

Item Title: One-Time Funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the NC Cooperative Extension – Wake County Center Food Security AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America Program

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$9,000 in one-time funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This funding will be used to support the NC Cooperative Extension’s Wake County Center Food Security AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America Program (VISTA).

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all revenue added to the FY 2021 Adopted Ordinance.

Background: The Wake County VISTA Program builds capacity of programs and organizations addressing food insecurity, social and economic vitality, and adverse childhood experiences. The program includes nine full time members, a VISTA leader, and a seasonal cohort of VISTA Summer Associates who work with direct hunger relief. Partners of the program include: Social and Economic Vitality, the Capital Area Food Network, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, the Eastern Regional Center, Wake County Smart Start, Extension, Long Range Planning, 4H, Wake Summer Food Program, and Extension Master Gardeners.

The NC Cooperative Extension Wake County Center currently hosts 9 full-time VISTA members, 1 VISTA Leader, and 15-20 VISTA Summer Associates every year. The VISTA members build capacity of programs centered around Food Security, Social and Economic Vitality, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), and Youth Development.

The Wake County Food Security AmeriCorps VISTA program has greatly expanded regional partnerships and programs centered around equitable food access, equity, economic development & entrepreneurship, and ACES work. The County will receive an additional \$9,000 from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This funding will be used to support mileage costs of our VISTA workers.

Board Goal: This supports the Board’s Social and Economic Vitality goal of creating a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of Wake County’s most vulnerable communities.

Fiscal Impact: This agreement provides \$9,000 in one-time funds from Corporation for National and Community Service for the Extension Food Security VISTA Program. The award requires a \$1,080 match from County dollars. The County will satisfy the match requirement by using funds already budgeted in the FY21 Cooperative Extension budget.

Additional Information:

None.

Attachments:

1. Award Letter
2. Notice of Grant Award
3. Budget Memo