



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: October 18, 2022

New Business

Department: Justice Services

Presenter(s): John Hudson, Budget Director

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director

Contact(s): Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director
Joshua Pierce, Diversion Services Program Manager
Hannah Legerton, Youth Justice Division Manager

Subject: Justice Services Grant Awards and Update

Brief Summary: Justice Services has been awarded two grant awards from the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Affairs (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP):

1) "Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant" to sustain and enhance Buncombe County Treatment Courts including: Adult Drug Treatment Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Sobriety Court. This award will scale up service delivery, improve access to treatment, enhance treatment capacity, and enhance operations in all three courts by adding one (1) FTE clinician/therapist, and one (1) contracted peer support specialist. Intended outcomes: increase public safety, reduce recidivism, and improve access to treatment for eligible participants. Award dates: 10/01/2022 - 9/30/2026. Award amount: \$750,000. In-kind funds over four years: \$250,000.

2) "Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative" to reduce violent crime by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gun violence. This award will: create one (1) FTE grant manager position dedicated to expanding the Community Safety and Violence Prevention Initiative; enhance the work of currently contracted partners; develop a multi-sectoral coalition focused on community violence prevention and intervention; and contract with a Community-Based Organization to hire Community Health Workers trained in violence prevention and youth leadership development. Award dates: 10/1/2022-9/30/2025. Award amount: \$1,496,756; no match is required.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Accept two DOJ grants, approve two FTE grant-funded positions, and approve two budget amendments

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented