

Item Title: Approval of the FY 2023 County Funding Plan for the Home and Community Care Block Grant

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the County Funding Plan submitted by Wake County Human Services, Meals on Wheels and Resources for Seniors and affix required signatures.

Item Summary:

Purpose: Federal law requires that the local County jurisdictions, the Board of Commissioners in this case, approve the plans on how the Home and Community Care Block Grant funds will be allocated.

Background: The Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) for Older Adults is federal funding made available to the local community from the Division of Aging and Adult Services, through the Triangle J Council of Government Area Agency on Aging. The allocations per county have been released for FY 2023 and \$4,314,358 has been apportioned for Wake County. The funds are used to purchase services such as home-delivered and congregate meals, transportation, case assistance, respite care, adult day care, housing counseling and senior centers. Upon approval, the funds will be sent directly from Triangle J Council of Governments to Resources for Seniors, Inc., and Meals on Wheels of Wake County.

Board Goal: This action supports Community Health and Vitality Goal 3: Support a higher quality of life for vulnerable residents and communities; and Community Health and Vitality Goal 4: All residents should have access to safe, nutritious, culturally appropriate, and affordable food.

Fiscal Impact: The \$4,314,358 apportionment will be sent directly from Triangle J Council of Governments to Resources for Seniors, Inc., and Meals on Wheels of Wake County. The FY 2023 County Funding Plan for the HCCBG requires a local match of \$479,373. The total match requirement is appropriated in the Wake County Human Services General Fund FY 2023 budget for project participation.

Additional Information:

The allocations per county have been released, and \$4,314,358 has been apportioned for Wake County for FY 2023. Wake County does not operate as a pass-through agent for these funds. Agencies receive their designated allocations directly from Triangle J. However, the County does match each of these allocations with local dollars. The County's total share of the match is \$479,373. The funds have been identified in the Human Services FY 2023 Adopted budget. The breakdown per agency is as follows:

Agency	HCCBG Funds	County Match Requirement	Total Funding	Projected HCCBG Clients
Meals on Wheels	\$1,746,001	\$194,000	\$1,940,001	2,000
Resources for Seniors	\$2,568,357	\$285,373	\$2,853,730	12,083
Total	\$4,314,358	\$479,373	4,793,731	14,083

The HCCBG grant and the County's matching contribution have enabled Resources for Seniors and Meals on Wheels to serve 11,908 people throughout Wake County from July 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022. A distribution of those services is shown in the charts below:

Resources for Seniors:

Service	Clients served 7/1/21-4/30/22
Institutional Respite	61
Senior Center operations	4051
In Home Aide (all types)	202
Adult Day Care & Day Health	26
Information & Referral	5112
Housing Counseling (I&R)	44
Transportation (Grocery Shopping & Meal Site only)	107
Housing and Home Improvement (Ramps / Hot H2O Heaters)	54
Total	9,657

Meals on Wheels of Wake County:

Service	Clients served 7/1/21-4/30/22
Home Delivered Meals	449
Congregate Meals Served	1802
Total	2,251

The HCCBG amounts provided for the past 5 years are illustrated below. The amount varies based upon allocations in the State budget:

Fiscal Year	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
HCCBG Allocation	3,613,552	3,527,334	3,462,836	3,166,685	2,879,055
Required Local Match	401,504	391,926	384,759	351,853	319,895
Total Funding	4,015,056	3,919,260	3,847,595	3,518,538	3,198,950

The rate of growth in the 60+ population in Wake County is outpacing all other groups. Without the County's commitment to matching HCCBG funds with local dollars, the funding would not come to residents of Wake County. Due to Wake County's population growth outpacing most other regions of the state, and the percentage of that growth that includes persons ages 60 and older, the allocation for Wake County increased more rapidly than most other counties. As the pandemic enters its third year, there continues

to be many challenges for older adults and the need for home and community based services continues to grow exponentially.

Attachments:

1. 2022-2023 Home and Community Care Block Grant Materials