



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds from SHIFT-NC in the amount of \$2,000 for Project Build.

Background/Justification

Project BUILD is a multi-disciplinary gang prevention and intervention program that provides coordinated case management and services to youth and young adults between the ages of 12 and 22 who are at high risk of gang involvement.

Project BUILD's street outreach workers work one-on-one with young people to model pro-social behavior, provide behavior coaching, support positive decision-making, encourage education and employment success, and support involvement in pro-social activities.

Services for Project BUILD clients are coordinated by a team of professionals representing education, social services, mental health, substance abuse, and criminal justice agencies.

SHIFT-NC and the Durham County Department of Public Health, through Project BUILD, have agreed to collaborate to increase the number of young people from Project BUILD accessing sexual and reproductive health services. Project BUILD outreach workers will refer their youth to services with the aim of contributing to the long-term goal of reducing teen pregnancy and births.

Funds associated with this MOU cannot be used for clinical care or to purchase contraception. These funds will be used to support any Project BUILD program services/activities or costs such as meeting the needs of program youth (e.g. equipment to participate in sports, clothing and ID needs for work, school supplies), costs to support Project BUILD families who are impacted by violence (e.g. funeral costs) or staff development and training.

Policy Impact

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

Procurement Background

Not applicable

Fiscal Impact

This partnership is a great way to provide additional funding to support program activities that benefit the community as a whole. Many individual and organizations have contributed to Project BUILD in the past and we will continue to seek funding from external sources.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$2,000 for Project Build.