



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC0035 to recognize funds from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$100,663 for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) and approve the JCPC’s recommendation of fund allocation.

### **Background/Justification**

The North Carolina General Assembly, via General Statute 143B-543, seeks to develop community-based alternatives to youth development centers. Another priority of the legislature is to ensure that community-based delinquency and substance abuse prevention strategies and programs are provided. The N.C. Department of Public Safety partners with Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils in each county to galvanize community leaders, locally and statewide, to reduce and prevent juvenile crime. JCPC board members are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and meet monthly in each county. The meetings are open to the public, and all business is considered public information. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice allocates approximately \$23 million to these councils annually. Funding is used to subsidize local programs and services. The Durham County JCPC has received annual state funding in the amount of \$536,666 for several years.

In 2017, North Carolina’s General Assembly passed the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (JJRA) also referred to as “Raise the Age”, that will allow for most 16 and 17-year olds charged with crimes to be served in the juvenile justice system instead of being charged as adults effective December 1, 2019. Both the Governor and the General Assembly made significant budget enhancements to implement “Raise the Age.” All JCPC county allocations have received expansion dollars to address programming needs, a statewide total of \$4.2M for FY2019-20 and \$6.6M for FY2020-21.

The increase for Durham County in FY2020 is \$100,663. This is the amount referenced in this Budget Ordinance Request. The increase for Durham County in future years will be \$164,434 for a total allocation of \$701,100, starting in fiscal year 2020-2021.

Since the additional dollars are coming late in the fiscal year, the N.C. Department of Public Safety waived the county match requirement for expansion dollars awarded to programs this year. However, if expansion dollars are used by programs to support capital purchases, a cash match will still be required from programs.

The Durham County JCPC worked closely with the Area Consultant to allocate these expansion dollars to existing programs as quickly as possible and within existing guidelines. All current programs were able to submit an application for additional funding. The applications were evaluated by the JCPC Executive Team and its Funding Committee prior to voting on the recommendations. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, at a regular monthly meeting, with a quorum present, JCPC members voted to submit the attached recommendations to BOCC for consideration.



**Policy Impact**

Accepting these funds is consistent with the County’s current policy to support services geared towards improving outcomes for at-risk youth.

**Procurement Background**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact**

These funds do not require a County match.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC0035 to recognize funds from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$100,663 for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and recommends approval of the funding allocation.