

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2012

Action Requested: To transfer funding for DSS Exterior Renovation project.

The project will create an outdoor, secure, family-like meeting area for children and families who are involved with child welfare. This area will provide an alternative setting for meetings between parents and children; visits between siblings; interviews with family members; shared parenting meetings; and meetings with potentially prospective adoptive parents and the child. The space will provide a safe area for children and families to engage in outdoor activities while under supervision of Social Work staff. This natural, non-threatening setting provides an opportunity for Social Workers to evaluate behaviors and interactions between family members in order to assure the best safety and permanence outcomes for children. This will also support health and wellness opportunities for children in care through structured and supervised activities.

The funding covers site design, preparation, construction of meeting area(s), equipment, furnishings, and landscaping for an approximately 45' x 55' area.

NCGS Requiring Service:

NCGS requires we PROVIDE: Child Protective Services

or ENSURE AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY: _____

Alternative Service Delivery Methods considered and evaluated:

Funds/Staff requested: No new funding required. Transfer of existing funding totaling \$108,570 from DSS Child and Family Services to Capital Expenditures.

Request submitted by: __Jim Holland for Amanda L. Stone_____

Date Submitted:_____May 25, 2012_____