

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate Intensive Intervention Juvenile Justice Funding for Fiscal Year 2027

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$112,539 of funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NC DPS) for intensive intervention services for juvenile justice-involved youth in Fiscal Year 2027 for the County Manager's Office into the Grants and Donations Fund.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners is responsible for appropriating all revenues and expenditures for the County's operating budget.

Background: NC DPS provides Intensive Intervention Services Funding for youth-serving programs across the state to (i) prevent the juvenile's commitment to a youth development center or detention facility, or (ii) facilitate the juvenile's successful return to the community following commitment. With the support of the local JCPC, NC DPS reviews data related to juveniles at-risk of secure custody and makes funding decisions based on the document gaps in the juvenile justice continuum of services. IIS funding typically supports programming not available among JCPC funded programs to include intensive substance abuse treatment, youth identified or suspected of having problematic sexual behavior, or youth in need of reentry services.

NC DPS will award \$112,539 to one Wake County-based program, Haven House Services.

Strategic Plan: This action supports 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: Accept and appropriate \$112,539 for the County Manager's Office into the Fiscal Year 2027 Grants and Donations Fund.

Additional Information:

NC DPS is providing intensive intervention services funding to mitigate a gap in Wake County's continuum of services. In June 2025, Wake County's only IIS-funded program was forced to cease operations because of funding gaps caused in part by the budgetary constraints at NC DPS. Despite persistent increases in operational expenses of our JCPC-funded and other youth-serving programs over the last several years, JCPC funding allocations and intensive intervention services funding have remained the same since statewide since 2019. The intensive intervention funding awarded by NC DPS is an opportunity to address a growing void in Wake County's continuum of services left by the sunset of its only IIS-funded program in 2025.

The following program received IIS funds for specialized juvenile justice programming:

- Problematic Sexual Behavior – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT) program is a family focused program that providing assessment and treatment for juvenile justice involved youth identified or suspected of having problematic sexual behavior.

Attachments:

1. PSB-CBT Program FY27 IIS Funding Agency Award Letter
2. Budget Memo – FY 2027 Grants and Donations Fund