



**Dogwood Health Trust
Substance Use Disorder / Behavioral Health Collaborative
Planning Grant**

Presented by

Commissioners Meeting

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Dogwood Health Trust Supports Opioid Settlement Planning

After the July 21, 2021 announcement of the historic \$26 billion national opioid settlement agreement, DHT invited counties in western NC to apply for planning grants up to 2 years in duration to :

- Facilitate and or coordinate planning
- Conduct needs assessment, data collection and analysis
- Promote partnership building
- Develop implementation and sustainability plans
- Promote capacity building



Application & Award Timeline

- August 31, 2021
 - Buncombe County submitted grant application
 - Request: \$496,472 over 2 years
- October 19, 2021
 - Notification of Award for complete request
 - Substance Use Disorder / Behavioral Health Collaborative Planning
- January 1, 2022
 - If accepted by BOCC, funding award will be made available



Grant Structure/ Deliverables

- Two positions / 2 years funding:
 - Behavioral Health Manager*
 - Behavioral Health Analyst*
- Grant goals / purpose:
 - Coordinate and integrate existing county behavioral health/ substance use initiatives across county departments
 - Create a sustainability/ expansion plan for these efforts
 - Collaborate with community partners in system wide efforts
 - Provide community education
 - Track and analyze data for successful trends with an equity lens

* working titles



Request for Board Action

- Accept Dogwood Health Trust Fund Grant & appropriate funds - \$496,472
- Approve the addition of full-time time limited positions
 - Program Manager II
 - Management Analyst

