Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Family Justice Center (Capital fund)

MEETING DATE: April 05, 2016

REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone

Background information

Buncombe County's Family Justice Center will bring together a range of services under one roof: law enforcement, governmental agencies, and non-profits to provide comprehensive services to adult victims of domestic and sexual violence. Domestic and sexual violence are associated with short-term and long-term negative behavioral health consequences, and resilience is associated with increased likelihood of better functioning and family outcomes. This project is supported by the sale of Buncombe County property at 450 Montford Avenue in Asheville, the proceeds of which are to be designated to projects related to behavioral health.

Pro's

The Family Justice Center model not only provides for a more supportive experience for victims, it also increases efficiency in service provision, reduces victim recantation, increases prosecution of offenders, and ultimately reduces crime.

Con's

None noted.

Funds required in current budget:

There are no matching funds required.

Funds required in future budgets:

There are no county funds required in future budgets related to the capital project.

Alternatives

Action recommended:

Allocate \$185,000 to Human Services Family Justice Center capital project account.

Allocate remaining proceeds in the amount of \$410,000 as revenues to offset originally Board of Commissioners approved Human Services Family Justice Center capital account.