

**Item Title:** Public Hearing and Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application by Passage Home for FY19-20 Community Services Block Grant Fund Designation

**Specific Action Requested:**  
**That the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Holds a public hearing to receive comments from interested parties on Passage Home Designation as a Community Services Block Grant Recipient; and**
- 2. Approves a Resolution for the Submission of an Application for Community Services Block Grant Fund Designation by Passage Home.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** Federal rules for the Community Services Block Grant require that a community public hearing be held prior to submitting an application for fund designation.

**Background:** The State Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) designates one non-profit agency in each County to be the Community Services Block Grant Agency. The agency is awarded Federal pass-through funds from the State Office of Economic Opportunity to address causes and conditions of poverty, helping low-income families and individuals with employment, education, better use of available income, housing, emergency assistance and other use of resources. Passage Home, a Wake County based non-profit that works with homeless men, women and children and those at or below the poverty level has previously received designation by the State OEO as a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agency in Wake County. Designation allows Passage Home to receive additional funding opportunities and expand current service offerings within Wake County. Passage Home collaborates with Wake County and other partners in the community.

**Board Goal:** This Board action supports routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no County fiscal impact related to this agenda item.

**Additional Information:**

The Board of Commissioners will receive preliminary information pertaining to the grant application on January 14, 2018 during staff and commissioner review. Passage Home is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,045,081 for Community Services Block Grants funds for the upcoming year in order to pursue a one-year anti-poverty plan within Wake County to include projects around self-sufficiency, housing, employment, education and income management.

Passage Home has received the following annual amounts:

<b>CSBG Allocations</b>	
<b>FY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
13-14	\$ 814,144
14-15	\$ 1,145,354
15-16	\$ 934,116
16-17	\$ 1,292,047
17-18	\$ 1,415,889
18-19	\$ 1,056,269
19-20	\$ 1,045,081

Long range goals are to help low-income individuals/families become more self-sufficient by strengthening their family, moving them beyond poverty levels and providing other supportive services; assist client in securing stable housing and or assist low-income individuals/families move from sub-standard housing or homelessness to a standard alternatives; offer job training & development classes and mentoring/intern-ship opportunities; assist low-income individuals improve their educational and/or skill levels through the completion of education and skills training programs; and assist low-income individuals improve their knowledge base around how to make better use of their available income through increased information and financial literacy courses.

In FY17-18, Passage Home achieved the following outcomes:

- 28 families rose from poverty
- 719 unique individuals were served
- 80 Veterans were served
- 234 attained or maintained housing
- \$7,000 increase in participants income

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. Resolution
3. Community Services Block Grant documentation of submission to BOC
4. FY19-20 Community Services Block Grant Application