



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve the nonprofit funding process and appropriation of funds for FY 2020

Action Requested: 1) Approve services as the basis for a Request For Proposal (RFP) for human services to be issued in February; 2) Approve the scoring criteria; 3) Appropriate \$233,000 for nonprofit funding in FY 2020; and 4) Approve modifications to the nonprofit policy.

Introduction & Background: In February of 2018 the board approved a recommendation from the nonprofit task force to direct staff and the Human Services Collaborative Impact Team to develop a strategy that will direct county funding of nonprofit agencies toward a collaborative approach that will address the top 1-3 needs identified in the Chatham Health Alliance Community Assessment.

Discussion & Analysis: As the first step in the transition to this new approach the Human Services CIT has been meeting monthly to define outcomes, strategies, and services that will address poverty. In addition, in August the County Manager appointed a Nonprofit Advisory Committee to serve as a liaison between agencies and the county CIT and to help agencies develop the competencies they need for the future.

The advisory committee has been meeting monthly since August and will meet with the Human Services CIT on a regular basis.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Poverty was one of the top issues identified by the Community Assessment, and providing social services that seek to minimize the impacts of poverty is also one of the FY 2019-2020 adopted goals of the Board of Commissioners.

Budgetary Impact: \$233,000

Recommendation: 1) Approve the services defined by the CIT as the basis for an RFP for service to be issued in February; 2) Approve the scoring criteria; 3) Appropriate \$233,000 for nonprofit funding in FY 2020, which is the same amount of funding provided in FY 2019. During the budget process the CIT will request consideration of an expansion of funding; and 4) Approve modifications to the nonprofit funding policy based on the approval of the nonprofit task force recommendation discussed above.

As a first step in a transition to a more comprehensive collaborative approach, the CIT recommends that the commissioners: 1) Approve these services as the basis for an RFP for service to be issued in February; 2) Approve the scoring criteria and: Appropriate \$233,000 for nonprofit funding in FY 2020, which is the same amount of funding provided in FY 2019. During the budget process the CIT will request consideration of an expansion of funding.

