



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. _____ to recognize funds in the amount of \$4,000 from the Aetna Foundation Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Interim Award.

Background/Justification

- The Durham County Department of Public Health partnering with the Cabarrus Health Alliance and the Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy received a Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge (HCCC) Award in September, 2016.
- The HCCC, is sponsored by Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Counties. The initiative, launched in 2016, supports 50 small-to-midsize cities and counties that are implementing innovative solutions to pressing public health issues in their communities.
- An interim Spotlight Award was awarded to HCCC participants who have identified creative partnerships and enacted programs that address the unique health issues facing their communities in meaningful ways.
- Ten winners and five honorable mentions were chosen for the Spotlight Award for their ability to address the need to improve opportunities for all Americans – regardless of income, education or ethnic background – to take an active role in healthy living.
- The Duke Margolis Center/DCoDPH/Cabarrus Health Alliance project received an Honorable Mention Spotlight Award for progress in their work on developing the Community Health Worker (CHW) position, hiring a part time CHW to work in the Transformation in Ten project, working with Durham Technical College for the development and offering of a CHW course and investigation of health care delivery and payment options for the CHW position.
- The Honorable Mention awardees received \$10,000 to help accelerate and advance their work. DCoDPH will receive \$4,000 of this award.

Policy Impact

The agenda item is consistent with historical Board of County Commissioner's support for the initial HCCC award. The DCoDPH received Board approval for \$4,000 of funding in FY 16-17 for the initial HCCC award.

Procurement Background

Procurement of operational supplies will use the approved Durham County procurement procedures; the funds will not cover any capital expenses.

Fiscal Impact

The \$4,000 will be used to support activities related to the Community Health Worker position and role in Durham County.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$4,000 from the Aetna Foundation Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Interim Award.