



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize additional Home and Community Care Block Grant Funds subsequent to adoption of the FY2017-2018 Budget. The Department (DSS) and the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL) are co-lead agencies for receiving the HCCBG funds and administering the programs. The goal of services provided under this grant is to enable recipients to stay at home longer; receiving the care and services they need in their own homes, thus reducing the necessity for out of home placement. Services provided are Adult Day Care Services, Congregate Meals, Senior Center Operations, Information and Case Assistance, Transportation, Home Delivered Meals and In-Home Aide Services.

Durham County’s initial allocation was \$1,362,307 and the revised allocation is \$1,450,169 which is an increase of \$87,861. These funds are divided between DCSL and DSS. DCSL will receive \$40,202 and Social Services will receive \$47,659 which includes a 10% County contribution of \$4,719 which will be funded by fund balance appropriation.

HCCBG	Initial Allocation	Increase/Decrease	Revised Allocation
Durham Center for Senior Life	\$ 719,829	\$ 40,202	\$ 760,031
Durham Co. Dept. of Social Services	\$ 642,478	\$ 47,659 Local match increase \$4,719 included in increase amount	\$ 690,137
Total Allocation	\$ 1,362,307	\$ 87,861	\$ 1,450,168

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

The agenda item is consistent with historical HCCBG Agenda Action Forms approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

The HCCBG Advisory Committee helps prepare a County-based aging plan; identifies priority services for older adults within the county and completes the funding plan by determining which services will be funded and how much funding for each service.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommend that the BOCC approve the additional Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding of \$47,659 for the Department of Social Services.