



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26 BCC 040 to recognize additional funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Background/Justification

The Carnegie Corporation is awarding \$10,000 to each of the remaining Carnegie Libraries still operating within the United States to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The libraries “May use the funds however they wish to celebrate the 250th anniversary, further their mission, and benefit their community.”

Durham County Library is one of the remaining 1,280 Carnegie Libraries in existence from the original 1,681. A Carnegie Library is a library building constructed using funds from the Carnegie Corporation between 1883 and 1929. In 1917, the Durham Public Library received \$32,000 from the Carnegie Corporation to help build a new library building which opened on July 6th, 1921.

The application and correspondence between Durham Public Library and the Carnegie Corporation for the endowment of the new building is available here: <https://dx.doi.org/10.7916/d8-2sqg-n659>. It also includes the correspondence between the Durham Colored Library and the Carnegie Corporation for their unsuccessful request for funding.

Policy Impact

N/A

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Legal Review

N/A

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC040 to recognize additional funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.