



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/21/2020

#### New Business

**Department:**

Budget

**Presenter(s):**

Jennifer Barnette

**Contact(s):**

Jennifer Barnette  
Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director

**Subject:**

Community Paramedicine Grant

**Brief Summary:**

The Project will deploy Community Paramedics (CP's) to the site of an opioid overdose in Buncombe County to provide services such as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) induction, connection to appropriate harm reduction or substance use treatment resources, and other enhanced care beyond simply revival and transport to hospital. Over the next year this Project will serve approximately 500 individuals who have experienced opioid overdose in Buncombe County. As part of this Project, CP's will work hand-in-hand with Buncombe County Health and Human Services Post-Overdose Response Team to get comprehensive assistance out to each individual experiencing opioid overdose (e.g. clinical, peer support, CP follow-up) within 72 hours.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment  
Approve three grant-funded paramedic positions

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented