

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant Funding for the Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant funding in the amount of \$95,000 into the Grants and Donations Fund for the Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO).

Item Summary:

Purpose: In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for funds.

Background: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) awards grant funds to reduce drug availability by creating and supporting intelligence-driven task forces. The task forces are aimed at eliminating or reducing drug trafficking and its harmful consequences through the enhancement and coordination of drug trafficking control efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant funds are awarded to assist the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with investigating violations of federal and state drug laws in conjunction with money laundering. The federal pass-through funding from the City of Durham has provided funds to the WCSO to participate in activities to assist in disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking to combat the increasing drug crimes in the State of North Carolina. These funds will be used to support staff pay and other expenses while working toward reducing and eliminating drug availability.

Strategic Plan: This action supports the Safer Community Together Goal 3: By 2029, reduce the Wake County violent crime rate per 100,000 people in Wake County by 5%.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides an additional \$95,000 for collaboration with the City of Durham into the Grants and Donations Fund. There is no matching funds requirement.

Attachments:

1. Grant Agreement – Subrecipient Contract
2. Budget Memo – FY2026 Grants and Donations Fund