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