Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve the Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council's (JCPC) Funding Plan for fiscal year 2020-2021. The JCPC voted on the proposed funding plan for the state allocation of \$701,101 after an extensive review process and is submitting the plan to the Board for final approval.

Background/Justification

Annually, Durham County receives funding from the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice based on a formula. Funding for FY19-20 was \$536,666, with an additional allocation in midyear due to the implementation of the 'Raise the Age' Legislation and is expected to increase to \$701,101 in FY20-21.

Every year, the Durham JCPC spends significant time making the funding decision. After reviewing state data regarding the risk and needs of juvenile justice involved youth, the council issued a Request for Proposals in January soliciting applications from local non-profit and government organizations to provide services for justice involved and at-risk juveniles. The categories of services solicited are based on the previously identified and prioritized risks and needs of youth. This year, the council explicitly sought applications from organizations providing services to 16- and 17-year-olds.

As in most years, applications exceeded the available funding and JCPC members spent many hours reviewing proposal, virtually meeting with programs and finalizing the funding recommendations.

Policy Impact

Board approval of the JCPC Funding Plan is required as the state allocation comes to Durham County for distribution. The Board typically receives and approves the recommendation in May so that documents can be processed in time for disbursements of funds in July.

Procurement Background

The Request for Proposals process is described above and is conducted in accordance with the relevant NC General Statutes and the NC DPS DJJ procedures. The JCPC Area Consultant provided support and guidance during the process.

Fiscal Impact

Durham County will receive \$701,101 in JCPC funding annually. Programs are required to provide a 30% local match which can be cash or in-kind. Although Durham County directly supports some of the JCPC funded programs, Durham County is not required to and does not provide specific funding to all JCPC programs.

Recommendation

The Board is requested to approve the proposed JCPC Funding Plan for FY20-21 to be submitted to NC DPS for non-profit organizations and County agencies to serve at-risk and juvenile justice involved youth in Durham County.