



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 6/15/2021

#### New Business

**Departments:**

Sheriff's Office & Budget

**Presenters:**

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**Subject:**

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Justice Support Grant

**Brief Summary:**

NC DHHS has awarded the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office & Detention Center a \$700,000 grant. The grant will support the continuance and expansion of services offered to persons judicially involved and with substance use disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic. The objectives are to divert individuals from arrest and detainment, address untreated substance use, and increase access to care for those in the judicial systems of Pretrial, Child Support Court, and Probation.

The grant will be managed by the Sheriff's Office in coordination with HHS & Justice Services. The grant will fund one county position in the Justice Services department's Diversion Services program and one contracted position in the HHS Child Support program. The program will last 20 months, beginning June 1, 2021.

An overview of the program was presented to the Justice Resource Advisory Council (JRAC) on June 4th, 2021. The JRAC recommended the program move forward for Board of Commissioner consideration and approval.

No county funds are required.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

- 1) Accept grant
- 2) Approve related budget amendment
- 3) Approve one (1) grant funded position, as long as grant funding is available

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

County Manager recommends as presented