



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC015 Public Health to Recognize \$17, 500 from the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention

**Background/Justification**

The primary goal of the Integrated Targeted Testing Services (ITTS) project is to provide HIV counseling, testing, and referral (CTR) services to communities that are disproportionately affected by HIV and may experience barriers to accessing care. Priority populations include Black and Latine communities, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, sex workers, and transgender individuals.

By offering testing and support services in community settings rather than relying solely on traditional healthcare facilities, the program helps reach people who may not otherwise engage with clinic-based services. This approach is essential to increasing early diagnosis and linkage to care, particularly in communities where HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are often undetected due to structural barriers, stigma, or limited access to resources.

**Policy Impact**

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

**Procurement Background**

Program materials will be obtained through the normal procurement process.

**Fiscal Impact**

No additional county funds are required.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC015 Public Health to Recognize \$17, 500 from the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services for HIV Prevention