

**RESOLUTION #**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

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**WHEREAS, Buncombe County has been the recipient of Criminal Justice Partnership Program funding in the past; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant program is to fund Day Reporting Center programs, an intermediate punishment that functions as restrictive, treatment oriented facilities with substance abuse services, employment services and education services provided on site, with strict requirements for offender attendance and accountability; and**

**WHEREAS, Judges may sentence offenders to punishment within Day Reporting Centers as a condition of supervised probation and as an intermediate sanctions; and**

**WHEREAS, Day Reporting Centers work in tandem with the Division of Community Corrections to provide both control and treatment, which together offer increased structure and a higher level of restriction; and**

**WHEREAS, the grant requires the Board's approval prior to submission of documents; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board feels that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Buncombe County to comply with these requirements and continue to receive funding that will help reduce recidivism, reduce the cost of incarceration to the state and to counties, and to help improve the lives of offenders with substance abuse needs, educational needs, and employment needs.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:**

- 1. That the Board does hereby authorize the submission and filing of these documents, including all understanding and assurances contained therein.**
- 2. That the Board does hereby authorize its County Manager as its official representative to execute these documents related to the Criminal Justice Partnership Program including the Grant Agreement, Funding Approval, and other documents required to undertake the implementation of the grant.**
- 3. That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.**

**Adopted the 18th day of March, 2008.**

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

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**Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Gantt, Chairman**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Michael Frue, County Attorney**

**AGENDA ITEM:  
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**CURRENT STATUS:**

The North Carolina Department of Correction, Division of Community Corrections, Criminal Justice Partnership Program offers annual continuation of implementation funding for Day Reporting Centers throughout the state. Buncombe County annually applies for this funding.

**BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

Buncombe County currently operates a Day Reporting Center program. Last year the program received an allocation of \$163,585 for continued implementation and operation. This year's grant request will be the same as the current allocation: \$163,585.

The Day Reporting Center contracts with service providers for substance abuse treatment and GED classes, as well as for group counseling for offenders. Attendance is mandatory, as the Day Reporting Center is an intermediate sanction issued by the courts. The Probation office works intricately with the Day Reporting Center in managing offenders and in meeting the needs of the courts.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT/INQUIRIES:**

Day Reporting Centers help communities lower the cost of incarceration, and offer services to offenders with employment needs, educational needs, and substance abuse needs.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Place on consent agenda and approve.

**REVIEWED BY: FINANCE**\_\_\_\_ **LEGAL**\_\_\_\_ **PLANNING** **X** **MANAGER**\_\_\_\_

**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Hickey