



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: November 19, 2024

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:**

Library

**Presenter(s):**

John Hudson, Budget Director

**Contact(s):**

Jason Hyatt, Library Director

**Subject:**

Digital Opportunities Initiative

**Brief Summary:**

Buncombe County Public Libraries has been awarded a \$20,000 grant to support participation in the Digital Opportunities Initiative funded by Dogwood Health Trust. BCPL will work with 11 other agencies as part of a 10-month collaborative learning cohort. The cohort partners will develop projects to address the digital divide in Western North Carolina with a goal of making inclusion in the digital world easier and more relevant for individuals and families across our region. The initial \$20,000 grant will be used for staff travel and training, materials translation, community activities, and other emerging needs that arise during the cohort planning process. Dogwood will provide an additional \$250,000 over two years for the cohort to support project development and implementation.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented