment No. 25BCC021 to recognize funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section and Maternal Health Branch.

Background/Justification

The North Carolina MHI Program implements initiatives statewide that address disparities in maternal health and improve maternal health outcomes, including the prevention and reduction of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity (SMM). Program funds will be provided to local health departments to purchase medical supplies to support pregnant and postpartum patients in managing their hypertension and/or diabetes.

One strategy to assist with detecting and diverting obstetrical emergencies early is regular monitoring of blood pressure and glucose levels by the patient outside of their scheduled appointments. For patients that are uninsured and diagnosed with hypertension and/or diabetes, there are limited options for accessing these tools outside of the clinical setting, which puts them at higher risk for severe complications.

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 us to purchase and distribute digital blood pressure monitors to our maternal health patients.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends the Board approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 25BCC021 to recognize \$10,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Sections and Maternal Health Branch.