



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

New Business

Departments:

Justice Services & Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services

Contact(s):

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director

Hannah Legerton, Safety & Justice Challenge Grant Manager

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director

Subject:

Safety + Justice Challenge Grant Renewal

Brief Summary:

In October 2018, Buncombe County was awarded \$1.75 million through the Safety + Justice Challenge. Buncombe County has been awarded a second round of funding in the amount of \$1.75 million, which will start April 1st, 2021 and run through March 31st, 2023. This grant will continue the efforts of the original grant to safely reduce the county's jail population. The original grant has been successful in enhancing pretrial services, increasing efficiencies in case processing, increasing community engagement, and working to advance racial equity, among other achievements. No local grant match is required.

This agenda item will include:

- 1) A summary presentation of the grant
- 2) A request to establish one (1) and extend nine (9) grant-funded positions. The nine extended positions include 7 full-time and 2 part-time positions funded through the initial Safety + Justice Challenge grant
- 3) One (1) accompanying budget amendment

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

- 1) Accept grant
- 2) Approve related budget amendment
- 3) Approve one (1) new and extend nine (9) grant-funded positions, as long as grant funding is available

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented