



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 8/18/2020

Consent Agenda

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director

Contact(s):

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director

Subject:

Justice Services Grant: DWI Court 2021

Brief Summary:

This grant is a continuation of Buncombe County's existing DWI Treatment Court (Sobriety Court), funded through the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. The grant provides \$60,812 for one position, a DWI Treatment Court Coordinator. The full cost of the position is \$86,863, and the position was approved by the Board of Commissioners May 19, 2020. The local match will be \$26,051, which is included in the FY2021 Justice Services general fund budget. No new county dollars are required.

The court is a diversion/sentencing alternative program for repeat DWI offenders that reside in Buncombe County and are referred by the Office of the District Attorney. Historically, Buncombe County contracted with RHA Health Services to operate the court. As presented to the Board of Commissioners in May, Buncombe County plans to operate the program beginning October 1, 2020.

Recommended Motion & Requested Actions:

- 1) Approve the local government resolution accepting the DWI Court 2021 Grant & authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program
- 2) Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented