



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000039- Recognize Funds from the NC Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$53,400 for the Local Reentry Council and continuation approval of 1 FTE provisional position.

### **Background/Justification**

In December 2016, the Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC) was awarded a contract from the NC Department of Public Safety to serve as the Intermediary Agency for the Local Reentry Council (LRC). The LRC is designed to coordinate services and resources at the local level to support justice involved individuals to reduce recidivism and victimization while promoting positive citizenship. The Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee serves as the executive body overseeing the on-going work of the Durham Local Reentry Council. The Criminal Justice Resource Center provides administrative support, office equipment and office space for the Local Reentry Council Coordinator and the Employment Case Manager, as well as supervises the services and provides oversight to the Local Reentry Council.

Per the contract, CJRC purchases all the supportive services from approved county vendors in the required areas of housing assistance, transportation assistance, employment assistance and job readiness, childcare assistance, and basic needs for returning citizens served by the Local Reentry Council. The Coordinator is the primary contact for the Durham LRC, which receives referrals from multiple sources to include: NCDPS prison case managers, Probation/Parole officers, community-based programs, and private citizens. The LRC Coordinator and the Employment Case Manager provide short-term case management for all clients until an appropriate connection is made with a service provider and/or employer. Once a client is referred to a service provider the case remains open for either 30 days or six months depending on the needs to the client.

The Intermediary Agency contract was again awarded to CJRC in December 2019, with a contract period of December 21, 2019 to December 20, 2020. This contract is expected to be renewed in two consecutive years, provided funds are appropriated in the NC State Budget.

Two full-time positions dedicated to the Local Reentry Council are a requirement of the contract. In fiscal year 2019-2020, the Durham Board of County Commissioners approved the establishment of a regular FTE for the LRC Coordinator, the Employment Case Manager position remained provisional and will need to be re-authorized. The new contract will cover 75% of the LRC Coordinator's salary. All expenditures are reimbursed and do not require a County match. The Budget Supplement reflects additional expenditures for the remainder of the current fiscal year

### **Policy Impact**

This contract will fund the continuation of the Durham Local Reentry Council and supportive services for individuals returning to our community after incarceration.

### **Procurement Background**

N/A



**Fiscal Impact**

This contract does not require a County match. It will help offset County funding for support services for returning citizens.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Amendment No. 20BCC000039 in the amount of \$53,400 from the NC Department of Public Safety for the Local Reentry Council and approve continuation of 1 FTE provisional position.