



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve \$4,529 Healthy Communities State Funds Reduction

Action Requested: Vote on a request to approve \$4,529 Healthy Communities State Funds Reduction.

Introduction & Background: Estimates indicate that over half of the deaths caused by chronic disease may be due to preventable causes. The leading preventable causes of death in the state are tobacco use, unhealthy diet, inadequate physical activity and unintentional injury. Many North Carolinians die prematurely or suffer from diseases, injury and violence that could be prevented.

The North Carolina Division of Public Health (DPH) uses Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funding to administer the Healthy Communities Program through the Chronic Disease and Injury (CDI) Section. The aim of this program is to reduce the burden of chronic disease and injury in North Carolina. Research shows that implementing policy and systems changes can result in positive behavior changes that decrease chronic diseases and injuries and improve health. Examples of such strategies include providing access to nutritious foods and options for physical activity, promoting tobacco-free facilities, and providing evidence-based interventions for injury and violence prevention in communities.

Discussion & Analysis: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reduced its funding under the Preventive Health and Health Services Block grant. As a result, there is a corresponding funding reduction for this Activity 886 Healthy Communities as indicated in the attached Budgetary Estimate #2. The Scope of Work and Deliverables requirements remain unchanged.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Health in All Policies was prioritized in the Comprehensive Plan and subsequent Collaborative Impact Team (CIT) process, and is also supported as a Healthy Communities strategy. Reduction in Healthy Communities funding makes it more difficult to implement this work.

Budgetary Impact: No Local Funding Requested.

Recommendation: Vote on a request to approve \$4,529 Healthy Communities State Funds Reduction.