

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Nurse Family Partnership Newly awarded state dollars (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Public Health).	
MEETING DATE: January 07, 2014	
REQUESTED BY: Jim Holland for Amanda L. Stone	
Background information Nurse Family Partnership targets first time, low income mothers. Many have one or more key risk factors including behavioral health concerns; potential domestic violence involvement; or have educational challenges. In addition, a high percentage are teen mothers. For FY14, \$188,019 additional state funds have been awarded to Buncombe County HHS- Public Health and will enable public health to hire 3 home-visiting Bachelor's level, Registered Nurses (PHN II) and 1 Office Assistant V (OA V). This will allow Buncombe Nurse Family Partnership to serve 75 additional families (caseload is 25/RN).	
Pro's These additional dollars will allow Nurse Family Partnership to hire staff that will then be able to serve 75 additional families. They will provide an evidenced based intervention with thirty years of research that can be linked to reducing child abuse and neglect, promoting economic self-sufficiency (increased employment and reduced use of economic services programs), improved pregnancy outcomes, improved child health and development, reduced criminal activity and arrests, improved school readiness and educational outcomes. These outcomes reduce demand/burden for core county services including child protective services, economic services and criminal justice involvement.	Con's None
Funds required These funds are state funds awarded in FY14 and are anticipated to continue in FY15 and <u>do not</u> require a county contribution.	
Alternatives	

Action recommended:

Allocate funding for Nurse Family Partnership. \$188,019 in new state dollars. Create 3 PHN II positions and 1 OA V position.

Should this state grant funding become unavailable or cease, Buncombe County HHS- Public Health will cease the additional staffing and expenses related to the use of these dollars.