



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000019 Recognize Funds from US Department of Justice in the amount of \$91,016 for Integrated Reentry Services: Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness and establish a 1.0 FTE provisional position.

### **Background/Justification**

The US Department of Justice awarded a three-year grant to the Durham County and the Criminal Justice Resource Center to provide pre-and post-release services to persons in the Durham County Detention Center. The first year of the grant is set aside for planning, with years two and three dedicated to program implementation. A Planning and Implementation Guide must be completed in year one and approved by US DOJ, before funding for years 2 and 3 will be released. The total grant amount is \$749,771.

Funding in Year 1 will be used for a project coordinator, basic office equipment and a contractual agreement with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to work with CJRC staff and a steering committee during the planning phase of the project. The Project Coordinator will be responsible for the coordination of the project's planning and implementation efforts and will complete all required grant reports.

This funding would build on the progress from the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Project grant to establish a comprehensive case planning and re-entry coordination process that begins during incarceration and extends into reentry. Specifically, we aim to:

- Enhance integration of mental health and substance use services offered within the detention center, including integrated screening and assessment for mental illnesses and substance use disorders.
- Conduct comprehensive case planning prior to release for individuals with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders.
- Train clinical staff to use dual disorder motivational interviewing to simultaneously address mental health, substance use, and criminal justice involvement
- Provide interim community-based supports and care coordination to individuals with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders as they await treatment engagement with community-based mental health and substance use service providers

Critical partners in this effort are the Durham County Sheriff's Office, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, Community Corrections (Probation), and all agencies involved with Durham's Stepping Up Initiative efforts.

### **Policy Impact**

This grant will enhance current substance use disorder and mental health services in the detention center, provide comprehensive case planning for individuals with co-occurring disorders and post-release services and follow-up.

### **Procurement Background**

N/A



**Fiscal Impact**

This grant does not require a County match. The program will be covered by the grant award during the next three years.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Amendment No. 19BCC000019 in the amount of \$91,016 from the US Department of Justice for Integrated Reentry Services and establish a 1.0 FTE provisional position.