

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Budget Amendment for Safety and Justice Challenge Innovation Fund (Buncombe County Pretrial Services)	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 21, 2017	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Kim Moretz	
<b>Background information</b> The Buncombe County Justice Advisory Group (JAG) through Pretrial Services received funding through the Safety and Justice Challenge Innovation Fund to implement a strategy for supervising defendants charged with domestic violence offenses on pretrial supervision. A 12-month pilot program will test the effectiveness of staffing Pretrial Services with two part time positions to focus specifically on domestic violence cases. These individuals will coordinate with Pretrial Services staff, JAG members, and the Family Justice Center partners to ensure adequate response to those perpetrating harm in the community while also reserving jail resources for those who pose the greatest risk.	
<b>Pro's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better response and supervision of defendants with domestic violence charges assigned to Pretrial Services</li><li>• Increased collaboration between criminal justice partners</li><li>• Reserving jail days for those who pose the greatest risk</li></ul>	<b>Con's</b>
<b>Funds required in current budget:</b> No County matching funds required	
<b>Funds required in future budgets:</b>	
<b>Alternatives</b>	
<b>Action recommended:</b> Approve budget of \$50,000 to reflect the Safety and Justice Challenge Innovation Fund award	

