

Legislation Text

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Juvenile Diversion Program Grant

Action:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$106,692 from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission for the Juvenile Diversion Program to fund two existing positions and expand the program to serve the Town of Matthews.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) received federal funds to be redistributed in the form of grants. The GCC awarded a grant in the amount of \$106,692 to the Juvenile Diversion Program for the funding of two existing positions (a diversion specialist and a program assistant) and for program expansion to serve the Town of Matthews.
- The Juvenile Diversion Program serves youth, 17 years and younger, who are engaging in at-risk behaviors. The goal of program is to help youth choose activities as an alternative means to arrest and entry into the criminal justice system.
- The CMPD Diversion Program began in January 2013. Since its inception, more than 2,300 youth have been referred to the program.
- In 2015, the Juvenile Diversion Program received a GCC grant to expand services to the Town of Huntersville. Since its inception, more than 60 youth have been referred to the program.

Grant Provisions

- The GCC grant will fund one year of salaries, benefits, and operating expenses for the diversion specialist position and the program assistant position.
- The GCC grant will cover 75 percent of the cost of the personnel and operation expenses with a minimum of 25 percent local cash match requirement.
- The grant period begins October 1, 2017, and ends September 30, 2018.
- At the conclusion of the grant period, CMPD will apply for Fiscal Year 2018 GCC grant funding.
- If a Fiscal Year 2018 grant is not approved, personnel and operation expenses will be funded through reallocation of work with existing personnel within affected agencies.

Funding

- The total cost for the two positions, office supplies, and professional counseling services is estimated to be \$142,256.
- The federal share is \$106,692.
- During the grant period, the local share of personnel and operating costs of \$35,564 was calculated based on pro-rata population with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools agreeing to fund 50 percent of CMPD's pro-rata share of the cost:
 - CMPD: \$15,720.75
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 - Huntersville: \$1,993.40
 - Matthews: \$1,021.50
 - Mint Hill: \$1,107.60

- Budget previously included in the FY 2018 Annual Ordinance 9104-X.

Fiscal Note

Funding: North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission and Police Operating Budget