



Agenda Action Form Overview

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Background/Justification

This funding will increase opioid use disorder treatment and add support for individuals being released from the Durham County Detention facility. North Carolina continues to experience the harmful effects of the opioid epidemic. Researchers examined rates of fatal drug overdose among justice-involved individuals in North Carolina and found opioid overdose mortality rates more than 40 times higher than the general population. Those rates were highest during the first two weeks following release from custody. In accordance with Session Law 2021-180, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS) solicited applications from Sheriffs' Offices to establish, expand or maintain medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs of non-opioid, long-acting, injectable medication for the treatment of alcohol and/or opioid use disorder as part of reentry programming in county jails.

Policy Impact

No policy impact

Procurement Background

These funds will be dedicated to the existing Sheriff's Office MAT Program and will be used following Board approval.

Fiscal Impact

The Medication Assisted Treatment Program is completely funded by these grant funds and the services to detainees will end in their absence.

Recommendation

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