



ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Grant Projects Ordinance

**BOARD MEETING DATE: January 21, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2019-2020 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget, **NOW**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2019-2020 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 21st day of January, 2020.

<b>Granting Agency:</b>	Governor's Crime Commission
<b>Grant Name:</b>	START Program Expansion

**Project Description:**

Poly-substance use has impacted Child Protective Service provision in Buncombe County (BC) with about 50 screened-in reports each month. In Fiscal Year 2018, 161 children aged five or younger were victims of maltreatment and parental substance abuse; 44% needed placement in BC custody.

To address this, BC implemented the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) Model in 2017. To date, 65 families involving 115 children and both mothers and fathers were served. 83.3% of families were intact at closure with parents achieving sobriety and improving parental capacity. However, many more children and their parents needed the START program and could not be served due to capacity limitations. The START Expansion 2020 project will double BCHHS's capacity to provide intensive support and trauma services to child-welfare involved families including parents and young children.

The START Expansion awards \$1,385,760. The grant will be used to fund 4 FTE's, to begin as soon as possible through April 2021. Any additional labor will be secured via contract with grant funds.

The implementation/ sustainability plan is as follows:

- 1) Family mentors will be Certified Peer Support specialists who will be able to bill Medicaid for Medicaid-eligible services and the START Leadership Team will continue working with our Local Management Entity to advocate for additional Medicaid billing options.
- 2) By October 2021, North Carolina will be required to adopt the Families First Prevention Law creating the opportunity to draw down IV-E dollars to support evidence based preventative services. Child and Family Futures is continuing to work toward building the national evidence base for the START model and Buncombe County is contributing to this.

**Funding Source:**

\$1,385,760 awarded through the Governor's Crime Commission

<b>Exhibit A:</b> <b>Account Description</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
Fund 327 - 4102: Grant Revenue - Federal Grants - START Expansion	\$ 1,385,760	
Fund 327 - Salaries and Benefits - START Expansion		\$ 778,627
Fund 327 - Operating Expenditures - Discretionary - 6090:Contract and Professional Services - START		\$ 470,048
Fund 327 - Operating Expenditures - Discretionary - 6060:Office Expenses - START Expansion		\$ 16,000
Fund 327 - Operating Expenditures - Discretionary - 6020:Travel and Training - START Expansion		\$ 108,765
Fund 327 - Operating Expenditures - Non-Discretionary - 6510:Non Discretionary - Non Discretionary Telephone - START Expansion		\$ 12,320
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,385,760	\$ 1,385,760

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**

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Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board