

**FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BRIEFING
DRAFT**

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR COMMUNITY GRANT FROM THE WINSTON-SALEM FOUNDATION FOR PROGRAM AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR THE FORSYTH COUNTY STEPPING UP INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

In November 2016, Forsyth County received a \$36,363 Community Grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation for program and operating assistance for the Stepping Up Process to End Recidivism (SUPER) project. The SUPER project focuses on women in the local jail with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse/use issues.

The project seeks to provide each program participant with an after incarceration discharge plan that identifies support services in the community aimed at reducing recidivism. The female jail population was selected due to the relatively small number of female inmates and the more homogeneous nature of the issues involved.

The Winston-Salem Foundation is allowing the County to apply for an additional year of grant funding at a reduced percentage of the amount received in the original grant. The attached resolution seeks authorization to apply for an additional year of grant funding through the Community Grants program from the Winston-Salem Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.

The intent of these additional grant funds is to provide program participants with transitional housing, transportation assistance, and/or additional peer support services, which have been the areas most difficult to address during the past nine (9) months.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: _____

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WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private, and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners responded by unanimously adopting a resolution supporting the Stepping Up Initiative in Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2016, the Winston-Salem Foundation awarded the County a \$36,363 grant supporting the Stepping Up Process to End Recidivism (SUPER) project; and

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Foundation allows grant recipients to apply for an additional year of grant funding at a reduced amount; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Winston-Salem Foundation Additional Year Community Grant would provide program and operating assistance, including transitional housing, transportation assistance, and/or peer support services for program participants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager and Clerk to the Board to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, the necessary documents to apply for a Winston-Salem Foundation Additional Year Community Grant, in the amount of \$25,000, to support the Forsyth County Stepping Up Initiative.

Adopted this 30th day of November 2017.