

**Item Title:** Accept and Appropriate Funds for the Ryan White Part C EIS Program

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$479,154 of federal funds awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for both revenues and expenditures into the Grants and Donations Fund for the Department of Health and Human Services.**

**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 Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS (RWC) Program is funded annually by the NC Department of Health and Human Services to provide outpatient early intervention services with respect to HIV disease. This grant improves the quality of life of people living with HIV infection by increasing their access to primary health, dental care, and laboratory services. Wake County uses these funds to serve 240 people with laboratory services and 93 people with dental services.

On March 4, 2024, Wake County was awarded and adopted \$154,824 of RWC funds. This was a partial award due to HRSA operating under a Continuing Resolution. On June 4, 2024, HRSA awarded the remaining allocation of \$464,475 as the balance of funding. On August 1, 2024, HRSA awarded an additional \$14,679.

**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.

This action supports Community Health and Wellbeing Goal 4: By 2029, three out of four residents asked will indicate low barriers to accessing benefits and assistance programs and resources, such as food and utilities, childcare, employment services, housing, etc.

**Fiscal Impact:** These awards provide funding of \$479,154 for the 2024/2025 grant year into the Health and Human Services Grants and Donations Fund for the Ryan White Part C EIS (RWC) Program. This brings the total federal funding for 2024/2025 to \$633,978. The funding will support existing 4.3 FTE, contract providers, conference travel and supplies. There is no matching funds requirement.

**Additional Information:**

With the support of these funds, the HIV clinic presently provides vital clinical care services to 1,693 Wake County Residents. As the program enters its twenty-first year of RWC funding, it boasts a clinic-wide viral suppression rate of 87.2%. The clinic is widely regarded as a national model of HIV-care service delivery.

The RWC grant funds will be used as follows:

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>2024/2025 Initial Award</b>	<b>2024/2025 Additional</b>	<b>FY25 Revised Budget</b>
Salary and Fringe	94,052	311,994	406,046
Contracted Services	60,772	146,566	207,338
Supplies	-	13,014	13,014
Conference Travel	-	7,580	7,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,824</b>	<b>\$479,154</b>	<b>\$633,978</b>

The table below displays the funding amounts the HHS Health Clinics Division has been awarded from HRSA for the RWC Program over the last five fiscal years.

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Ryan White Part C EIS	\$534,798	\$534,798	\$534,798	\$619,299	\$619,299

**Attachments:**

1. HRSA Notice of Award rev.1
2. HRSA Notice of Award rev.2
3. Budget Memo FY 2025 – Grants and Donations Fund