FJC Update & Budget Request

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Justice Services
Before the FJC...
After the FJC...

- fills out 28 forms
- travels 2 times
- makes 0 phone calls
- talks to 16 people

Service providers at the FJC contact Sophia based on Sophia's preferences. Waits only for courts or court documents.
COVID-19 Impacts
Complexity of Services

2+ Agencies, 2019
Survivors accessing services from 2 or more agencies during their initial visit January – June 2019

21%

2+ Agencies, 2020
Survivors accessing services from 2 or more agencies during their initial visit January – June 2020

21%

2+ Agencies, 2021
Survivors accessing services from 2 or more agencies during their initial visit January – June 2021

65%
Current Impact of Service Delivery
January – June 2021

100%
Decreased Fear & Anxiety
% of survivors who completed a survey that reported a decreased level of fear and anxiety after intake

92%
Safety Plan
% of survivors who completed a survey that have a safety plan

73%
SA Arrests
Sexual assault arrests are up by 73% when compared to July – December 2020
Buncombe County provides in-kind space at 35 Woodfin for on-site partners

Family Justice Program Manager position and operational funds for office and meeting supplies, janitorial services, and some training provided by the County

Family Justice Center Cost Center provides contracts for Batterer Intervention Services, Crisis Services, and the Lethality Assessment Protocol program

Department of Justice (DOJ) federal funding through the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) would fund 3 contract positions, 1 Sheriff’s Deputy, training, travel, and travel vouchers for survivors – have received funding since 2015

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal funding through the Governor’s Crime Commission (GCC) funds 9 contract positions, training, travel, software, and emergency survivor snacks – have received grant since 2015
FJC Funding by Source

- **County General Fund**
- **Grant Funds**

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**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**
Current Landscape

• Submitted for renewal for both GCC and DOJ grants (~$1.7 million)

• Delays - Awaiting response from the DOJ OVW Grant, expected in October

• VOCA Funding Gap 2021 – Federal Level Funding Gap
  • Received reduced VOCA GCC Award for 10/1/2021 – 6/30/2023
  • $874 thousand of requested $1.25 million
  • Only FJC in NC to receive VOCA funding this cycle

• H.R. 1652, “VOCA Fix” signed into law July 2021

• Critical funding reduction set for October 1, 2021
DOJ Impacts

- 1 Intake Specialist (Helpmate Contracted Position)
- 1 Bilingual Intake Specialist (Helpmate Contracted Position)
- 1 Sheriff’s Deputy (BCSO)
- 1 Trauma-Informed Legal Assistant (DA Contracted Position)
- Trauma-Informed Training for Staff
- Travel Vouchers/Rideshare Reimbursement for Survivors
FJC Contracted Positions Impacted by GCC Cuts

- 2 Intake Specialists (Helpmate)
- 1 Community Case Manager (Helpmate)
- 1 Counselor/Case Manager (Helpmate)
- 1 Counselor (Our VOICE)
- 1 Court Advocate (Our Voice)
- 1 Attorney (Pisgah Legal Services)
- 1 Legal Assistant (Pisgah Legal Services)
- 1 Onsite Child Supervision Provider (YWCA)

~23% reduction to each position resulting in a ~75 less hours of FJC specific services provided to clients a week
Impact to Services
Helpmate Intake Specialist

170 Survivors, 30 Children
Unable to provide a gateway to FJC-based services for 170 survivors and 30 children

170 Emergency Safety Plans
Provide 170 less emergency safety plans to address immediate risks

65%, 2+ Agencies
Unable to adequately assist the 65% of survivors seeking more than one service from on-site agencies same day
Impact to Services
Helpmate Community Case Manager

320 Survivors of IPV Not Served
91% of which are at high risk of lethal danger from their abusive partner

90 Children
90 children impacted by DV unable to have support, almost all of which are concurrently served by CPS

710 Case Management Sessions
Unable to meet survivors for 710 case management sessions

Assistance to 240 Survivors
Unable to provide assistance to 240 survivors to identify goals

500 Self-Identified Goals
Unable to assist survivors in meeting 500 of their self-identified goals to address needs such as housing, transportation, childcare, etc.

610 Safety Plans
Unable to create 610 safety plans with survivors specific to abuser generated safety risks
Impact to Services
Our VOICE
Court Advocate & Outreach Counselor

30 Less Survivors Served
30 survivors of sexual violence seeking assistance with law enforcement and legal advocacy at the FJC and in court will be not served (e.g., court accompaniment, filing for protective orders, applying for Victims Compensation) per year

40 Less Survivors Served
40 survivors of sexual violence (adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and recent survivors of sexual violence) seeking mental health counseling will be unable to access individual and group counseling provided through evidence-based modalities per year
Impact to Services
Pisgah Legal Services
Attorney & Legal Assistant

46 Clients
46 clients not being served per year. 1 less day of consultations, screening calls, and meeting with survivors, and attorney legal advice and representation in court per week.
Impact to Services

YWCA of Asheville
On-site Child Supervision

1 Less Day

1 less day of being able to offer on-site child supervision per week, which increases accessibility to services at the FJC
We are actively interrupting intergenerational trauma
FJC Funding by Source

- **County General Fund**
- **Grant Funds**

- FY18: 18%
- FY19: 31%
- FY20: 42%
- FY21: 35%
- FY22 (Request): 47%
Requested Board Action

DOJ Grant FY2022
• No action at this time

GCC Grant FY2022
1. Approve budget amendment to establish grant budget ($1,132,510)

2. Approve budget amendment to appropriate $96,905 in fund balance and transfer to the GCC grant. This covers the 9-month, FY2022 county contribution