



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

Consent Agenda

Department:
Community Engagement

Presenter(s):
John Hudson, Budget Director

Contact(s): Lillian Govus, Director of Communications and Public Engagement

Subject: Language Access Plan Grant

Brief Summary:

In 2023, Building Integrated Communities (BIC) launched its inaugural class of the Language Access Collaborative, bringing together teams of North Carolina local governments and community-based organizations to build bridges of communication. Buncombe County was one of nine local governments selected to partner with a community-based organization to:

- Learn about promising practices from immigrant and language access leaders and practitioners
- Conduct internal assessments and collect community data
- Design a language access plan for local government
- Initiate implementation of recommendations from that plan.

Buncombe County is receiving \$25,000 in grant funding and is partnering with Poder Emma on the Language Access Collaborative, which is funded by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation and is part of BIC at the Institute for the Study of the Americas (ISA) at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment.

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented.