

Item Title: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - Ryan White Part B Funding

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$638,149 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) for Ryan White Part B Primary Medical Services to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV by linking them to healthcare services, providing support and helping them achieve HIV viral suppression.

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 fund.

Background: Wake County receives Ryan White Modernization Act funds annually from the NC Department of Health and Human Services to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV by increasing their access to primary health, dental care, and laboratory services. The primary goal is to link individuals to healthcare services, provide support and help them achieve HIV viral suppression. Achieving viral suppression optimizes all health outcomes for the client, greatly extends life expectancy for HIV-positive individuals, and has a tremendous impact on reducing HIV transmission.

During Fiscal Year 2026, Wake County Public Health can serve 240 laboratory patients and 217 patients with direct HIV Medical Care using the \$638,149 in one-time funding.

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 health services, such as access to providers, insurance coverage, affordability and appointment wait times.

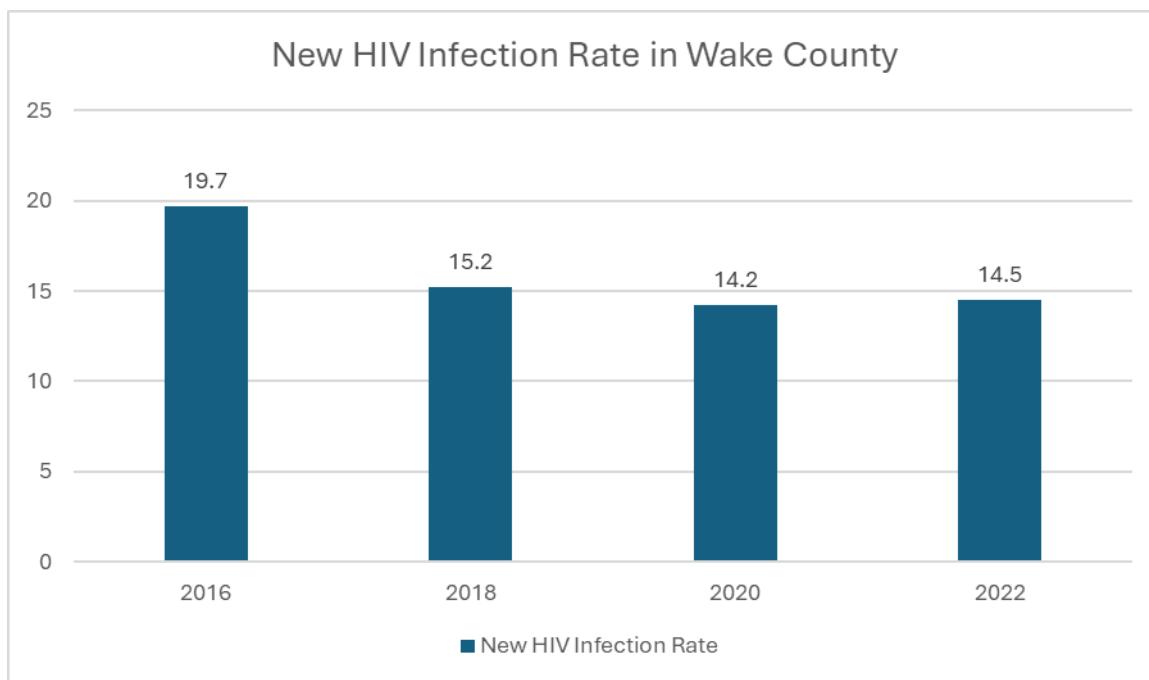
Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides an additional \$638,149 in the FY2026 General Fund for project participation. There is no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Communicable Disease Branch, AIDS Care Unit under the Division of Public Health funds "networks of care." These networks are a group of core medical and support service providers in a geographic region that work together to develop a matrix of services that addresses designated goals. The 11-county region covered by Wake County Public Health consists

of Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake and Warren counties. The network's goal is to improve and maintain the health status of people living with HIV infection in North Carolina.

Science has shown that achieving HIV viral suppression (the point at which HIV is considered non-detectable in a blood sample) greatly reduces the ability of HIV to be transmitted from one person to another. The June 2024 NC Surveillance Report for Wake County shows the viral suppression rate within Wake County is 68%. Within the HIV Clinic at Wake County Public Health (WCPH), the current viral suppression rate of 87.6% has played a significant role in the overall reduction of the HIV positivity rate for Wake County (19.7% per 100,000 people in 2016 to 14.5% per 100,000 people in 2022).



<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/stds/figures.html>

One of the primary barriers to achieving viral suppression is access to dental care. The viral suppression rate for the entire HIV clinic is 87.7%. However, for those who also receive Oral Health Care, the rate increases to 96.0%. With more than 300 pending outgoing referrals for Oral Health Care, dentistry remains the largest disparity among clients who need the service and the number of clients who are able to receive the service (119 unduplicated clients received Oral Health Care services between January 1, 2025, and November 30, 2025). While each of our support and wrap around services improves the overall HIV viral suppression rate for the clinic, those receiving both HIV Medical care as well as Oral Health Care represents the most successful medical care combination in improving viral suppression. Of the 4,000 consumers served by Wake County annually, only about 125 receive annual dental care services.

The Ryan White program has a current dental waitlist of 353 patients. We anticipate that these funds will move approximately 130 patients from the waitlist. Additionally, maintaining and monitoring viral suppression and disease progression require systematic vaccinations and laboratory testing. The additional funds will also allow WCPH to provide influenza vaccines, pneumococcal vaccines, and routine laboratory services.

Budget Category	One-Time Funds
Contract Services (Dental, Lab)	\$529,319
Vaccines	\$70,902
Equipment	\$27,678
Client Assistance	\$10,250
Total	\$638,149

The following table displays Ryan White Care Program Consolidated Agreement (Activity 574) allocation levels for Wake County between FY 2022 through FY 2026. These allocations reflect a June-May contract period as distributed by the State.

Revenue Source	FY 2022 Allocation	FY 2023 Allocation	FY 2024 Revised	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Revised
AA574	\$2,279,415	\$2,264,748	\$2,264,748	\$2,264,748	\$2,264,748
Revision #1	\$227,221	\$237,655	\$297,606	\$344,125	\$202,827
Revision #2					\$638,149
AA574 Total	\$2,506,636	\$2,502,403	\$2,562,354	\$2,608,873	\$3,105,724

Attachments:

1. Agreement Addendum NC DHHS Ryan White Part B Primary Medical Services
2. Budget Memo – FY2026 Human Services