

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate Funds from Community Care of North Carolina, Inc.

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$96,660 of revenues and expenditures into the Grants and Donations Fund from Community Care of North Carolina, Inc. to build and support better community-based health care delivery systems.

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: On June 21, 2024, Wake County Health and Human Services Department (HHS) received notice of one-time capacity-building grant funding of \$96,660 from Community Care of North Carolina, Inc. This funding supports capacity-building purposes and is intended to improve the health and quality of life of all North Carolinians by building and supporting better community-based healthcare delivery systems.

The Child Health Program provides services to children 0-21 years of age who are either uninsured, underserved or Medicaid recipients. The services offered in the clinic are well child visits, behavioral visits, school health assessments, hearing and vision screenings, genetic services, development screenings, immunizations, nutritional counseling, and acute care visits.

Strategic Plan: This action supports Community Health and Wellbeing Goal 3: By 2029, 5% more residents asked will indicate low barriers to healthcare and behavioral services, such as access to providers, insurance coverage, affordability and appointment wait times.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides funding of \$96,660 over a one-year period into the Health and Human Services Grants and Donations Fund for the Wake County Child Health Program. There is no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

Wake County Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks to improve access to healthcare and remove the barriers to healthcare for all Wake County residents. The Wake County Child Health Program strives to see all patients in need of care. One proven way to remove barriers to access is to have administrative staff available to assist patients with scheduling appointments.

In 2023, North Carolina Medicaid expansion was expected to add 600,000 Medicaid recipients under the age of 18 to the State. For children, Medicaid enrollment for the State rose from 1,168,602 in March 2020 to 1,382,255 as of May 2023. With Wake County being the most populous county in the State with nearly 1.16 million residents, the demand for child health services has increased. The 2023 Wake County Child Health Program Sunnybrook location alone served 7,823 residents of Wake County.

The grant funds will be used to increase service delivery for the Wake County Child Health Program by hiring temporary staff and purchasing equipment. The goals for the grant are to:

1. Increase the number of Child Health clients contacted and scheduled for appointments to improve access to healthcare for the community.
2. Increase effective communication with HHS clients for improved understanding, better collaboration, and to reduce barriers to healthcare.

Wake County Child Health Program will continue to help improve the health of all Wake County residents by means of education, encouragement, and evaluation while accomplishing the goals listed above.

The Wake County grant funds will be used as follows:

Budget Categories	Total
Temporary Services	\$95,301
Equipment Costs	\$1,359
Total	\$96,660

Attachments:

1. CCNC Award Letter
2. Budget Memo FY 2025 – Grants and Donation Fund