



## Legislation Text

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**Item:**

**Durham Board of County Commissioner Approval of Financial Support up to \$50,000 for “Durham 150” Celebration Campaign, Using Commissioner Contingency Funds**

**Date Of BOCC Meeting:** January 14, 2019

**Request For Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve financial support of up to \$50,000 in support of “Durham 150” Sesquicentennial anniversary events throughout the year, using available Commissioner Contingency funds.

The upcoming Sesquicentennial year is built around four themes: History & Education; Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Social Equity & Robust Democracy; and Arts & Leisure. These themes will be brought to life through more than 150 events and projects designed to engage, educate, and entertain. The goal is for every resident to have an awareness of and to participate in the commemoration.

The events of Durham 150 will include musical celebrations, videos, history projects, art works, and community discussions. A traveling “story kiosk” will be available to capture individual and collective experiences of life in the city.

The official Durham 150 Opening Ceremony is scheduled for April 13, 2019, near the date of Durham’s formal incorporation, and there will be events and activations envisioned and put forth by Durham organizations, institutions and individuals throughout 2019 in a crowd-sourced manner that will be open to all. A grant program is planned to encourage broad participation. After a season of festivities and self-reflection, a community-wide celebratory closing event will be held in November.

**Alignment With Strategic Plan:** This aligns with Strategic Goal 1: Community Empowerment and Enrichment, by supporting a strong, diverse, artistic, and cultural environment.

**Resource Persons:** Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff.

**County Manager’s Recommendation:** The County Manager recommends that the Board approve financial support of up to \$50,000 in support of “Durham 150” Sesquicentennial anniversary events throughout the year, using available Commissioner Contingency funds.

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