

Title: Home and Community Care Block Grant

Vote on a request to approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant for fiscal year 2019/2020 as recommended by the Advisory Committee appointed by the County Commissioners.

Abstract:

Action Requested: Motion to accept the \$602,067 from the State's Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) to be used according to the Committee's budget recommendation and to proceed with an agreement with the Triangle J Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging for the provision of aging services by the Chatham County Council on Aging in connection with activities financed by the Block Grant.

Action Requested: Commission's approval of the County Funding Plan (DOA-731) recommended by the HCCBG Advisory Committee and to proceed with an agreement with the Triangle J Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging for the provision of aging services by the Chatham County Council on Aging in connection with activities financed by the Block Grant.

Introduction & Background: The Home and Community Care Block Grant is the vehicle used in North Carolina to distribute state and federal funding consistent with the federal Older Americans Act and a formula developed by the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services. Services are provided according to the standards established by the State Division of Aging and Adult Services consistent with the Act. Annual monitoring of these services is conducted by the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging. Each County appoints a Block Grant Advisory Committee to consider the allocation of funds among services. The recommended budget requires that the Chatham County Council on Aging provide all services directly or through contract. At least a third of the Advisory Committee members, who represent a broad range of aging interests, are older adults. Other members who were present for the committee meeting on May 20, 2019, included personnel from the Health Department and the Council on Aging. Representatives from Social Services, Daymark Recovery Services and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare were invited but unable to attend. One of the members includes Chatham's immediate past delegate to the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature. In addition, the Director from the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging was present to provide technical assistance. An older adult, who expressed in becoming future members of the committee, observed the process but did not vote. Attached is a list of attendees, information presented at the meeting, and the recommended County Funding Plan (DOA-731).

Discussion & Analysis: The Chatham County Council on Aging is the agency with lead responsibility for planning and coordinating the HCCBG County Funding Plan and the delivery of services to older adults and their families. This is outlined in an Agreement between Chatham County and the Chatham County Council on Aging. The recommended funding plan considered information about needs and other resources available to the Council on Aging and within the community.

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: Motion to accept the Home and Community Care Block Grant of \$602,067 to be used per the Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as approved unanimously by the Home and Community Care Block Grant Planning Committee, and to proceed with an agreement with the Triangle J Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging for the provision of aging services by the Chatham County Council on Aging in connection with activities financed by the Home and Community Care Block Grant.