

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/13/2021

Consent Agenda

Department: Presenter(s):

Budget Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director

Subject: DWI Court 2021

Brief Summary:

This grant is a continuation of Buncombe County's existing DWI Treatment Court (Sobriety Court), funded through the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. The grant provides \$86,775 to extend one grant-funded position (DWI Treatment Court Coordinator) for 12 additional months. No county dollars are required.

The court is a diversion/sentencing alternative program for repeat DWI offenders that reside in Buncombe County and are referred by the Office of the District Attorney. Historically, Buncombe County contracted with RHA Health Services to operate the court. Buncombe County began operating this court with county staff in FY2021.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

- 1) Approve the local government resolution accepting the DWI Court 2022 Grant & authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program
- 2) Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented