



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

Approval of Board Review of the FY 2026-27 County Funding Plan for Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) for Aging Adults.

### **Background/Justification**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacted Senate Bill 165, Chapter 241 of the 1991 Session Laws. This legislation established a Home and Community Block Grant for Older Adults and was supported by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The Block Grant combines certain federal and state appropriations supporting home and community care for older adults, which are currently administered by the Division of Aging and Social Services.

In 1989, the General Assembly established an Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care. This committee was specifically required to consider development of a “common funding stream” for services to older adults. The HCCBG Block Grant is a specific recommendation of this committee. County aging plans, which set the overall priorities and course for aging, are the basis for the receipt of block grant funds, and as such, define the roles of local agencies in providing services at the county level and meeting the needs of such groups. Decisions on target groups and service priorities are developed in accordance with state guidelines and the principle of local flexibility and choice. The County Commissioners in each county are ultimately responsible for the HCCBG Block Grant. The County Commissioners appoint a lead agency (DSS and Durham Center for Senior Life are co-lead agencies); appoint a HCCBG Advisory Committee and approve the Funding Plan. Each May, the Board of County Commissioners approves the HCCBG Plan for the following fiscal year.

### **Policy Impact**

This agenda item is consistent with historical amendments approved and does not require an exception to board policy.

### **Procurement Background**

N/A

### **Fiscal Impact**

Funding for the HCCBG is included in the FY 2026-27 budget (pending BOCC approval).

### **Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the review of the FY 2026-27 County Funding Plan for HCCBG for Aging Adults.