



Agenda Action Form Overview

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BC000027 to recognize funds from the North Carolina Justice Center in the amount of \$50,000 for the Criminal Justice Resource Center.

Background/Justification

The Criminal Justice Resource Center (CJRC) has been providing comprehensive services to the criminal justice involved population for more than twenty years and is the intermediary agency leading the efforts of the Durham Local Reentry Council. Over 700 persons return from NC prisons every year and over 8,000 persons cycle through the local detention center annually. Most of the referrals received by CJRC are for housing, employment, transportation and other assistance.

The NC Justice Center has provided funding to CJRC and other local agencies to provide immediate reentry supports, resources and advocacy to persons released from prison early (earlier than their original release date) as part of the Durham County District Attorney's Office early release and decarceration efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration with NCJC, CJRC and other local partners, such as the Religious Coalition for a NonViolent Durham, Welcome Home and Straight Talk.

This grant award had been previously reviewed and approved by Durham County's Legal Department.

Policy Impact

This work will support the immediate needs of individuals returning to our community often after significant periods of incarceration.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

This grant does not require a County match.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment No.21BC000027 in the amount of \$50,000 from the NC Justice Center for the Criminal Justice Resource Center.