

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Nurse Family Partnership program (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Public Health).	
MEETING DATE: November 1, 2016	
REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone	
Background information The Nurse-Family-Partnership (NFP) is an effective, evidence-based approach to improving the health and life-course of first-time, low-income mothers and their children. In its 30-year history, NFP has shown substantial and consistent results related to improved child and maternal health, child abuse and neglect reduction, crime reduction and school readiness. In Buncombe County for the year 2012, there were 524 first-time low-income women who were eligible for and could benefit from the program. The additional funds will be used to purchase educational supplies for clients and trainings for NFP staff.	
Pro's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkage across Health & Human Services in order to improve the lives of first time mothers and their children Evidence based approach that has shown a decrease in reported incidents of child abuse & neglect Better health outcomes for newborns 	Con's None
Funds required No county funds are required.	
Alternatives This nurse-based program provides an opportunity to partner across Human Services agencies in order to coordinate service delivery, improve the health of infants and children, and reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect. Satisfactory alternatives have not proven to produce the same results for children and families.	
Action recommended: Increase Nurse Family Partnership budget by \$18,556 to reflect additional federal funding.	