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Item:

Approval of Amendment to City-County Youth Initiatives Manager Interlocal Agreement

Date of BOCC Meeting: January 11, 2021

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement regarding the City-County Youth Initiatives Manager Position.

In 2017, Durham County entered into a five year interlocal agreement with the City of Durham to offer partial funding support for a joint position, the Director of the Office on Youth (OOY), which is housed at the City and leading the work of the Strategic Youth Initiative. The County funding is only a cost-share on the director's position, and now represents approximately 22% of the total funding for the OOY. Annual updates on activities of the OOY are generally offered at Joint City-County Committee (JCCC) meetings, and monthly updates are provided to the County Manager's Office. There would have been an update given at a 2020 JCCC meeting, but the agendas were often cleared to give adequate time to more pressing, COVID-related topics. Hence, an update was provided to Commissioners at their January 4th, 2021 worksession.

As part of the revised FY20-21 Durham County non-profit funding process, one of the focus areas was "Child, Youth, and Family Wellness and Learning". In consultation with a variety of County stakeholders as well as the OOY, and in order to provide funding to support the priorities emerging from the OOY's Youth Listening Project, it was decided to allocate 2/3 of the overall funding (\$176,000) for this focus area through the County RFP, and 1/3 of it (\$88,000) through the OOY. The attached amendment to the interlocal agreement allows County funding to flow to the City and through the OOY to non-profit and community-based organizations over the course of the 18-month funding period anticipated with the current County process. As such, \$29,304 will flow to the City's OOY in FY20-21 and an additional \$58,696 in FY21-22.

The OOY will plan and implement a separate Request for Proposals (RFP) process that aligns with the County's RFP process. The OOY will engage community members and young people in the development and implementation of its award program. The scope of the funding program, including the size and number of awards, will be determined by a youth-adult board and will be informed by: the priorities of the County's non-profit program; the emerging needs and priorities shared by young people and caregivers in the OOY's recent youth listening project; the City's Participatory Budgeting - Cycle 2 non-profit funding program; and the current COVID realities and needs for families. The funds paid by the County for the OOY's funding program will be used entirely for grant awards. Funded programs will begin July 2021 and run through June 2022, as the first six months of the County's funding period will be used for the community-engaged development and selection process led by the OOY.

Funds supporting this ILA are approved in the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget as part of the nonprofit funding program. A separate but related Board action is item 21-0004 (for approval at January 11, 2021 Board meeting), a budget amendment that will move the funds necessary to cover this ILA to the correct Functional Area.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Well-coordinated support for Durham's youth, including non-profit and community-based organization relationships entered into and managed from a number of centers of County (and City) expertise, are strongly aligned with Goals 1, 2, and 3 of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Lara Khalil, Director (City of Durham Office on Youth); Cate Elander, Durham County Early Childhood Coordinator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement regarding the City-County Youth Initiatives Manager Position.

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