

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 for the entirety of its request
- 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
Total Public Agency Funding		\$1,806,000

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

Next Steps

- 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)
 - How/how broadly would you like us to advertise the submission process?
 - 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