



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000035 Recognizing \$466,041 in Federal Grant Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families for Implementation of a Durham Integrated Domestic Violence Response System Program and Establishing one full-time (1 FTE) Child and Family Advocate provisional position and one part-time (.50 FTE) Grants Administrator provisional position of which 100% of the salary and benefits cost is covered by the grant.

Date Of BOCC Meeting: January 14, 2019

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to recognize a grant award in the amount of \$466,041 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for the implementation of a Durham Integrated Domestic Violence Response System Program. The Department of Social Services, as the lead agency - in partnership with the Exchange Family Center, Duke Center for Child and Family Health, Duke Center for Child and Family Policy, and the Durham Crisis Response Center - is the recipient of a federal grant that will provide education/training for first responders and intensive therapy services for victims of domestic violence. This application was submitted with the support of Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Services, and the Durham Police Department.

The Durham Integrated Domestic Violence Response System Program is a demonstration project that is in year three that will provide classroom training and tools for law enforcement, paramedics, firemen, and Child Protective Services social workers to assess for domestic violence when responding to emergency situations in our community. This project will also teach first responders where to refer families for appropriate services based on the completed assessment.

The Department is asking for one full-time (1 FTE) Child and Family Advocate provisional position and one part-time (.50 FTE) Grants Administrator provisional position. These funds are 100% federal funds and no county funds are required. The Child and Family Advocate will focus on identifying families in need of DV related services and support and the Grants Administrator will be responsible for coordination of the project, grant reporting, budget management, contracting, organizing committees, coordinating with federal and national partners, ensuring partnering agencies participate in trainings, both positions will be located at DSS.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This action aligns with Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All.

Resource Persons: William Rose, Department of Social Services Director and Jovetta Whitfield, Assistant Director of Family Safety and Permanence.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000035 recognizing \$466,041 in federal grant funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families for implementation of a Durham Integrated Domestic Violence Response System Program and establishing one full-time (1 FTE) Child and Family Advocate provisional position and one part-time (.50 FTE) Grants Administrator provisional position of which 100% of the salary and benefits cost is covered by the grant.

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