

**Item Title:** NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Grant Award for Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal Child Health

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$39,581 of revenues and expenditures into the General Fund from the NC DHHS and establishes 5.0 FTEs to improve community outcomes for maternal child health.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners must approve all additional revenues and new FTE positions added to the FY 2020 Adopted Ordinance.

**Background:** In 2019, the Board of Commissioners prioritized an initiative to support healthy and thriving babies and moms. To meet this goal, staff convened an Infant Mortality Workgroup in Fall of 2019 and held meetings until the first week of January 2020. Prior to completion of this work, NC DHHS released the Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal Child Health grant application. The workgroup supported Wake County Human Services' application to fund three evidenced-based strategies:

1. Implementation of a universal nurse home visiting model in Southeast Raleigh region using Family Connects; and,
2. Reproductive life planning; and,
3. Breastfeeding essentials, with a specific focus on implementation of the establishment of a public lactation room initiative.

The Grant from DHHS cover full-time salaries for one program consultant, two home visiting nurses, and two community health workers, one temporary administrative assistant, and some operating costs.

**Board Goal:** This action implements 2020 initiative CH 2.3: Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to enhance the health outcomes for babies and moms. Use best practices to reduce infant deaths and related disparities.

**Fiscal Impact:** This agreement provides \$475,000 annually for the two-year project period June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2022 in the Human Services General Fund budget. Human Services is requesting 1/12 of the first-year allocation (\$39,581) for the month of June 2020. Subsequent years of grant funding will be appropriated through the annual budget process. There is no matching funds requirement. The positions will

be abolished when the grant ends unless additional funding is identified.

**Additional Information:**

The Grant from DHHS will cover salaries for one full-time program consultant, two-full time home visiting nurses, and two full-time community health workers, as well as one part-time temporary administrative assistant.

The grant will also cover operational costs including promotional items, publications, educational material reprints, travel and communication costs.

The following table displays the project funding by budget category and fiscal year:

| <b>Budget Category</b>  | <b>FY 2020<br/>Budget</b> | <b>FY 2021<br/>Budget</b> | <b>FY 2022<br/>Budget</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Salary and Benefits   | 26,876                    | 322,519                   | 295,643                   |
| Supplies and Equipment  | 2,181                     | 26,178                    | 23,997                    |
| Travel  | 666                       | 8,002                     | 7,336                     |
| Utilities   | 564                       | 6,768                     | 6,204                     |
| Training / Client Incentives  | 1,511                     | 18,133                    | 16,622                    |
| Contract Services: UNC Team, Family Connects, Racial Equity Institute | 7,783                     | 93,400                    | 85,617                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$39,581</b>           | <b>\$475,000</b>          | <b>\$435,419</b>          |

DHHS has committed to provide funding through May 2022. The Maternal Child Health Section will continue to seek additional rounds of funding at the end of the grant cycle.

**Attachments:**

1. Award Letter
2. Human Services Budget Memo