



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000042 Appropriation of \$79,000 of Fund Balance from the General Fund and the Transfer of the funds to the City of Durham and Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with City of Durham for the Continuation of Street Outreach for the Homeless

Date of BOCC Meeting: February 10, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000042 appropriation of \$79,000 of fund Balance form the General Fund and the transfer of the funds to the City of Durham and to review and approve the attached interlocal agreement with the City of Durham for Continuation of Street Outreach for the Homeless.

Street outreach for the homeless, also known as assertive engagement, has always been a critical, foundational element of our homeless continuum of care in Durham. For many years, the service was funded through a contract between Alliance Health and local homeless service provider Housing for New Hope. Unfortunately, state budget cuts led Alliance Health to terminate their contract for this service in July 2019

The City, County, Alliance, and other partners have met numerous times since then and also presented to the Joint City-County Committee with regard to the implications of this service not being available. Both City Council and the Board of County Commissioners expressed an interest in entering into an interlocal to re-start this service with funding from both the City and County. The City has an RFP out for these services and simultaneously for the Encampment Lead Agency functions that were also discussed in recent months.

In addition to street outreach, the County had interests in making the eventually contracted experts in counseling and case management for the homeless to be available to help train County employees who engage with the homeless and to also be available to help respond to issues involving the homeless at various County facilities. Those services are built into the interlocal agreement.

The County's contribution to this agreement is proposed to be \$79,000 in the remainder of FY19-20 and up to \$215,000 in each of the following two fiscal years. If this interlocal is approved, a budget amendment for the \$79,000 will follow and the future year amounts will be included in the recommended budgets for those years.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Resource Persons: Janeen Gordon, Assistant Director, Aging and Adult Services (Durham County Dept. of Social Services; Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20BCC000042 appropriation of \$79,000 of fund Balance form the General Fund and the transfer of the funds to the City of Durham and to review and approve the attached interlocal agreement with the City of Durham for Continuation of Street Outreach for the Homeless.

County Manager: _____