



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve The Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan. The Home and Community Care Block Care Grant (HCCBG), as authorized in G.S. 143B-181.1 (a) (11), is designed to improve the planning and coordination of in-home and community-based services provided to North Carolina’s older adults. It is also intended to promote the visibility of aging programs at the local level by giving counties increased flexibility with respect to funding aging services available through the Block Grant. The majority of funding comprising the HCCBG is authorized by the federal Older Americans Act. There are federal mandates and priorities established by the Older Americans Act. However, the legislation provides for state and local discretion in the funding of particular services and programs.

The Board is also requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize additional Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds subsequent to adoption of the FY2019-2020 Budget. The Department (DSS) and the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL) are co-lead agencies for receiving the HCCBG funds and administering the programs. The goal of services provided under this grant is to enable recipients to stay at home longer; receiving the care and services they need in their own homes, thus reducing the necessity for out of home placement. Services provided are Adult Day Care Services, Congregate Meals, Senior Center Operations, Information and Case Assistance, Transportation, Home Delivered Meals and In-Home Aide Services.

Counties are advised to base HCCBG services planning on current year funding levels when preparing the new fiscal year budget because the HCCBG Funding Plan is not approved by the BOCC until June or later. Therefore, DSS FY2019-20 Adopted Budget was \$673,568 which was FY2018-2019 initial funding. The Department recognizes \$115,624 which is the difference between the FY2018-19 adopted budget and the FY2019-2020 approved funding plan and \$10,012 which is the difference in the funding plan and the department’s budget, for a total increase of \$115,624, which includes a county contribution of \$74,174 which will be funded by fund balance appropriation.

HCCBG	Initial Allocation	Increase/Decrease	Revised Allocation
Durham Center for Senior Life	\$764,836	\$30,123	\$794,959
Durham Co. Dept. Of Social Services	\$673,568	\$115,624	\$789,192*
TOTAL HCCBG ALLOCATION	\$1,438,404	\$145,747	\$1,584,151

\*DCo DSS Local match (10%) of \$74,174 included

HCCBG	DSS Adopted Budget	Increase/Decrease	DSS Revised Budget
DSS-Expense	\$673,568	\$115,624	\$789,192
DSS-Revenue	\$609,406	\$105,612	\$715,018
Fund Bal App	\$64,162	\$10,012	\$74,174



**Background/Justification**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacted Senate Bill 165, Chapter 241 of the 1991 Session Laws. This legislation established a Home and Community Block Grant for Older Adults and was supported by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The Block Grant combines certain federal and state appropriations supporting home and community care for older adults, which are currently administered by the Division of Aging and Social Services.

In 1989, the General Assembly established an Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care. This committee was specifically required to consider development of a “common funding stream” for services to older adults. The HCCBG Block Grant is a specific recommendation of this committee.

County aging plans, which set the overall priorities and course for aging, are the basis for the receipt of block grant funds, and as such, define the roles of local agencies in providing services at the county level and meeting the needs of such groups. Decisions on target groups and service priorities are developed in accordance with state guidelines and the principle of local flexibility and choice.

The County Commissioners in each county are ultimately responsible for the HCCBG Block Grant. The County Commissioners appoint a lead agency (DSS and Durham Center for Senior Life are co-lead agencies); appoint a HCCBG Advisory Committee and approve the Funding Plan. Each May, the Board of County Commissioners approves the HCCBG Plan for the following fiscal year.

**Policy Impact**

The agenda item is consistent with historical HCCBG Agenda Action Forms approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Procurement Background**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact**

The HCCBG Advisory Committee helps prepare a County-based aging plan; identifies priority services for older adults within the county and completes the funding plan by determining which services will be funded and how much funding for each service.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment 20BCC00008 to recognize the additional Home and Community Care Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$115,624 for the Department of Social Services which includes the required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$74,174. The local match will be funded with a fund balance appropriation.