

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2010

Action Requested: Increase Project Assist program budget by \$8,520 to reflect additional state funding.

House Bill 2, *An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Certain Public Places and Certain Places of Employment*, passed in 2008-2009 and was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2009 (G.S. 130A-497). Local Health Departments are statutorily responsible for implementing and enforcing this new law, which went into effect January 2, 2010. The law addresses the following changes:

- \*Smoking will not be allowed in enclosed areas of almost all restaurants and bars.
- \*Smoking will not be allowed in enclosed areas of lodging establishments if the establishment prepares and serves food or drink.
- \*Local governments, such as cities and counties, will have new authority to adopt local laws regulating smoking in public places.

Goals of the funding are to:

- \*Increase the capacity of Local Health Departments, and their partners, to ensure knowledge of, and compliance with G. S. 130A-497.
- \*Provide educational and compliance materials to restaurants, bars and other establishments that serve food and drink. (Ex: employee posters, pamphlets for customers and/or employees)
- \*Provide materials to market the North Carolina Quitline to restaurants, bars, and other establishments or businesses affected by passage of the statewide law, or by the passage of additional local regulations.
- \*Place approved media messages to promote the benefits of the statewide law, as part of a comprehensive educational campaign to increase knowledge of, and compliance with G.S. 130A-497.

NCGS Requiring Service: N/A

NCGS requires we PROVIDE:

or ENSURE AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY:

Alternative Service Delivery Methods considered and evaluated:

Funds/Staff requested: There are no county funds or staff requested.

Request submitted by: Jim Holland for Gibbie Harris

Date Submitted: February 5, 2010