



FJC Update & Budget Request

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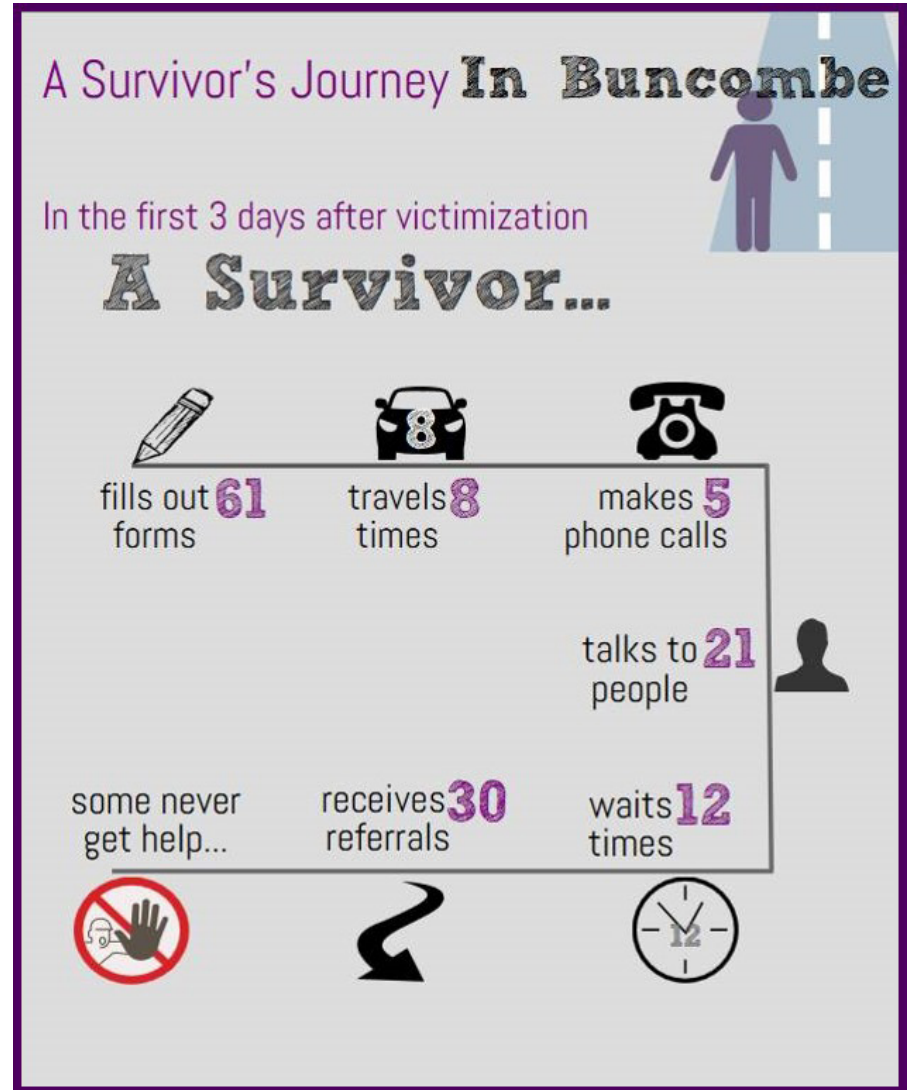
Justice Services



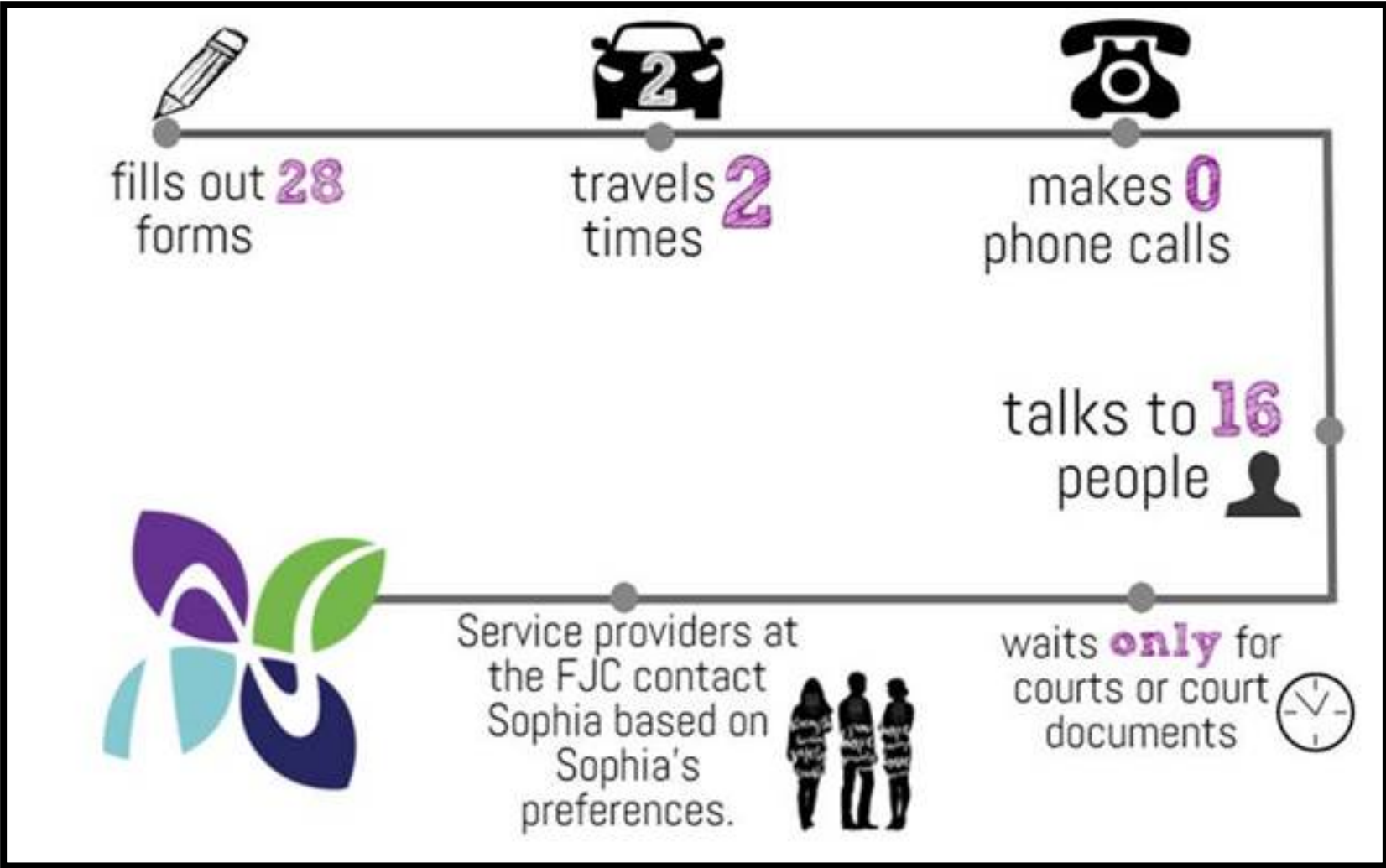
Celebrating 5 Years



Before the FJC...



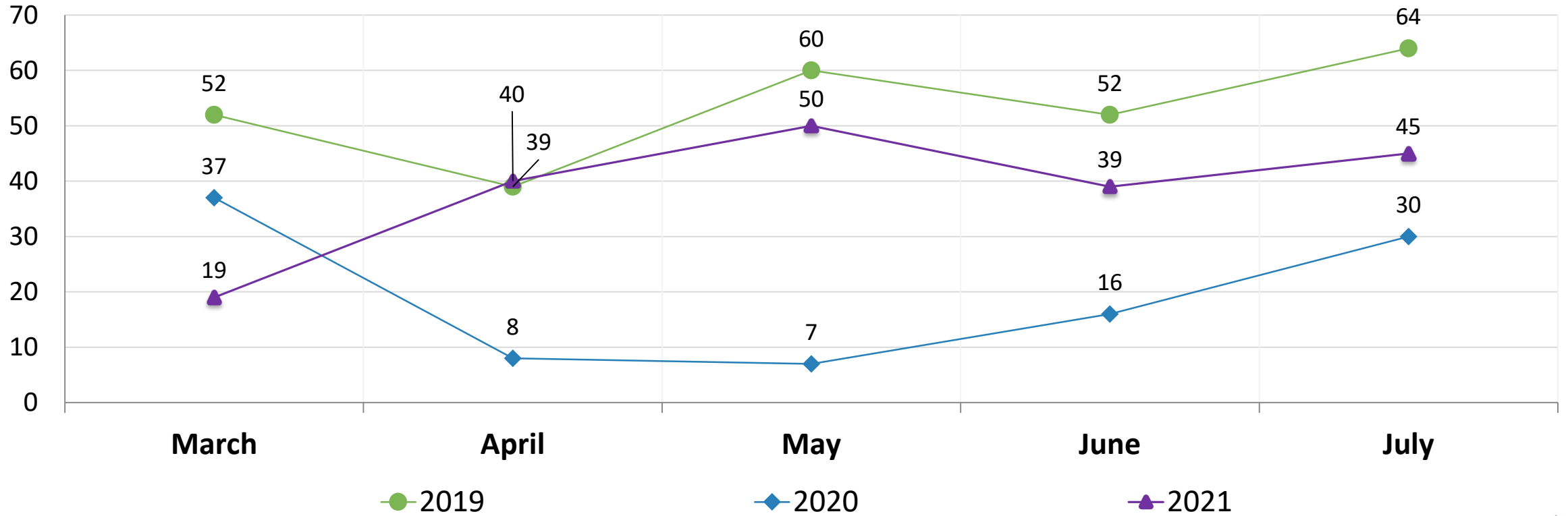
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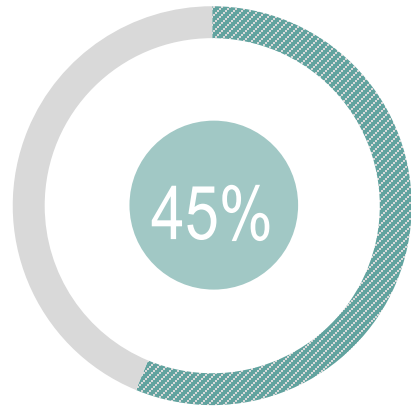
COVID-19 Impacts



Intakes – 2019 – 2021

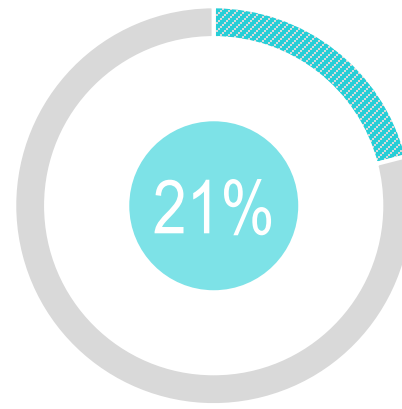


Complexity of Services



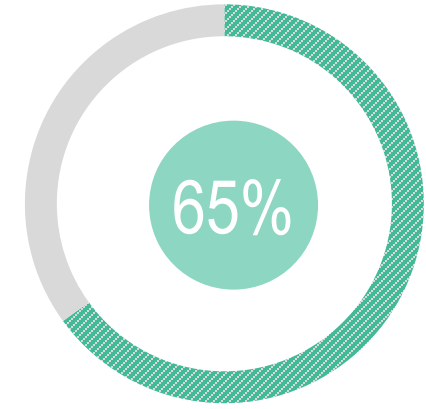
2+ Agencies, 2019

Survivors accessing services from 2 or more agencies during their initial visit
January – June 2019



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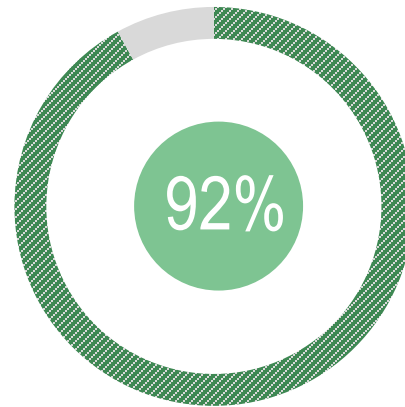
Current Impact of Service Delivery

January – June 2021



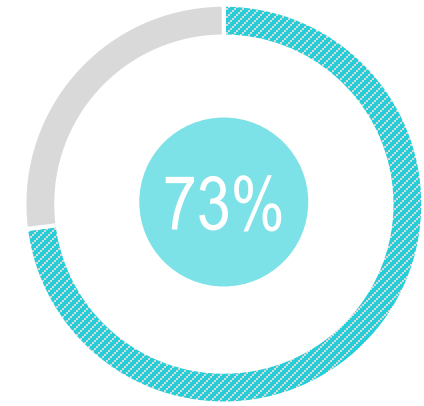
Decreased Fear & Anxiety

% of survivors who completed a survey that reported a decreased level of fear and anxiety after intake



Safety Plan

% of survivors who completed a survey that have a safety plan



SA Arrests

Sexual assault arrests are up by 73% when compared to July – December 2020

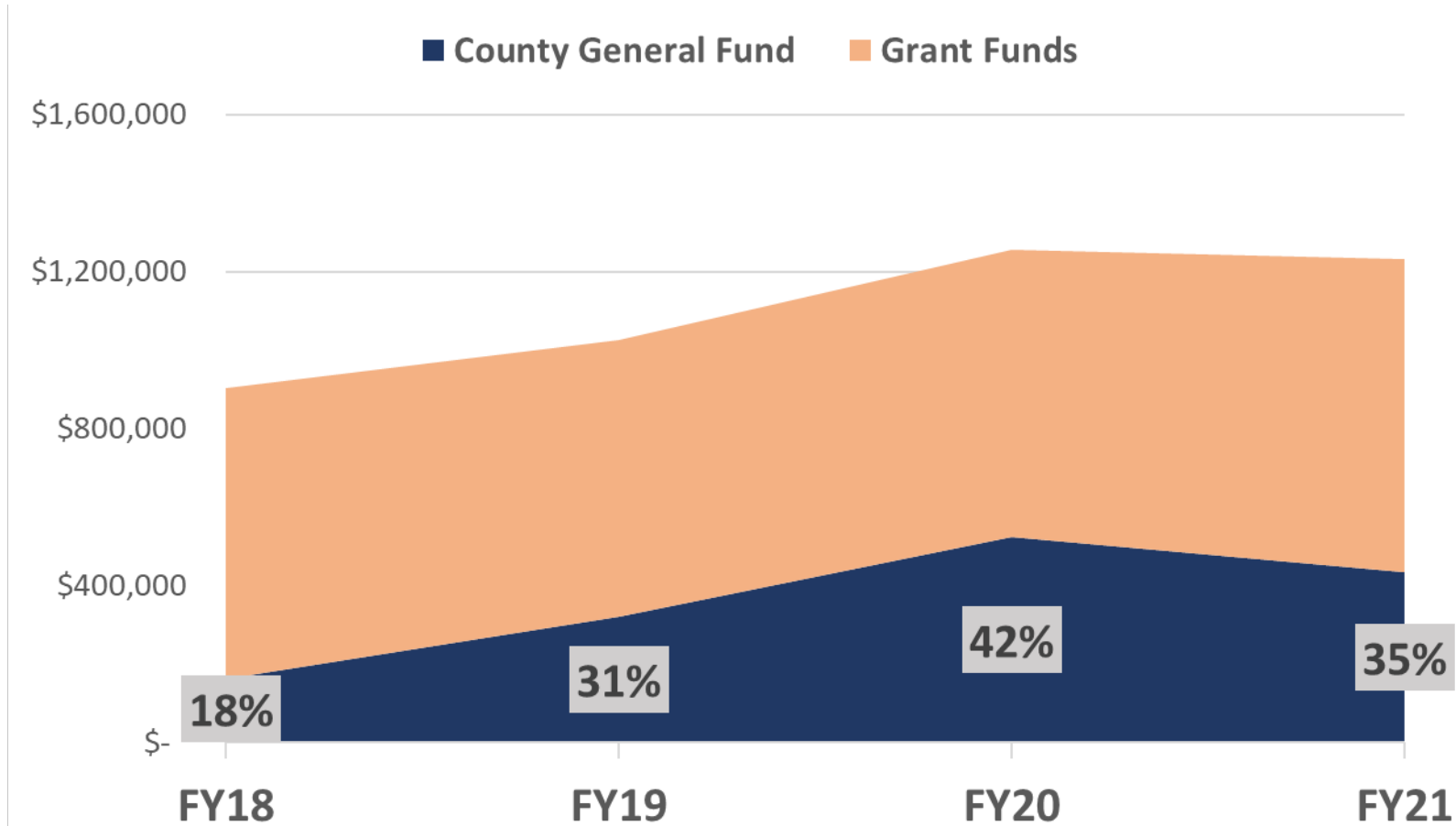


Funding Sources

- Buncombe County provides in-kind space at 35 Woodfin for on-site partners
- Family Justice Program Manager position and operational funds for office and meeting supplies, janitorial services, and some training provided by the County
- Family Justice Center Cost Center provides contracts for Batterer Intervention Services, Crisis Services, and the Lethality Assessment Protocol program
- Department of Justice (DOJ) federal funding through the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) would fund 3 contract positions, 1 Sheriff's Deputy, training, travel, and travel vouchers for survivors – have received funding since 2015
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal funding through the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) funds 9 contract positions, training, travel, software, and emergency survivor snacks – have received grant since 2015



FJC Funding by Source



Current Landscape

- Submitted for renewal for both GCC and DOJ grants (~\$1.7 million)
- Delays - Awaiting response from the DOJ OVW Grant, expected in October
- VOCA Funding Gap 2021 – Federal Level Funding Gap
 - Received reduced VOCA GCC Award for 10/1/2021 – 6/30/2023
 - \$874 thousand of requested \$1.25 million
 - Only FJC in NC to receive VOCA funding this cycle
- H.R. 1652, “VOCA Fix” signed into law July 2021
- Critical funding reduction set for October 1, 2021



DOJ Impacts

- 1 Intake Specialist (Helpmate Contracted Position)
- 1 Bilingual Intake Specialist (Helpmate Contracted Position)
- 1 Sheriff's Deputy (BCSO)
- 1 Trauma-Informed Legal Assistant (DA Contracted Position)
- Trauma-Informed Training for Staff
- Travel Vouchers/Rideshare Reimbursement for Survivors



FJC Contracted Positions Impacted by GCC Cuts

- 2 Intake Specialists (Helpmate)
- 1 Community Case Manager (Helpmate)
- 1 Counselor/Case Manager (Helpmate)
- 1 Counselor (Our VOICE)
- 1 Court Advocate (Our Voice)
- 1 Attorney (Pisgah Legal Services)
- 1 Legal Assistant (Pisgah Legal Services)
- 1 Onsite Child Supervision Provider (YWCA)

~23% reduction to each position resulting in a ~75 less hours of FJC specific services provided to clients a week



Impact to Services

Helpmate Intake Specialist



170 Survivors, 30 Children

Unable to provide a gateway to FJC-based services for 170 survivors and 30 children



170 Emergency Safety Plans

Provide 170 less emergency safety plans to address immediate risks



65%, 2+ Agencies

Unable to adequately assist the 65% of survivors seeking more than one service from on-site agencies same day



Impact to Services

Helpmate Community Case Manager

320 Survivors of IPV Not Served

91% of which are at high risk of lethal danger from their abusive partner



90 Children

90 children impacted by DV unable to have support, almost all of which are concurrently served by CPS



710 Case Management Sessions

Unable to meet survivors for 710 case management sessions



Assistance to 240 Survivors

Unable to provide assistance to 240 survivors to identify goals



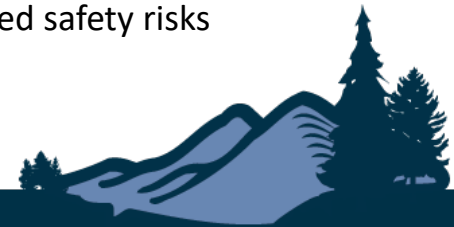
500 Self-Identified Goals

Unable to assist survivors in meeting 500 of their self-identified goals to address needs such as housing, transportation, childcare, etc.



610 Safety Plans

Unable to create 610 safety plans with survivors specific to abuser generated safety risks



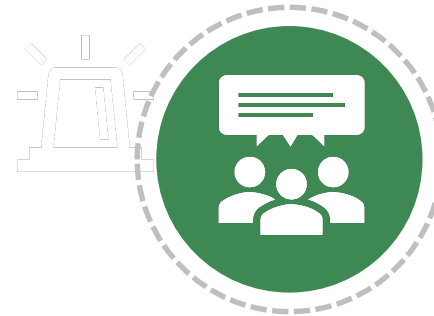
Impact to Services

Our VOICE

Court Advocate & Outreach Counselor

30 Less Survivors Served

30 survivors of sexual violence seeking assistance with law enforcement and legal advocacy at the FJC and in court will be not served (e.g., court accompaniment, filing for protective orders, applying for Victims Compensation) per year



40 Less Survivors Served

40 survivors of sexual violence (adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and recent survivors of sexual violence) seeking mental health counseling will be unable to access individual and group counseling provided through evidence-based modalities per year



Impact to Services

Pisgah Legal Services
Attorney & Legal Assistant

46 Clients

46 clients not being served per year. 1 less day of consultations, screening calls, and meeting with survivors, and attorney legal advice and representation in court per week



Impact to Services

YWCA of Asheville
On-site Child Supervision



1 Less Day

1 less day of being able to offer on-site child supervision per week, which increases accessibility to services at the FJC





Buncombe County
Family Justice Center
A Path to Strength, Safety & Hope

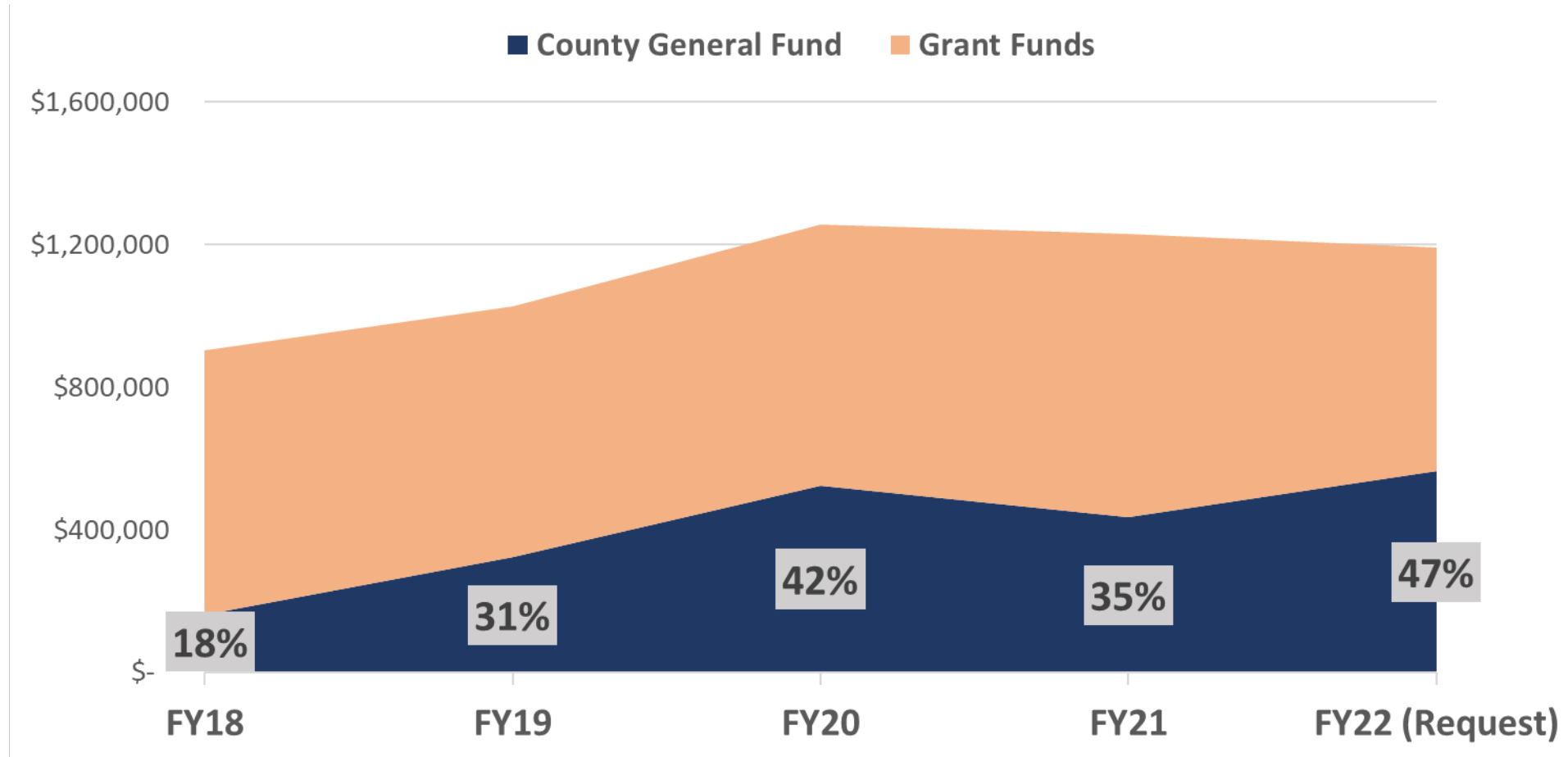
**We are actively interrupting
intergenerational trauma**



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FJC Funding by Source



Requested Board Action

DOJ Grant FY2022

- **No action at this time**

GCC Grant FY2022

1. **Approve budget amendment** to establish grant budget (\$1,132,510)
2. **Approve budget amendment** to appropriate \$96,905 in fund balance and transfer to the GCC grant. This covers the 9-month, FY2022 county contribution

