



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/5/2021

Consent Agenda

Department:

Health and Human Services

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Rebecca Smith, Health and Human Services

Subject:

Supplemental Chafee (LINKS) funding

Brief Summary:

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260) enacted on December 27, 2020, provides supplemental appropriations for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood. Young adults who are or were in foster care have experienced job loss and other impacts of the pandemic and many of them have not benefited from prior COVID relief efforts, including stimulus checks. On September 10, 2021 NC DHHS, NC DSS sent a Dear County Director letter instructing counties to provide one-time unrestricted payments to this population of very vulnerable young adults. All young adults who are at least 18 years old and are not yet 27 and were in foster care at age 14 or older are eligible. Assessment of financial need is not required, and no county match is required.

The total amount distributed is \$232,672 and will be made as one-time unrestricted payments per eligible young adult which may be made under this program are as follows:
Eligible young adults 18-20 - \$2,500 / Eligible young adults 21-26 - \$5,000

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented