



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on request to approve a grant application by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office to the NC Governor's Crime Commission on Violence Against Women (OVW) for federal funding and authorize the County Manager to have final approval before submission

Action Requested: Vote on request to approve grant application for OVW Justice for Families (JFF) project to continue provision of electronic monitoring, investigations for domestic violence crimes, and domestic violence training. County Manager will have final approval before submission.

Introduction & Background: Chatham County Sheriff's Office has operated this grant for several grant cycles through a grant administered through the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission. The existing grant expires on September 30, 2022, and Sheriff's Office staff requests permission to re-apply so services can continue without the need for general fund support.

Discussion & Analysis: North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission will fund a one-year project for up to \$150,000, beginning 10/1/22 and concluding 9/30/23. The award can continue the electronic monitoring, domestic violence criminal investigations, and training for staff involving domestic violence investigations. Other law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office, and the District Court receive services in this grant through electronic monitoring. This service also assists with allowing an offender to be released from the Detention Center and ensuring compliance with judicial orders. This program also helps to ensure public safety by providing services to domestic violence victims. The award will also fund training opportunities for staff regarding domestic violence issues.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Foster a Healthy Community; Provide efficient effective government

Budgetary Impact: This will continue funding for an existing program and staff and add supplemental services for Chatham County domestic violence victims.

Recommendation: Approve grant applications for Justice for Families (JFF) Vote on a request to approve grant application to OVW for VAWA funding, through Chatham County Sheriff's Office.