



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$50,000 as a donation from Aetna to the My Brother's Keeper Durham program.

Background/Justification

In an effort to strengthen the network of services and support for young men of color in Durham, Aetna has made a \$50,000 investment contribution to My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Durham. The presentation was made on November 9th by National VP for State & Local Government/Education Landis Rush to County Manager Wendell M. Davis.

The investment comes at a critically important time for MBK Durham, as officials have been working on an intensive community needs assessment, evaluating the effectiveness of current programming to better understand what programs are working and what programs may need additional support. MBK Durham is identifying and leveraging existing partners who are "on-the-ground" providing knowledge and expertise in various fields.

Program Manager for My Brother's Keeper Durham Edmund P. Lewis, Jr. speaking about the investment, said that "young black men face a unique challenge that oftentimes prevents many of them from discovering their truest potential." Lewis went on to say that "to ensure we equal the playing field in all aspects of success, we must listen to our youth while continuing to break down these barriers and strengthening their network of opportunities."

Policy Impact

This action is consistent with this same donation in the previous fiscal year and does not require any exceptions or new additions to Board policy.

Procurement Background

Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact

No County match is required as a part of this grant, there is no additional on-going fiscal commitment required as a part of this donation.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment to recognize funds in the amount of \$50,000 for My Brother's Keeper.