

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate to the Grants and Donations Fund \$9,000 from North Carolina State University and establish a .20 FTE

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates to the Grants and Donations Fund a grant from North Carolina State University (NCSU) totaling \$9,000 in revenues and expenditures and establishes a .20 FTE Public Health Educator.

Item Summary:

In June 2014 Wake County 4-H Youth Development was awarded funding through the NCSU and North Carolina Cooperative Extension to implement a four-year grant: Together for A Better Education (TBE) grant. The grant aims at equipping Wake County youth and their families with tools to support them in the attainment of a high school diploma, preparing for post-secondary education, and developing work readiness skills. The four major components of the Together for a Better Education Model include:

1. One on one academic success coaching
2. A five week series of TBE Family and Youth workshops for 8th graders and their parents (to navigate the academic system and assist family members in advocating for their youth), and a six week series of workshops for high school students and their parents to include: preparation for work readiness, exploring post-secondary options, and college access.
3. 4-H Club involvement focused on life skills, STEAM, financial literacy, civics and service learning
4. 4-H and TBE Summer Leadership Experiences

Given the multi-year, ongoing nature of this program, enrollment of youth and families has tripled since the inception of the grant. (**27 8th graders** enrolled in 2014/15, completing their first year. In 2015/16 an additional **24 8th graders** enrolled with an addition **45 8th graders** enrolled in 2016/17). Each cohort of youth (and their parents) remains active throughout high school as families continue to attend workshops, and youth continue to participate in Juntos 4-H Club until they have progressed to graduation. Therefore, our projected number for total youth participants in this year is 96 youth. Our conservative estimate for parents/family members attending the required workshops is 120 for Middle School events, and 94 for High School workshops. Accepting these additional funds will subsidize salary necessary to move the current Public Health Educator position from .80 FTE to 1.0 FTE.

The project aligns with the Board of Commissioners' goals on Education - Through collaboration with education stakeholders, achieving a well-educated, skilled citizenry prepared for success in a global workforce. Measures for effectiveness include:

- **Academic Growth and Performance** (2.1 average to 3.18 average GPA growth, 79% missed 10 days of school or less; an 18% increase in the End of

Grade English/Language Arts/Reading scores; 93% feel confident that they will graduate from High School)

- **Parental Involvement** (90% Juntos 4-H parents participate and attend Parent workshops, Family Education Nights, or other intentional activities in support of their children's education; 73% of youth participants shared that they speak with their parents MOST OF THE TIME or DAILY about school work and grades).
- **Community Engagement** (93% of youth participants report feeling as though the program has helped them feel as though they "belong" in their schools, 97% students participated in at least one community service within the past 6 months).
- **College and Leadership Preparation** (All available NCSU Academia slots (20) available for Wake were filled; two youth participated in 4-H Camp Counselors' Leadership in Training at Betsy-Jeff Penn; of three youth delegates representing Wake at the annual NC Citizenship Focus, one youth is a Juntos 4-H Club officer.

Activities are evaluated for success and sustained through partnerships in the community, including NCSU and WCPSS. This initiative is being implemented at Garner Magnet High and East Garner Magnet Middle schools as determined by WCPSS.

These funds will be appropriated in the Grants and Donations Fund. No County dollars are required and the .2 FTE position (along with the original .80 FTE) will be abolished when the grant ends unless additional funding is identified and program effectiveness has been established and sustained by a position(s) through Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) or NCSU.

Project Budget:

Together for a Better Education (TBE) Grant				
Fiscal Year	Award Amount	Increased Annual Allocation	County Match	Total
FY 2015	\$42,433	\$0	\$0	\$42,433
FY 2016	\$44,000	\$0	\$0	\$44,000
FY 2017	\$44,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$53,000
FY 2018 Estimate	\$44,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$53,000
Grand Total	\$174,433	\$18,000	\$0	\$192,433

Attachments:

1. Award Letter
2. Budget Memo