# **Agenda Action Form Overview**

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# **Background/Justification**

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APS salaries/benefits, (that do not supplant approved county budget such as temporary staff) CPS salaries/benefits (that do not supplant approved county budget such as temporary staff) APS Medical/Protective/Food Delivery for COVID impacted open APS cases CPS/ APS Telework

**CPS Foster Care Education Expenses** 

Supplemental Funds to Foster Families related to COVID not previously reimbursed for July, August, and September 2020

Durham County APS/CPS advance allocation: \$170,561

Durham County Supplements to Foster Children for July-Sept 2020 estimated \$66,000

Note that funds may be reallocated after 12/30/2020, and advanced funds not expended will be drafted by EFT.

# **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**



Durham County will receive the funding from Federal Cares Act Funding for APS/CPS Essential Worker Functions in response to COVID-19. The Durham County will receive APS/CPS allocation of \$ 170,561 and Supplements to Foster Children of \$ 66,000.

#### Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000046 to recognize the receipt of this advance in funding in the amount of \$ 236,561.