

Item Title: One-Time Funds from NC Department of Health and Human Services for Ryan White Part B Primary Medical Services

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$100,000 in one-time funds from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Ryan White Part B Primary Medical Services.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all additional revenues added to the FY 2020 Adopted Ordinance.

Background: Wake County receives Ryan White Modernization Act funds annually from the NC Department of Health and Human Services to improve the quality of life of people living with an HIV infection by increasing their access to primary health, dental care and laboratory services. The primary goal is to link individuals to healthcare services, provide support and help them achieve HIV viral suppression (the point at which HIV is considered non-detectable in a blood sample). Achieving viral suppression optimizes all health outcomes for the client, greatly extends life expectancy for HIV-positive individuals, and has a tremendous impact on reducing HIV transmission. The impact of our current viral suppression rate (85.4%) has played a significant role in the overall reduction of the HIV positivity rate for Wake County (19.7% per 100,000 people in 2016 to 12.6% per 100,000 persons in 2018).

With the initial FY20 Ryan White funding, Wake County can serve 240 laboratory patients and 93 patients with dental services. The additional \$100,000 that the County will receive will fund 125 additional dental visits, 590 vaccinations, and laboratory services for 154 clients.

Board Goal: This Board action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides an additional \$100,000 in the General Fund for project participation. There is no County match required.

Additional Information:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Communicable Disease Branch, AIDS Care Unit under the Division of Public Health funds “networks of care.” These networks are envisioned as a group of core medical and support service providers

in a geographic region that work together to develop a matrix of services that address designated goals. Wake County is part of a 11-county region which consists of Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake and Warren counties. The goal of this network is to improve and maintain the health status of persons living with HIV infection in North Carolina.

Science has shown that achieving viral suppression greatly reduces the ability of HIV to be transmitted from one person to another. According to the 2018 North Carolina DHHS HIV Fact Sheet, within North Carolina, the viral suppression rate is 62.0%. Within Wake County, the viral suppression rate is 85.4%.

One of the primary barriers to achieving viral suppression is access to dental care. Dental care is the largest health service disparity within the regional HIV community. Of the 4,000 consumers that Wake County serves annually, only about 125 receive annual dental care services. Additionally, maintaining and monitoring viral suppression and disease progression requires systematic vaccinations and laboratory testing. The additional funds will also allow us to provide influenza vaccines, pneumococcal vaccines and routine laboratory services.

The additional \$100,000 in one-time funds from NC DHHS will go towards dental services, vaccinations and laboratory tests.

Budget Category	One-Time Funds
Dental Services	\$45,000
Vaccinations	\$43,130
Laboratory Tests	\$11,870
Total	\$100,000

The following table displays how the allocation for Ryan White Care Program Consolidated Agreement is revised by the additional funding.

Revenue Source	FY 2020 Allocation	FY 2020 Increase	FY 2020 Revised
NCDHHS	\$2,307,064	\$100,000	\$2,407,064

The following table displays Ryan White Care Program Consolidated Agreement allocation levels for Wake County over the past 5 fiscal years. These allocations reflect a June-May contract period as distributed by the State.

Revenue Source	FY 2016 Allocation	FY 2017 Allocation	FY 2018 Allocation	FY 2019 Allocation	FY 2020 Revised
NC DHHS	\$2,354,655	\$2,385,531	\$2,524,555	\$2,296,554	\$2,407,064

Attachments:

1. Award Letter

2. Budget Memo