



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health (NC DHHS, DPH).

Background/Justification

Durham County Department of Public Health (DCDPH) is working with the county wide task-force, Durham Joins Together to Save Lives, to respond to the opioid crisis. A371: Community Linkages to Care for Overdose Prevention and Response provides an opportunity to support the continued need for a post-overdose response team. This award builds upon the previously awarded grant, A361, to build the infrastructure necessary to link opioid overdose individuals with opioid detoxification, medication, and recovery support through a partnership with the Durham Recovery Response Center (DRRC), Duke University Health System, and Durham County Detention Center.

The project will support the continued operation of a cross-sector post-overdose response team, connect justice-involved persons to care for opioid use disorder, expand provider education, and enhance outreach with Durham County hospitals. The overall purpose of this proposal is to connect more Durham County residents who are struggling with opioid use with comprehensive, evidence-based care, which acknowledges social determinants of health and responds to current housing challenges.

Policy Impact

This action is consistent with past actions and does not require any exceptions or new additions to Board policy.

Procurement Background

Not applicable

Fiscal Impact

This grant award allows Durham County to fund three peer navigators through an arrangement with Durham Recovery Response Center, as well as support for project coordination, evaluation and data analysis.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health (NC DHHS, DPH).