



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to recognize funds in the amount of \$15,161 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel to support the Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program implementation.

Background/Justification

The Formerly Incarcerated Transition Program (FIT) was established in Durham County in FY16-17. The FIT program utilizes existing state and local resources to assist formerly incarcerated persons suffering from chronic disease with all aspects of successful reentry including a linkage to medical services. The Durham FIT program is based on the national Transitions Clinic Network (TCN) model founded by the University of California, San Francisco. Lincoln Community Health Center is now a Transition Clinic Network site. Along with the Durham County Department of Public Health and Lincoln Community Health Center, other key partners in the FIT Program are the Department of Family Medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the Durham Criminal Justice Resource Center and North Carolina Departments of Public Health.

FIT program goals include:

- Connection to needed resources
- Reduction in:
 - preventable negative health events
 - emergency room utilization
 - hospitalization (and increased chances of disability)
 - recidivism

A key component of the FIT program is the hiring of a Community Health Worker (CHW) who has previous experience in and/or working with the criminal justice system. The Durham County Department of Public Health hired the first FIT CHW in February, 2017. The CHW works individually with participants to connect them with health information and health care services and assists in the navigation of these services. Initial funding for the CHW was provided by the North Carolina Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease and Injury Section, Aid-to-Counties grant for a two year period. The UNC Department of Family Medicine was awarded a Duke Endowment grant for continued support of the FIT Program in Durham and Orange Counties. The DCoDPH is a sub-recipient of this grant and will receive funds to support the CHW position for the 4th quarter of FY17-18 and fully in FY18-19.

Policy Impact

The agenda item is consistent with policy that supports programs and services for improved health outcomes in Durham County.

Procurement Background

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

Fiscal Impact



These funds will add \$15,161 into the Durham County Department of Public Health budget.

Funds will be used per the following:

\$13,861 salary and fringe benefits

\$300 training related travel

\$1,000 operational travel

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$15,161 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel to support the Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program implementation.