

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate Supplemental State Funding for Public Health Services

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$50,000 of revenues and expenditures into the Grants and Donations Fund from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), Division of Public Health (DPH) to ensure that the ten (10) Public Health Essential Services are available and accessible to the population.

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 May 6, 2024, the Board of Commissioners accepted and appropriated the initial funding of \$50,000 from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health for State fiscal year 2024. On July 17, 2024, Wake County Health and Human Services Department (HHS) received notice of an additional funding of \$50,000 from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health for State fiscal year 2025.

This funding supports activities authorized under the General Aid-to-Counties Agreement Addendum including the delivery of the ten (10) Essential Public Health Services per GS § 130A-1.1.1, the core functions of public health (Assessment, Policy Development, Assurance), and the specific health needs or health status indicators selected by each local health department.

Per HB 259, Section 4.7.(i), "The funds appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund in this act and in prior enactments of the General Assembly shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium but shall remain available to expend and appropriate until the date set by applicable federal law or guidance."

Strategic Plan: This action supports Community Health and Wellbeing Goal 2: 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 \$50,000.00 in recurring revenues and expenditures in the Health and Human Services Department Grants and Donations Fund for State fiscal year 2025 to

further enhances the ability of local health departments to deliver the essential services and core functions of public health. There is no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

The ARPA Temporary Savings Funds may be used for any public health program or purpose, any locally identified need or current health status indicator, and to support the delivery of the core functions of public health and 10 Essential Public Health Services. This funding is made available through the NCGA 2023 Appropriations Act, HB 259 for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to support the following 10 Essential Public Health Services:

Assessment

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.

Policy Development

3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

Assurance

6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

Wake County Health and Human Services Department (HHS) recognizes the history of underinvestment in the most economically and socially marginalized communities. This grant represents an opportunity to continue the support that HHS has initiated and to enhance the involvement in serving these communities in a more equitable way.

HHS intends to utilize the additional grant funds for a temporary Accreditation Assistant to prepare for the upcoming accreditation site visit in FY 2026. All grant related purchases, procurements, and fiscal transactions will be made to further the goals of the grant and in accordance with Wake County fiscal policies and procedures.

Budget Categories	Cost
Contractual Services	\$50,000
Total Costs	\$50,000

Attachments:

1. FY24-25 Agreement Addendum - 121 ARPA TSF Public Health Services
2. Budget Memo FY 2025 – Grants and Donations Fund