



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000032 Community Development Block Grant for COVID assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and for the Department of Social Services to Recognize Funds in the amount of \$1,077,601

Date of BOCC Meeting: September 14, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the County Manager entering into a contract between the Durham County Department of Social Services, and the City of Durham to provide rental and utility assistance to City of Durham residents impacted by the COVID pandemic and for the Department of Social Services to recognize funds in the amount of \$1,077,601.

In response to the COVID Pandemic, the City and County have partnered to support residents of the City of Durham by assisting them with rental assistance. The COVID rental assistance funding is a short-term (3 consecutive months) one-time intervention that provides financial assistance not to exceed a total of \$6,000 for rental and/or utility assistance. This rental assistance is coupled with legal assistance from the LANC Eviction Diversion Program or other appropriate legal providers as approved by LANC to negotiate payment of arrears (if any) and terms of the continued tenancy. The funding for this Community Development Block Grant for COVID assistance is based on the April 9, 2020, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) memorandum to address the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Public Law 116-136.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All which decrease health disparities within the community and Goal 3: Safe and Secure Community to improve outcomes for vulnerable, children, youth, and adults.

Resource Persons: William Rose, Director and Janeen Gordon, Assistant Director, Department of Social Services, Melva Henry, City of Durham

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000032 to approve the County Manager entering into a contract between the Durham County Department of Social Services, and the City of Durham and recognize the additional funds in the amount of \$1,077,601.

County Manager: _____