

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Budget Amendment for Population Health Infant Mortality (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Public Health)	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> April 05, 2016	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Jennifer Chilton on behalf of Amanda L. Stone	
<b>Background information</b> In Session Law 2015-241, the North Carolina General Assembly allocated funding to be distributed to local health departments to implement evidence-based strategies that are proven to lower infant mortality rates, improve birth outcomes, and improves the overall health status of children ages birth to five. The law requires the establishment of a competitive process to award local health departments to implement evidenced-based strategies to achieve these aims starting in FY 2016-17. This specific grant is only a grant to plan for the larger grant—RFA #A320 Maternal and Child Health initiative.	
<b>Pro's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to the Community Child Protection Team initiatives in response to the need to decrease child deaths and fatalities.</li> <li>• Ability to purchase sleep boxes to make sure families have a safe place to put their babies while sleeping to deter roll- over deaths.</li> <li>• Formulating a committee of people to look solely at, dissect and evaluate infant mortality deaths in Buncombe County with a working partnership with MAHEC.</li> <li>• Focusing on the improvement of child health ages 0-5, infant mortality and birth outcomes with this planning grant.</li> </ul>	<b>Con's</b>  None
<b>Funds required in current budget:</b> No county funds required	
<b>Funds required in future budgets:</b> None. This is a planning grant.	
<b>Alternatives-none</b> .	
<b>Action recommended:</b> To allocate funding in the amount of \$20,000 for use by Health and Human Services- Public Health, Population Health for addressing infant mortality.	