

Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote to approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) for fiscal year 2024-2025 as recommended by the HCCBG Advisory Committee

Introduction & Background: The Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) is the vehicle in North Carolina to distribute state and federal funding consistent with the federal Older Americans Act and a formula developed by the NC Division of Aging. Services are provided according to standards established by the Division of Aging consistent with the Act. Annual monitoring of these services is conducted by the Central Pines Regional Council Area Agency on Aging. Each County appoints a Block Grant Advisory Committee to recommend the allocation of funds among services. At least a third of the Advisory Committee members, who represent a broad range of aging interests, are older adults. On June 7, 2024, Aging Services Director Ashlyn Martin and Deputy Director Lacee Monte presented information regarding this year's grant allocation to Committee members for their review and approval. Attendees included the Chatham County delegate for the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature- David Marty, Chatham residents Saundra Gardner and Sadie McLaurin, Chatham County DSS Social Work Program Manager- Renae Minor, and Central Pines Area Agency on Aging Assistant Director- Ashley Price. A motion was made by David Marty to approve the Funding Plan as recommended by the Chatham County Aging Services Department and was seconded by Saundra Gardner. Information was also shared via e-mail with those Committee members who were not able to be in attendance for their review.

Discussion & Analysis: Per the County's direction, Chatham County Aging Services is the department with lead responsibility for planning and coordinating the HCCBG County Funding Plan and the delivery of services to older adults and their families.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: The work of Chatham County Aging Services, funded by the HCCBG, is consistent with the goal of fostering a healthy community, especially for older adults and their families.

Budgetary Impact: The grant amount is higher than anticipated. In FY 23-24, Chatham County Aging Services received \$656,698 and this amount increased to \$741,860 for FY 24-25. This increase will have a positive impact on the department's budget.

Recommendation/Motion: Motion to accept the Home and Community Care Block Grant in the amount of \$741,860 to be used per the Funding Plan for fiscal year 2024-2025 as approved by the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee, and proceed with an agreement with the Central Pines Regional Council Area Agency on Aging for the provision of services by Chatham County Aging Services in connection with activities financed by the Home and Community Care Block Grant.