

**Item Title:** Additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$255,994 of additional funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) to help to reduce juvenile crime.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners must appropriate all revenue and expenditures.

**Background:** NCDPS provides JCPC funding for each county in the state to reduce recidivism and prevent juvenile offenders from becoming involved in the adult prison system. Current NC DPS annual funding for Wake County is \$1,171,637.

In 2017 North Carolina's General Assembly passed the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act also known as "Raise the Age." The legislation will allow most 16 and 17 years old charged with crimes to be served in the juvenile justice system instead of being charged as adults. This went into effect December 1, 2019. As a result, Wake County JCPC will receive an additional \$255,994 to address additional programming needs. The Board of Commissioners Public Safety Committee was briefed on this matter on August 19, 2019.

**Board Goal:** This supports the Public Safety Objective PS6: Create diversion and reentry opportunities to improve health and wellbeing of those who are incarcerated or at risk of incarceration and to address recidivism.

**Fiscal Impact:** This agreement provides an additional \$255,994 for participation. This will increase Human Services General Fund budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$255,994. There is no additional matching funds requirement. To fund the program on an annual basis, these funds will be included as part of the annual budget process.

**Additional Information:**

Through an annual needs assessment process documented in an annual plan approved by the Board of Commissioners, JCPC reviews and presents data related to juveniles at risk of or involved in the juvenile justice system. The needs assessment informs a competitive process that results in funds for local agencies to address the needs of youth at-risk. There are currently 11 separate programs that provide programming on a continuum of services targeting youth – at risk of or engaged in – delinquent behaviors or gang involvement.

Wake County will receive an additional allocation in the amount of \$255,994 to fund programs that serve 16 and 17-year old delinquent and at-risk youth. Wake County JCPC issued an RFP on November 8, 2019 and applications were due on December 9, 2019. JCPC received 9 applications: five from new programs and four from existing programs. Applications were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Compatibility with research that is shown to be effective with 16 and 17-year-old juvenile offenders;
- Program services are outcome-based;
- The program has an evaluation component;
- Preference for program services that detect gang participation and divert individuals from gang participation.

JCPC members met on January 10, 2020 to evaluate the applications. The programs listed in the table below received JCPC expansion funds:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FY20 DPS Funds</b>	<b>FY20 County Match</b>	<b>Revisions with 2/3 BOC Action</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	Administration	15,500	5,000		20,500
City of Raleigh	Youth Development Initiative	49,965	2,585		52,550
CORRAL	Riding Academy/Equine Assisted Psych	80,000	4,470	69,000	153,470
Family Resource Center	Parenting Wisely	66,048	3,908	50,464	120,420
Haven House	Juvenile Diversion Team	77,446	4,154		81,600
Haven House	Restitution/Community Service	265,500	21,634	23,770	310,904
Haven House	Second Round	34,469	2,107		36,576
Haven House	Wrenn House	104,432	6,090		110,522
Haven House	Wake Youth Career Options	37,260	0		37,260
Re-Entry, Inc	Teen Court	185,082	15,745		200,827
Triangle Literacy Council	Skills for Academic Success	50,730	3,082		53,812
Wake County Human Services	4-H Spaces	132,205	6,225	43,992	182,422
Communities in Schools	SMART After-School/Summer Camp	48,000	0		48,000
Financial Shack				7,500	7,500
YM4C	Motivated Movers			61,268	61,268
YM4C	Enterprise	25,000			25,000
		<b>\$1,171,637</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$255,994</b>	<b>\$1,502,631</b>

Initially NCDPS allocated \$406,740 to address additional programming needs in Wake County. However, JCPC only received enough fundable applications to allocate \$255,994. This has no impact on future funding from NC DPS for JCPC.

JCPC funding is received and expended in Wake County's Human Services General Fund budget. The following table displays allocations for JCPC from NCDPS to Wake County and the County match for the last five fiscal years. This would mean one-time additions from past fiscal years would not be included in the total amended budget in a subsequent fiscal year.

<b>Year</b>	<b>NC DPS Amended Budget</b>	<b>County Match Amended Budget</b>	<b>Total Amended Budget</b>	<b>Revisions with BOC Action</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
FY15	\$1,174,686	\$67,981	\$1,242,667	-	-
FY16	\$1,171,637	\$94,109	\$1,265,746	-	-
FY17	\$1,214,996	\$72,059	\$1,287,055	-	-
FY18	\$1,171,637	\$81,175	\$1,252,812	-	-
FY19	\$1,171,637	\$80,069	\$1,251,706	\$32,240	\$1,283,946
FY20	\$1,171,637	\$75,000	\$1,246,637	\$255,994	\$1,502,631

**Additional Information:**

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