

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Family Justice Center Sponsorship Funds (Capital fund)	
MEETING DATE: February 2, 2016	
REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone	
Background information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buncombe County's Family Justice Center will bring together a range of services under one roof: law enforcement, governmental agencies, and non-profits to provide comprehensive services to adult victims of domestic and sexual violence.• The FJC will use the "safe place" or "den" model where the victim is invited to a safe, comfortable room and representatives from the agencies come to them. In addition, children will have a separate space that is safe and welcoming.• Buncombe County Service Foundation (the nonprofit partner organization for Buncombe County Government) has received sponsorship funds to support the renovation cost for the Family Justice Center.	
Pro's <p>The Family Justice Center model not only provides for a more supportive experience for victims, it also increases efficiency in service provision, reduces victim recantation, increases prosecution of offenders, and ultimately reduces crime.</p>	Con's <p>None noted.</p>
Funds required in current budget: <p>There are no matching funds required.</p>	
Funds required in future budgets: <p>There are no county funds required in future budgets.</p>	
Alternatives	
Action recommended: <p>Allocate \$30,250 in sponsorship funds to be received from Buncombe County Service Foundation in support of renovation costs for the Family Justice Center.</p>	