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**Item:**

**Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000037 for the Department of Social Services - Appropriate Foster Care funds in the Amount of \$848,478 that includes a County share of \$548,838 which will be funded through a Fund Balance Appropriation**

**Date Of BOCC Meeting: February 11, 2019**

**Request For Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve the Department of Social Services request to appropriate \$848,478 for foster care room and board for children placed by the department.

The County is mandated to budget local funds in order to secure the required local matching share when Federal/State financial participation is less than one hundred percent to the county Departments of Social Services. In FY2015-16 Health and Human Services (HHS) introduced the Voluntary Placement Agreement for Foster Care 18-21 in order to be eligible for State Foster Care Benefit funds resulting in a 21% increase to Durham's foster care cost. Social Services continues to see a 14% yearly increase in foster care cost which has been absorbed within the budget. Social Services provided foster care funding for 148 children in 2014, in 2018 Social Services is servicing 302 children. The increase of 154 children is an increase of 104% of children requiring foster care support.

Durham County is projected to spend \$4,364,392 for foster care during the current Fiscal Year resulting in a short fall of \$848,478.

\$848,478 Projected Additional Foster Care Expenses  
\$424,239 50% of expenses are non-reimbursable which will be a county cost  
\$424,239 Expenses that are reimbursable  
70.63% Average percentage reimbursed  
\$299,640 Federal/State reimbursement of expenses that are reimbursable

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\$548,838 Total county cost from fund balance appropriated

Summary:

DSS Expense \$848,478  
DSS Revenue \$299,640  
Fund Bap App \$548,838

**Alignment With Strategic Plan:** Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All.

**Resource Persons:** William Rose, Director and Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director.

**County Manager's Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000037 appropriating \$848,478 for additional foster care expenses of which \$299,640 is reimbursable and \$548,838 will be County dollars funded with a fund balance appropriation.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_