



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000012 to increase the FY19/20 budget by \$38,902 for Integrated Reentry Services: Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, a grant project funded through the US Department of Justice.

Background/Justification

In September 2019, the US Department of Justice (US DOJ) awarded a three-year grant to Durham County and the Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC) to provide pre-and post-release services to persons in the Durham County Detention Center. The first year of the grant was set aside for planning, with years two and three dedicated to program implementation. A Planning and Implementation Guide had to be completed in year one and approved by US DOJ, before funding for years two and three could be released. The total three-year grant amount is \$749,771.

Final budget approval was not received until April 2019 which significantly delayed several critical components including hiring of a project coordinator and a contractual agreement with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to work with staff and a steering committee on the completion of the Planning and Implementation Guide. A portion of the unspent FY19 funds is needed during FY20. All expenditures are reimbursed by the US DOJ and a local match is not required.

This project will 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 detention and extends into reentry. Specifically, the project aims 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

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. All program expenditures will be covered by the grant award during the three-year grant period.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment NO. 20BCC000012 to increase the FY19/20 budget by \$38,902 for Integrated Reentry Services: Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, a grant project funded through the US Department of Justice.