



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/19/2020

New Business

Department: Strategic Partnerships

Presenter(s): Rachael Nygaard, Tiffany Iheanacho, and Diana Sierra

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Subject: Justice Services RFP

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County issued a competitive solicitation for an array of Justice Services on February 14, 2020. The components of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are grouped by four service areas: Justice Resource Center; Jail Re-entry Services; Treatment Courts; and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Services. Organizations had the ability to bid on the full continuum or any portion of services. Eight proposals were submitted, and county staff additionally evaluated options for in-house (rather than contracted) service delivery. Justice stakeholders participated in the RFP review process.

It is recommended that the Justice Resource Center and Treatments Courts service areas will be delivered in-house by Buncombe County, beginning in FY2021. This will require the creation of 11 additional positions (2 program supervisors, 7 program coordinators, 1 case manager, 1 admin specialist) which be embedded in the newly created Justice Services Department. 2 of the 11 positions will be grant-funded utilizing existing grants.

It is recommended that Jail Re-entry and IPV Services continue to be provided through contracted vendors.

These recommendations are cost neutral and ensure continuity and quality of services.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

- Approval of 11 additional positions (no budget action needed):
 - 9 regular
 - 2 grant-funded (Veterans Treatment Court & DWI/Sobriety Court)
- Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and enter into contracts for the following:
 - Jail Re-entry Services: RHA Health Services, \$213,331
 - Batterer Intervention Program: SPARC, \$107,625
 - Lethality Assessment Protocol Coordination: Helpmate - \$79,000

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

The County Manager recommends approval.