

Item Title: Public Hearing and Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application by Passage Home for FY20-21 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: NCDHHS Office of Economic Opportunity designates one non-profit agency in each County to be the Community Services Block Grant Agency. The agency is awarded Federal pass-through funds 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 Office of Economic Opportunity as a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) agency in Wake County. Designation allows Passage Home to receive over \$1 million to fund services in 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: Funding awarded directly to the designated non-profit agency.

Additional Information:

The Board of Commissioners will receive preliminary information pertaining to the grant application on January 13, 2020 during staff and commissioner agenda review in order to meet the required 30 day period prior to submission. Passage Home is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,204,878 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:

CSBG Allocations	
FY	Amount
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
20-21	\$ 1,204,878

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 and families move from sub-standard housing or homelessness to a standard alternatives; offer job training and development classes and mentoring opportunities; assist low-income individuals improve their educational and 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 FY18-19, Passage Home achieved the following outcomes:

- 1,075 unique individuals were served
- 93 Veterans were served
- 184 children were served
- 295 attained or maintained housing
- \$14,000 average increase in participants income
- 601 families experiencing housing crisis assessed for Coordinated Entry

Attachments:

1. CSBG Presentation
2. Resolution
3. Community Services Block Grant documentation of submission to County Commissioners
4. FY20-21 Community Services Block Grant Application