



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC000104 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$241,500 from the Duke Endowment to Enhance Parenting Skills and Support Services for Fathers by Offering a Culturally-Adapted Fatherhood Program through Extension’s Welcome Baby program to May 31, 2027.

Date of BOCC Meeting: June 10, 2024

Request for Board Action:

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Welcome Baby is an award-winning family support program with more than thirty years experience serving Durham County families with newborns through children age five. Each year the program serves over 3,000 families with a third of the families being Spanish speaking. This grant offers an opportunity to build on its Fatherhood Initiative pilot project and extend services to fathers who while included in current programming, do not typically participate in parenting education that is traditionally more focused on the needs of mothers. Durham fathers will benefit from the Nurturing Fathers Program designed to fit their needs and strengthen their parenting skills and prevent child maltreatment.

The grant implementation includes providing the Nurturing Fathers Program (NFP) in English and Spanish twice annually over the next three years: NFP “is an evidence-based, 13-week training course designed to teach parenting and nurturing skills to men.” NFP promotes positive parenting skills and fosters healthy relationships between fathers and their children through a series of structured sessions, that cover specific topics and activities aimed at enhancing fathers' parenting abilities. Participants will learn in a father-friendly environment how to create safe, loving, stable, and nurtured families with positive discipline tools, effective family communication techniques to strengthen relationships, effective strategies for conflict resolution and problem-solving and achieve cooperation and teamwork in family life.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The grant aligns with multiple goals of the strategic plan.

Resource Persons: Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director; Patience Mukelabai, Welcome Baby Program Coordinator

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC000104 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$241,500 from the Duke Endowment to Enhance Parenting Skills and Support Services for Fathers by Offering a Culturally-Adapted Fatherhood Program through Extension’s Welcome Baby program to May 31, 2027.

County Manager: _____