



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to recognize FY 2020-21 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG, which includes the required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$66,609 and an increase in funds in the amount of \$2,901. The local match increase will be funded with existing budgeted funds

Background/Justification

The Board is requested to approve The Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan. The Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG), as authorized in G.S. 143B-181.1 (a) (11), is designed to improve the planning and coordination of in-home and community-based services provided to North Carolina's older adults. It is also intended to promote the visibility of aging programs at the local level by giving counties increased flexibility with respect to funding aging services available through the Block Grant. The majority of funding comprising the HCCBG is authorized by the federal Older Americans Act. There are federal mandates and priorities established by the Older Americans Act. However, the legislation provides for state and local discretion in the funding of particular services and programs.

The Board is also requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to recognize additional Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds subsequently to adoption of the FY2020-2021 Budget. The Department (DSS) and the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL) are co-lead agencies for receiving the HCCBG funds and administering the programs. The goal of services provided under this grant is to enable recipients to stay at home longer; receiving the care and services they need in their own homes, thus reducing the necessity for out of home placement. Services provided are Adult Day Care Services, Congregate Meals, Senior Center Operations, Information and Case Assistance, Transportation, Home Delivered Meals, and In-Home Aide Services.

Counties are advised to base HCCBG services planning on current year funding levels when preparing the new fiscal year budget because the HCCBG Funding Plan is not approved by the BOCC until June or later. Therefore, DSS FY2020-21 Adopted Budget was \$663,173 which was FY2019-2020 initial funding. The Department recognizes \$2,901 which is the difference between the FY2019-2020 adopted budget and the FY2020-2021 approved funding plan and \$291 which is the difference in the funding plan and the department's budget for a total increase of \$2,901, which includes a county contribution of \$66,609 which will be funded by fund balance appropriation.

Policy Impact

The agenda item is consistent with the historical Board of County Commissioner support for the efficient and visionary government and the promotion of health and well-being for all Durham County.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact



There is a minimal increase of \$291.00 towards the required County share.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve to recognize FY 2020-21 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG, which includes the required Durham County DSS Local Match of \$66,609 and an increase in funds in the amount of \$2,901. The local match increase will be funded with existing budgeted funds