

# Public Agency Funding Process Exemptions

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# Today's Purpose

- Staff is seeking Commissioner input on exempting FY20-funded public agencies from a new submission process.

# Smart Start

- Staff recommends moving Smart Start, and its associated funding (FY20 - \$1,688,028), to the Education budget, where it will undergo a review process similar to what we use for WCPSS and WakeTech requests.

# What Does “Exemption” Mean?

- Exempted agency does not have to compete for funds in the newly-created submission process
- Agency is funded in the FY21 budget at its FY20 level
- If agency wishes to pursue an *increase* in funding, agency will follow the new submission process
- Funding for exempted agencies will be removed from the total “pot” allocated for public agencies (\$1,806,000)

# Public Agency Funding

Agency	FY20 Funding	Funding Purpose
North Carolina Symphony	\$ 100,000	General operational funding
United Arts Council	\$ 511,000	General operational funding
East Wake Education Foundation	\$ 50,000	General operational funding
Communities in Schools	\$ 100,000	General operational funding
Marbles Kids Museum	\$ 650,000	General operational funding
Universal School Breakfast Program	\$ 258,000	Funding for universal breakfast at Wake County schools
Interfaith Food Shuttle	\$ 25,000	Food pantry program in certain Wake County schools where high percentage of students qualify for free and reduced lunch
InterAct	\$ 100,000	Funding to support an e-filing initiative
Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC	\$ 12,000	Food pantry program in certain Wake County schools where high percentage of students qualify for free and reduced lunch
<b>Total Public Agency Funding</b>		<b>\$1,806,000</b>

Does the Board wish to exempt any of the above agencies from the competitive submission process?

# Next Steps

- Based on feedback received at the September GG Committee meeting, staff will issue an open call for qualified public agencies to submit funding requests for any funds remaining in the public agency funding allocation (Jan)
  - Would the board prefer we include a “do not contact” clause in the submission instructions?
- Staff will review funding requests against objective criteria and forward requests and summary sheets to Commissioners for consideration (Feb)
- Commissioners will use an affinity exercise to allocate remaining public agency funds (March)
- After completion of FY21 budget process, staff will collect feedback from Commissioners regarding the revised process