



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 1/7/2020

NEW BUSINESS

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Rachael Nygaard, Director, Strategic Partnerships
Diana Sierra, Program Director, Family Justice Center

Subject:

Grant Projects Ordinance

Brief Summary:

This is a continuation of the Buncombe County Family Justice Center grant through the Governor's Crime Commission. The amount of the award is \$1,182,877.63 for two years. This grant is funded through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds. The GCC grant renewal supports nine contracted positions and comprehensive, trauma-informed programming for victims of domestic and sexual violence at the Family Justice Center (FJC). Specifically, it funds: 1) a position for free, onsite childcare through the YWCA; 2) two positions - a sexual assault court advocate and an on-site therapist - through Our Voice; 3) two positions - domestic violence case managers - through Helpmate; 4) two positions - an on-site staff attorney and legal assistant - to provide legal representation through Pisgah Legal Services; and 5) two intake specialists who assist survivors in comprehensive safety planning and navigating all on-site services. This grant also funds travel and registration for on-site partners to attend the national Family Justice Center Alliance Conference where they receive training on domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and elder abuse in the context of the FJC model and accountability to survivors. Required 20% local match is met through the in-kind donation of office space at the FJC and the FJC Coordinator's salary.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented.