



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC014 Public Health to recognize additional funds in the amount of \$9,081 from NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section / Communicable Disease Branch.

### **Background/Justification**

The primary purpose of the Communicable Disease Branch (CBD) 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. The North Carolina Division of Public Health (DPH) is committed to improving Sexually Transmitted Disease Programs through Assessment, Assurance, Policy Development and Prevention Strategies by:

- Reducing the incidence of STDs through the assurance of rapid testing treatment, and linkage to care for individuals infected with or exposed to STDs, especially syphilis and HIV.
- Employ syndemic disease control strategies to ensure individuals at risk for overlapping infections receive appropriate evaluation, testing, and treatment for all relevant infections.
- Ensure STD prevention and control services are delivered in a culturally competent manner.
- Conducting interviews with HIV positive clients who are out of care to determine barriers to ensure medical treatment and follow up occur and make medical and psychological referrals for cases as needed.

### **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 support the HIV and syphilis partner notification. The goal is to control the spread of HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases by providing case investigation and contact tracing services to county residents infected with or exposed to these organisms. The current grant funds from NC DHHS end February 28, 2026. Per NC DHHS, this funding is expected to end on February 28, 2026.

### **Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends the Board approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 26BCC014 Public Health to recognize \$9,081 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section/ Communicable Disease Branch.