



Guilford County

301 West Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27402

Addendum Agenda - Final

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, June 16, 2022

5:30 PM

Second Floor, Old County Courthouse

ADDENDUM

ADD TO CONSENT AGENDA

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

B. CONTRACTS

5. [2022-353](#) AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND EVICTION MEDIATION SERVICES

Background:

Guilford County entered into a contract with the UNC-Greensboro Center for Housing and Community Studies (CHCS) in June 2021 to operate an Eviction Mediation and Tenant Support Program from July 2021 to September 2022. Funding for the program came from Federal Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance 1 (ERA 1) administrative funds. CHCS also partners with Legal Aid of North Carolina to operate an eviction court clinic once a week in Greensboro that provides legal assistance to individuals and households in court for eviction cases.

County staff has worked with CHCS and Legal Aid of North Carolina on a proposal to expand the program to 1) increase the number of days that CHCS and Legal Aid of NC operate onsite in both the Greensboro and High Point Courthouses to a total of 4 days per week with 2 held in Greensboro and 2 in High Point, and 2) expand the scope of the program to add a Landlord Outreach Coordinator in the Eviction Mediation Program and three attorneys and one paralegal to provide the capacity for Legal Aid of NC to expand their days in the County's courthouses.

Legal Aid of NC reviewed the impact of their existing one-day program on summary ejection cases heard in Greensboro from October 5 to December 16, 2021 by comparing the outcomes of cases heard on Tuesdays, the day the clinic operated, to cases heard on the three days that they did not operate. The initial review showed that fewer cases heard on Tuesdays resulted evictions compared to the other court days and tenants were 12% more likely to remain in their homes. Legal Aid estimates that, if the 12% reduction is applied to the three additional days that this expansion will add, this program can prevent about 76 more families per month or 908 per year from being evicted.

Requested Action:

Authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for the purpose of eviction mediation in an amount not to exceed \$98,864 beginning July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 using ARPA funding and authorize staff to take any and all such necessary actions including associated budget and grant ordinance amendments to execute the agreement.

Sponsors:

Victor Isler, Assistant County Manager

C. MISCELLANEOUS**5. 2022-351** UPDATED HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT (HCCBG) AGREEMENT AND FUNDING FOR FY 2021-22 (REVISION #2)

Background: From time to time, Social Services receives amendments to Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. These changes reflect revisions to move HCCBG Aging Program funding to appropriate service categories to ensure all current year allocated funding is expended by June 30. This does not represent a reduction in service levels, but helps ensure all available funds are expended and the movement of these funds requires no change to the match provided by Guilford County.

Requested Action: Approve the updated FY 2021-22 Home and Community Care Block Grant funding plan:

1) Guilford County (DSS) decreased In-Home Level 1 \$3,600 and In-Home Level 2 \$15,300. No rate change.

2) Guilford County (DSS) increased In-Home Level 3 \$18,900. No rate change.

3) Senior Resources of Guilford decreased Congregate Nutrition (Code 180) \$138,987. No rate change.

4) Senior Resources of Guilford increased Congregate Nutrition (Code 185) \$57,360, Home Delivered Meals \$76,014, and Info & Options Counseling \$5,613. No rate change.

and reflect adjustments to the HCCBG funding allocations; and authorize staff to make and approve any necessary adjustments to agency service contracts to reflect the updated funding plan.

Budget Impact: **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

Sponsors: Sharon Barlow

Attachments: Guilford County 731 2021-2022 (Revision 2)