



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: January 16, 2024

New Business

Department: Health & Human Services

Presenter(s): John Hudson, Budget

Contact(s): Stoney Blevins, HHS Director
Ellis Matheson, Public Health Director

Subject: Public Health Infrastructure - Local Workforce Development Funding

Brief Summary: The state is providing multi-year funding beginning in FY24 for a five year period ending October 31, 2027 of \$684,061 to support and develop public health department workforce. Funds will be used to create a public health workforce pipeline, opportunities for student internship and academic community partnerships. Funding will also be used to create a custom foundational public health course for all BCDHHS public health employees and external training opportunities for employees to stay current on best practices within their public health field of work. Additional funding will be used to increase resiliency and retention efforts.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

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