

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds for the Wake County Sheriff's Office

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$15,900 from the Walmart Foundation for the Wake County Sheriff's Office Grants and Donations Fund.

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 a fund.

Background: The Walmart Foundation awards grants to local governments to strengthen communities through both their retail business and community giving. These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where they operate. The foundation has awarded the Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) \$15,900 for community giving. The office plans to spend these funds on community events to build greater relationships with communities and residents.

Strategic Plan: This action supports Foundations for Service Goal 4: By 2029, increase by 10% the percentage of residents who agree that Wake County does a good job engaging residents and gathering public input.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides an additional \$15,900 for project participation. There is no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

The Wake County Sheriff's Office intends to use the funds to host community events throughout the year to continue to "bridge the gap" between law enforcement and the community. Events may include but are not limited to:

- Shop with the Sheriff Gift Drive – WCSO will use funds provided by the Walmart Foundation to provide educational supplies, clothing/hygiene products, and seasonal material resources to help families with children in the community that need assistance to support efforts for this program to uplift the community and boost family togetherness during the holiday season. Children will be paired with a Deputy and sent on a shopping trip at Walmart.

- Special Olympics - WCSO will use funds provided by the Walmart Foundation to provide our community with information, resources, and assistance to help our community with these efforts for this program.
- Giving Thanks – Shop with the Sheriff – WCSO will use funds provided by the Walmart Foundation to provide clothing/hygiene products, nutritional items, and seasonal material resources to help families with children in the community that need assistance to support efforts for this event to give thanks and uplift the community to boost family togetherness during holiday seasons.
- Blessings in a Bag - WCSO will use funds provided by the Walmart Foundation to provide personal hygiene items and other basic essentials to assemble “blessing bags” for our community’s homeless population of Wake County. This program will assist the homeless population with their everyday needs to benefit the community that will provide some relief to the homeless population in Wake County, so they can have a higher level of self-esteem, sense of pride, and support their health and wellness needs.
- Senior Blessings in a Bag - WCSO will use funds provided by the Walmart Foundation to provide personal hygiene items, nutritional food, blankets/clothing, and other essentials to assemble “blessing bags” for our community’s senior citizen population of Wake County. This event will assist senior citizens with their everyday needs and provide some care for those seniors who do not have family/friends nearby to assist with their daily essentials. This event will also increase senior citizens’ self-esteem, sense of pride, and support their health and wellness needs.

Attachments:

1. Grant Award Letters
2. Budget Memo – FY 2025 Grants and Donations Fund