

**Item Title:** Accept and Appropriate Funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to Provide Intensive Intervention Services

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$151,320 of revenues and expenditures into the Grants and Donations Fund from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to provide intensive intervention services.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

**Background:** With the new Raise the Age Legislation in effect, an increasingly important piece of the juvenile justice continuum is intensive intervention services. These services are evidence-based, research-supported, or residential services that are needed to prevent the juvenile's commitment to a youth development center or detention facility, or to facilitate the juvenile's successful return to the community following release.

The NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, issued a Request for Proposals with a target service area of Wake County to provide prevention services through a Gang Reduction and Intervention Team model. Haven House Inc. responded to the RFP and was awarded \$151,320 to provide Intensive Intervention Services for FY 2020-2021, with a start date of October 1, 2020. Wake County's Juvenile Crime Prevention Council provided a letter of support for Haven House which was a requirement for the receipt of funding. The Board's action appropriates these grant funds for Haven House to implement the program.

**Board Goal:** This action complements 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 \$151,320 in the Grants and Donations Fund for project participation. Wake County serves as the pass-through agent to disburse funds monthly and oversee funds to the Sponsoring Agency in accordance with 14B NCAC 11B.0108. There is no County matching funds requirement.

**Additional Information:**

Haven House Services helps youth overcome their challenges and find a path to success. Whether they are experiencing homelessness, a crisis at home or school, gang involvement, or problems involving the juvenile justice system, Haven Houses helps youth identify their goals, connect with needed resources, and build skills needed for long-term success.

The Gang Reduction and Intervention Team (GRIT) is born out of Haven House's former Gang Outreach program, which needed to be reworked to reflect the current intensive needs of gang involved youth. The overall purpose of GRIT will be to respond to the needs of youth and families where gang involvement and delinquency have resulted in youth being considered for detention placement. In order to accomplish this purpose, GRIT will provide program services aimed at:

1. Preventing and reducing violence, gang activity and delinquent behavior.
2. Reducing vulnerability to external risk factors contributing to gang activity and delinquency.
3. Supporting caregivers in developing effective supervision/monitoring and parenting skills.
4. Decreasing the county's detention center usage and sustaining a low rate of Youth Detention Center Commitments.

To accomplish goals, GRIT staff will work with the Juvenile Court system to ensure youth are appropriately identified and referred to the program in a timely and responsible manner.

Haven House, GRIT intends to allocate the DPS grant funds in the table below. This funding is reoccurring, contingent upon the availability of funds.

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Personnel Services	\$128,871
Supplies and Materials	\$3,781
Current Obligations and Services	\$10,415
Fixed Charges and Other Expenses	\$8,253
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$151,320</b>

**Attachments:**

1. NC DPS Intensive Intervention Services Award Letter
2. Wake County JCPC Intensive Intervention Services Letter of Support
3. Budget Memo: FY 2021 Grants and Donations Fund