

Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. BCC000018 to recognize funds an increase in funds in the amount of \$22,639 from the Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

Background/Justification

Project Build is a multi-disciplinary gang intervention program that provides coordinated case management and services to youth and young adults between the ages of 14 and 21 who are at high risk of gang involvement. In addition to already budgeted funds for salary, these additional funds will support supplies for weekly virtual/non-virtual group sessions; training costs for the Project BUILD Supervisor and JCPC funded staff; printing supplies to describe Project BUILD work; tutoring and virtual programming to support youth participants.

The Project Build program was estimated to operate within a FY21 budget of \$94,391. However, Project Build was awarded \$117,000 in JCPC funds which created additional funding in the amount of \$22,639.

These additional funds will provide support to the cost of programmatic operations due to the pandemic. These funds will support the Project BUILD staff as they to adapt to the changing landscape using technology and innovation. Project BUILD will provide participants access to technological devices including WIFI-connection assistance (if needed), educational/tutoring software, access to real-time virtual tutoring, and additional materials for virtual group sessions focused on empowerment, self-awareness and improvement.

Policy Impact

This action is consistent with past actions and does not require any exceptions or new additions to Board policy.

Procurement Background

Not applicable

Fiscal Impact

This grant award allows Durham County to cover programmatic expenses, in addition to the already budgeted salary funds for 1.33 FTE staff working specifically with youth 18 years and younger.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000018 to recognize an increase in funds in the amount of \$22,639 for Public Health.