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Vote on a request to approve grant application to Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 2020 Family Drug Court Program for funding to expand and enhance a Family Treatment Court for 15B Chatham County.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to approve grant application to Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention 2020 Family Drug Court Program to establish a local Family Treatment Court. The Family Treatment Court would be include evidenced based community resources and services to support parents/caretakers who require treatment for a substance use disorder and who are involved with the child welfare system as a result of child abuse, neglect or other parenting issues.

Introduction & Background: Currently, Chatham County has families involved in Family Treatment Court in Orange County, which has been a huge struggle for many parents due to transportation and the lack of local resources. Establishing a Family Treatment Court in Chatham will hopefully alleviate transportation issues as we hope to include and build a supportive network of local providers. Chatham Family Treatment Court will provide a multidisciplinary approach to supporting families engage in treatment and complete their case plan associated with their child welfare case.

Discussion & Analysis: Award is for a three year period not to exceed $750,000 to begin 10/1/2020 and conclude 9/30/2023. A 25% match is required and will be funded through current county funded positions and contracts.

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

Budgetary Impact: The 25% match will be taken from a percentage of existing county positons such as Director Court Programs, Foster Care Social Worker and Investigations as these positons are currently serving this population. This grant will establish a new Substance Abuse Counselor position.

Recommendation: Approve permission to apply for grant award.