



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to amend an existing service contract with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to provide evaluation services for the Durham County Integrated Reentry Program, as part of the Second Chance Act federal grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The initial contract amount \$24,277 will be increased by \$108,890 bringing the total amount to \$133,167. The funding for this contract has been approved in the Criminal Justice Resource Center's FY20 budget and is covered by the grant award.

Background/Justification

In 2018, the Criminal Justice Resource Center received a Second Chance Act federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to create an integrated reentry program serving adults detained in and released from the Durham County Detention Facility (DCDF) who have co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. The grant award is \$749,771 and the grant period is October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021, with the first year dedicated to planning and the remaining two years to implementation of the project. The program is designed to enhance existing jail- and community-based support services. Evaluation of programming by an external agency is considered Best Practice and will ensure the interventions have the intended impact and function as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Durham County entered into a contract with UNC School of Social Work to provide assistance during the Planning Phase of the project. The proposed contract amendment will extend the initial contract agreement to cover the Implementation Phase of the project, which will begin in October 2019 and cover years 2 and 3 of the federal grant.

Dr. Tonya Van Deinse, the principal investigator for the contract and faculty member at UNC, specializes in the implementation and evaluation of interventions at the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice systems. She has also worked with the Durham County Sheriff's Office as the evaluator for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program. As a result, Dr. Van Deinse is familiar with the processes of the DCDF and has pre-existing relationships with staff at both the DCDF and the CJRC.

As part of the evaluation, Dr. Van Deinse and the rest of the UNC School of Social Work team will create protocols and processes for screening, assessment, and referrals of potentially eligible individuals to the program. The UNC team will also develop and implement a protocol for outcome evaluation, including determining the measures that will be used and plans for data management and analysis. Through participation on the Executive Steering Committee and on calls with the Technical Assistance Provider for the grant, the UNC team will seek and integrate feedback from stakeholders regarding what to measure and how to effectively collect this data. In addition to evaluation tasks, the team will assess and find ways to address implementation barriers, including executing implementation strategies to enhance program utilization in the detention facility and community partners.



Policy Impact

The agenda item is consistent with historical Board of County Commissioners support for mental health services in the Durham County Detention Facility and in the community, with an increased emphasis on integrated care and reentry support for justice-involved individuals. The evaluation component also supports and aligns with the County's Managing For Results (MFR) strategy.

Procurement Background

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒

Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☒ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☒ Other (please explain)

UNC School of Social Work staff contributed significantly to the grant writing and is named as the evaluator for the project in the grant application. Year 1 of the project required the completion of a Planning and Implementation Guide which has been submitted to and was approved as written by the Department of Justice. UNC SSW is specifically listed as the evaluation partner.

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, why?



Fiscal Impact

The entire amount of the contract is funded through the federal grant. No County match is required.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Manager to amend the service contract with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the Durham County Integrated Reentry Program in the amount of \$108,890 bringing the total grant amount to \$133,167. Further it is recommended that County Manager be authorized to execute any related contracts, such as amendments, not exceeding the budgeted appropriations.