



Legislation Text

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Item:

Approval of Contract with Made in Durham

Date of BOCC Meeting: August 6, 2018

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the attached contract with Made in Durham and authorize the County Manager to execute it.

Made in Durham (MID) is a collaborative of public and private sector partners in Durham who wish to improve education-to-work pathways for Durham youth ages 14-24 so that by age 24 as many of them as possible have at least completed a post-secondary credential and secured living wage work. There were several years of foundational work before Made In Durham was spun off as a separate non-profit. Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 will be the fourth year that Durham County has supported the Made in Durham effort financially.

Made in Durham was formed because the partners did not believe existing mechanisms and collaborations were sufficient, but of course MID faces the same institutional and societal barriers to progress that existed before. The collaborative continues its work in identifying, highlighting, and working with institutional partners to try to fill knowledge gaps, service gaps, and other kinds of pathway gaps and blockages which inhibit regular movement of Durham's youth towards an economically secure existence.

The MID work plan for FY18-19 includes expanded business engagement and pathway creation, intensified work with Durham Futures organizations, further youth engagement, exploration of cradle-to-career continuum and ongoing efforts to acquire data and analysis that will give greater insights into areas of success in MID's work as well as efforts that require additional focus and perhaps changes in strategy. Thus far those efforts have been largely stymied by the inability to have 3rd party (Duke) researchers get access to Durham Public Schools data, but it appears that this issue is being addressed.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A high-functioning education-to-work pipeline is both a cause and result of improved function and results in Goal 1: Community Empowerment and Enrichment and Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the attached contract with Made in Durham and authorize the County Manager to execute it.

County Manager: _____