



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, November 27, 2023

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

"Public Charge"

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7:00 pm Regular Session

1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)
2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)
3. Announcements (5 min)

[23-0880](#)

Announcements (5min)

Agenda Text:

1. **Durham Holiday Parade** - Cheer on hometown bands, drill teams, schools, and community groups as they make their way down Main Street in downtown at the Durham Holiday Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, presented by the City of Durham's Parks and Recreation Department. The procession will conclude with a guest appearance from Santa. This free event will be held rain or shine. Seating is not provided. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. More information here:
<https://www.dprplaymore.org/309/Holiday-Parade>.
2. **Welcome Baby Annual Coat Drive** - The Welcome Baby Annual Coat Drive has begun! They are accepting new and gently worn winter coats, hats, and gloves for children sizes newborn to 8. Drop off your donation at 721 Foster Street, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive runs through January 5, 2024. Please contact Cindy Riley at ckriley@dconc.gov or 919-560-7319 if

you would like to host a “drive”. Additional drop off locations in Durham will be posted on our website www.welcomebaby.org [<http://www.welcomebaby.org>](http://www.welcomebaby.org).

3. **New Intake Line for Aging and Adult Services** - Help spread the word! The Durham County Department of Social Services has a new dedicated centralized Intake Line for its Aging and Adult Services Division. The new number is 919-560-8588. Residents can call to get assistance with information and referrals for Aging and Adult Services programs, Adult Protective Services reports, guardianship referrals, Meals on Wheels referrals, in-home aid referrals, adult home care complaints, adult placement services, community resources, and get answers to your other questions. For more information on Aging and Adult Services, visit [<https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-f-z/social-services/aging-and-adult-services>](https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-f-z/social-services/aging-and-adult-services).
4. **Navigating Grief During the Holidays** - The Durham County Main Library will host the 2nd Annual Navigating Grief During the Holidays community event from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. This free event features a remarkable lineup of speakers, each offering a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and resources for the bereaved, guiding them through the holiday season without their loved ones. Register at [<https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/11268866>](https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/11268866).
5. **New Star Talk Podcast from DCo Sheriff** - The latest edition of the Durham County Sheriff’s Office podcast “Star Talk” is out! This time Sheriff Clarence Birkhead and Capt. Kimberly Lane have a discussion surrounding the recruitment and training division. Find the Sheriff’s podcast episodes here: [<https://dcsostartalk.podbean.com>](https://dcsostartalk.podbean.com).
6. **New Durham Planning Dashboard** - Those interested in development data and trends Durham County have a new online resource at their fingertips with the Durham City-County Planning Department’s new Durham Planning Dashboard. Data will be updated quarterly on this interactive website designed to let users easily explore trend data, population and demographic information, and an interactive map that provides tools to check the status of development cases, review past approvals, and review data and other information about parcels of land. To access the dashboard, visit [<https://planning-durhamnc.hub.arcgis.com/>](https://planning-durhamnc.hub.arcgis.com/).
7. **DCoDPH Hosting Holiday Healthy Eating Webinar** - Join the Durham County Department of Public Health for a free webinar “Healthy Eating During the Holidays” on Tuesday, December 5, 6-7 p.m. This virtual Zoom session will inform participants about tips you

can do this holiday season to stay healthy with so many food options at work, home, and everywhere in between. Chelsea Hawkins, MPH, RDN, LDN, will be the guest speaker. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/23jaa6p4>.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[23-0881](#)

Minutes (5min)

Attachments: [Regular Session - November 13, 2023](#)

5. Ceremonial Items (30min)

[23-0863](#)

Resolution - Honoring the Memory of Arnold Dennis (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Arnold Dennis who made his transition on November 1, 2023.

Arnold Dennis served as Durham County's Youth Home Director from September 1985 until his retirement in December 2005. He was highly regarded for his intellect and his passion for the community, especially for young justice involved youth. He was a friend to many and always showed a unique measure of professionalism, warmth, and respect for everyone he met. On behalf of Durham County and its residents, we extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Betty Dennis and the entire Dennis family.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all of Durham County's Strategic Goals.

Resource Persons: Brenda A. Howerton, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution and extend sincere, heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Arnold Dennis.

Attachments: [Resolution - Arnold Dennis 27Nov23](#)

[23-0836](#)

Recognition of OES Director Jim Groves for Receiving the Colonel Phillips Nichlos Waters Award from the NC Emergency Management Association (10min)

Agenda Text:

Durham County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Director Jim Groves was awarded the 2023 Colonel Phillip Nichlos Waters Award from the North Carolina Emergency Management Association (NCEMA) during the organization's 2023 fall conference. This award is presented to the local emergency management leader who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their Emergency Management program and has contributed to the overall good and advancement of Emergency Management in the State.

Groves has served the residents of North Carolina for nearly 40 years. He is the inaugural OES Director, starting his tenure on March 1, 2020. Previously, Groves served 10 years as the Durham County Safety Manager/Emergency Management Coordinator from 1993-2003, then as the Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director from 2015-2020. He began his public service career as a volunteer with fire and emergency medical services in 1984 at the Parkwood Volunteer Fire Department in Durham. During his time with Parkwood, Groves was certified as a NC Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, and Hazardous Materials Technician.

At Durham County, Groves helped lead the complex mergers that involved City and Durham County Fire-Rescue fire departments, and with EMS and the Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Departments into the Office of Emergency Services. These mergers have resulted in higher performing teams during crisis and emergency situations, all the while creating a more diverse and equitable workplace.

In 1993, Groves began his career in the Emergency Management profession when he became a County Safety & Emergency Management Coordinator. Inclusive of his duties was developing Durham County's first OSHA safety program as well as managing the North Carolina Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team #4, with responsibilities for 11 counties in central North Carolina. As part of those duties, he became certified as a North Carolina Hazardous Materials Technician and Specialist. After that he went into the private sector for six and half years in Virginia before returning to North Carolina in 2003 as Orange County's Emergency Services Director.

Jordan Rink, FEMA Emergency Management Specialist, offered the following remarks during the ceremony. "Jim has extensive hands-on experience, responding to and recovering from: workplace safety and violence incidents, hazardous materials incidents, explosive devices, weather events, search and rescue incidents, and potential weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents. He is a nationally known instructor traveling the state and country teaching for FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. His leadership and management skills have been a great asset to Lee, Orange, and Durham Counties and their municipalities and the State of North Carolina. He has made an impact throughout the Triangle and nationally. There is no doubt he has made our communities and this state better prepared and a safer place to live, work, and play!"

Groves is a Certified Emergency Manager®, certifying in 2000. He is also a Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP). He graduated with honors from the American Military University in 2014 with a M.A. degree in Emergency and Disaster Management. He graduated Cum Laude from Western Carolina University in 2010 with a B.S. in Emergency and Disaster Management. He is a 2005 graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Public Health, Community Preparedness and Disaster Management program. In 2018,

Groves graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Executive Academy.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 3: Community Safety

Resource Persons: Dwane Brinson, Assistant County Manager.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize OES Director Jim Groves for receiving the Colonel Phillip Nichlos Waters Award.

23-0838

Recognition of Gudrun Parmer for receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her 25 years of outstanding service, dedication and leadership as the Director of Durham County's Criminal Justice Resource Center (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to recognize Gudrun Parmer for receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her 25 years of outstanding service, dedication, and leadership as the Director of Durham County's Criminal Justice Resource Center. Gudrun has distinguished herself in her work with the justice system not just within Durham County but across the country. Mrs. Parmer is regarded as one of the foremost experts on transformational and innovative programs and practices in all areas of criminal justice reform. Thanks to Gudrun Parmer's life work, Durham County's Justice Services Department (formerly CJRC) is a national model.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Goal 3: Safe Community

Resource Persons: Roshanna Parker, Director, Justice Services Department, Commissioner Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair, Durham County BOCC, Representative Marcia Morey, Lao Rubert and Marcia Owen

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize Gudrun Parmer for receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her 25 years of outstanding service, dedication, and leadership as the Director of Durham County's Criminal Justice Resource Center.

Attachments:

[G. Parmer Order of the Long Leaf Pine](#)

6. Other Business (30min)

23-0864

Board of County Commissioners Highlights (30min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive an overview of highlights of the work of the Durham County Board of Commissioners over the past three years with a focus on policies and programs initiated and prioritized in service to the Durham County community. These actions have worked to improve the quality of life and the well-being of our residents.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The item aligns with all the Strategic Goals of Durham County.

Resource Persons: Brenda A. Howerton, Chair, Durham Board of Commissioners.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the overview of highlights provided by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Attachments: [BOCC Highlights](#)

7. Consent Agenda (15 min)

23-0825 Approval of Lease Agreement between Durham County and Progress Carolina NC, LLC for Space at the 115 N. Queen Street Deck - Suite C (Former 300 E. Main St. Deck) and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00067 Recognizing \$19,344 in Annual Rent Revenue

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve an 18-month lease agreement between Durham County and Progress Carolina NC, LLC, for approximately 744 square feet of space at the 115 N. Queen Street Deck (former 300 E. Main St. Deck) Suite C; Budget Ordinance Amendment No.24BCC00067 to recognize \$19,344 in annual rent revenue; as well as authorize the County Manager to execute the lease agreement and any additional documents as may be necessary to affect this agreement.

Progress Carolina NC, LLC is the General Contractor responsible for construction of the affordable housing component of the public/private mixed-use development at 300 E. Main Street. Progress Carolina requires offices space from which to manage the construction project. The project is anticipated to take 18 months to complete, which is the term of the lease agreement, with six month-to-month extensions available for a maximum tenancy of 24 months. The lease rate is \$26.00 per square foot, which totals \$19,344 annually plus a 3% annual rate increase. This is full market rate for this space.

Because this space has not been occupied previously, there are electrical upfit costs to be covered by the County up to \$10,000. The retail spaces do not currently have any outlets, lighting or low voltage cabling. This cost is proposed to cover the expenses of adding these electrical improvements to make the space functional. This investment would need to be made on initial upfits of this space for any tenant. This upfit cost will be deducted from the rent due based on presentation of paid invoices as detailed in Section 17 of the lease agreement.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item is consistent with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Nancy Mitchell, Sr. Real Estate Officer; Peri Manns,

Deputy Director Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, P.E., Director of Engineering and Environmental Services

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve an 18-month lease agreement between Durham County and Progress Carolina NC, LLC, for approximately 744 square feet of space at the 115 N. Queen Street Deck (former 300 E. Main St. Deck) Suite C; Budget Ordinance Amendment No.24BCC00067 to recognize \$19,344 in annual rent revenue; as well as authorize the County Manager to execute the lease agreement and any additional documents as may be necessary to affect this agreement.

Attachments: [Commercial Lease Agreement-Progress Carolina 103023](#)
[AAF-067 Recognize Progress Carolina Annual Rent \(\\$19,344\)](#)

23-0826

Approval of Lease Agreement between Durham County and Coastal Horizons for Office Space in the Justice Services Department at 326 E Main Street

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve a one-year Lease Agreement with Coastal Horizons Department, Inc., and authorize the County Manager to execute the lease and all supporting documents as needed to affect this lease. The lease will be for five office spaces within the Justice Services Department (JSC) located at 326 E. Main Street, totaling approximately 625 square feet.

Coastal Horizons Department, Inc is the authorized provider for Durham's TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities) Program. The mission of North Carolina TASC program is to provide care management services to drug-involved and mentally ill offenders. The TASC program works closely with the Justice Services Department pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding and has had staff located at the Justice Services Department since the creation of the department. Continuing to co-locate the TASC program with the Justice Services Department greatly enhances the communication and coordination of services for the clients served since almost all TASC clients require services from the Justice Services Department.

Total rent is \$10,868.20 annually, plus \$7,271.07 annually to reimburse the County for a portion of the cost for administrative support and onsite security. The lease term is for one year from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, and provides for the option to renew for seven additional one-year periods, with an annual escalation of 3% on rent and administrative/security costs. Pursuant to NC General Statute §160A-272, a notice of the County's intent to lease the space has been published in the local newspaper.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item supports Goal 3: Safe Community by enhancing the efficiency of the provision of services to the target population assisted by Coastal Carolinas and the Justice Services Department.

Resource Persons: Nancy Mitchell, Sr. Real Estate Officer; Peri Manns, Deputy Director, Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a one-year Lease Agreement with Coastal Horizons Department, Inc., and authorize the County Manager to execute the lease and all supporting documents as needed to affect this lease. The lease will be for five office spaces within the Justice Services Department (JSC) located at 326 E. Main Street, totaling approximately 625 square feet.

Attachments: [Coastal Horizons - COMMERCIAL LEASE - DRAFT_1003.2023 REV 1](#)

23-0831

Approval to enter into a contract with Hayti Reborn - Justice Movement as subrecipient for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) and Budget Ordinance Amendment 24BCC00068 to recognize \$700,000 in Grant Funding for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) to Community Intervention and Support Service Department.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a contract with Hayti - Reborn Justice Movement as a subrecipient for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) and Budget Ordinance Amendment 24BCC00068 to recognize \$700,000 in Grant Funding for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) to Community Intervention and Support Services department.

Durham County Government will partner with Hayti Reborn - The Justice Movement (subrecipient) to aid justice-involved individuals and their families by providing resources needed to offset the impact of mass incarceration and centuries of systemic racism. Hayti Reborn - The Justice Movement (HRJM) will develop a centralized and consolidated framework of community participants, social justice, and criminal justice partnerships that assess, plan, and treat problems leading to community violence. The target customers are justice involved citizens, their children and families, and underserved communities of color. The service area includes all of Durham County North Carolina.

This approach will build on providing wraparound services with unified community resources, alternatives-to-incarceration, alternatives to violence (ATV), combined reentry services, workforce readiness, and mentoring for underserved BIPOC communities in Durham. Activities include outreach and assessment, assessment review and partnership development, implementation of participant plans, education and preparation, employment, and programming, as well as long-term engagement. Expected outcomes are increased education and employment among participants, and ultimately a reduction in community violence.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This request aligns with the County's Strategic Goal 2: Community Health and Well-being.

Resource Persons: Krystal Harris, MSW, Community Intervention & Support Services Director

County Managers' Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a contract with Hayti - Reborn Justice Movement as a subrecipient for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) and Budget Ordinance Amendment 24BCC00068 to recognize \$700,000 in Grant Funding for the 2023 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grant Program (BJA) to Community Intervention and Support Services Department.

Attachments: [2023 Byrne Discretionary Award Documents \(15PBJA-23-GG-00206-BRND\)](#)
[AAF 0068 Legal Form Recognize \\$700,000 in Grant Funding for 2023 Byrne Di](#)

23-0846 **Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00059 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,000 in grant funding from the University of North Carolina Institute for the Study of the Americas Building Integrated Communities (BIC) initiative for the enhancement of MyDurham Academy for immigrant and refugee residents.**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC000059 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,000 in grant funding from the University of North Carolina Institute for the Study of the Americas Building Integrated Communities (BIC) initiative for the enhancement of MyDurham Academy for immigrant and refugee residents.

The Durham City/County Immigrant & Refugee Affairs Coordinator applied for funding from the UNC Building Integrated Communities (BIC) program in February 2023 and Cooperative Extension was awarded \$7,000 to support the development and expansion of the MyDurham Academy program. MyDurham is a free leadership development and civic engagement program open to immigrant and refugee community members who are Durham residents to learn how local government functions while developing skills to fill leadership roles upon graduation and connect with their communities to share information and expertise.

This grant award follows a successful pilot of the MyDurham Academy program in Spring 2023. The grant components include further development of the MyDurham Academy. It is expected that participants who successfully complete the program may participate in other County or City initiatives, such as Durham Neighborhood College. The BIC grant components also include developing an application process that is accessible in community languages including Haitian Creole, Spanish, and other languages as well as a system for tracking participation in and outcomes of the MyDurham Academy.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all Durham County goals.

Resource Persons: Kokou Nayo, Durham City/County Immigrant & Refugee Affairs Coordinator and Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00059 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$7,000 in grant funding from the University of North Carolina Institute for the Study of the Americas Building Integrated Communities (BIC) initiative for the enhancement of MyDurham Academy for immigrant and refugee residents.

Attachments: [Durham BIC Award Letter 09.25.2023](#)
[Durham BIC MOA 10.30.2023](#)
[AAF-58 Legal Form](#)

23-0847

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00061 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$3,600 in Rental Fees for the new Durham-Orange County Mobile Poultry Processing Program.

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00061 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$3,600 in Rental Fees for the new Durham-Orange County Mobile Poultry Processing Program.

The Board approved a MOU On October 9, 2023 for the new Durham-Orange Mobile Poultry Processing Program. The MOU outlined roles for each County through their respective Cooperative Extension departments. Durham County is managing the financial aspects of the program, both in collecting rental fees from the users and in paying for program expenses out of the funds collected. With current rental fees and an average monthly usage of 20 days, the current estimated annual revenue for the program is \$3,600. The MOU further stipulates that revenues received should be carried forward on an annual basis to pay for repair and supply expenses for the program in the future. The funds will be managed in Cooperative Extension's Agriculture fund center.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with Goal 1, Community Empowerment and Enrichment, by providing access to vocational and economically viable farming opportunities and Goal 5, Accountable, Effective, and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00061 Cooperative Extension to Recognize \$3,600 in Rental Fees the new Durham-Orange County Mobile Poultry Processing Program

Attachments: [MOU - MPU Orange and Durham - SIGNED 10.18.2023](#)
[AAF-61 Legal Form](#)

23-0848**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00062 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$4,905 in grant funding from the Town and Country Garden Club for the Briggs Avenue Community Garden Orchard Project.****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00062 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$4,905 in grant funding from the Town and Country Garden Club for the Briggs Avenue Community Garden orchard project. This grant term is effective through March 31, 2024.

The grant funds will enable Cooperative Extension staff and volunteers to finish the educational orchard located at Briggs Avenue Community Garden through diversified fruit plantings and landscape enhancements of the micro-mini fruit orchard. These plantings will educate homeowners on cultivation of espaliered apples, native grapes, nuts and berries on small landholdings, such as one would find in concentrated population areas and housing developments. Additional enhancements include painting the orchard storage shed to look like a small home complete with hardscaped walkways that invite the community into the micromini orchard through a built archway entry.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The project aligns with County Goals 1, 2, and 4 as the project provides community education, shares healthy food growing options, and enhances our environment.

Resource Persons: Cheralyn Berry, Extension Agent; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00062 Cooperative Extension to recognize a \$4,905 in grant funding from the Town and Country Garden Club for the Briggs Avenue Community Garden orchard project \$4,905 in grant funding from the Town and Country Garden Club for the Briggs Avenue Community Garden orchard project.

Attachments:

[Briggs Ave Grant TCGC Award Letter](#)

[Briggs Ave Grant App - \\$4905](#)

[Town and County Grant Agreement 2023 SIGNED](#)

[AAF-62 Legal Form](#)

23-0849**Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00063 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$1,852 from the Briggs Avenue Fall Festival plant sale for Briggs Avenue Community Garden program expenses.****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00063 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$1,852 from the Briggs Avenue Fall Festival plant sale for Briggs Avenue Community Garden program expenses.

Cooperative Extension staff and volunteers held a Briggs Avenue Fall Festival

on September 10, 2023 to provide community garden education, demonstrations, compost give-a-way, and a plant sale of plants grown by volunteers at Briggs Avenue Community Garden to provide additional support for the program. The plants were priced to provide high-quality garden plants to the community at a modest price to enable community members to grow their own season-appropriate food. Funds raised will be utilized to support garden expenses, such as plants, seeds, tools, and other materials necessary for operating the garden.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with multiple goals of the County Strategic Plan to provide community education and engagement in community garden programming.

Resource Persons: Cheralyn Berry, Extension Agent; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00063 Cooperative Extension to recognize \$1,852 from the Briggs Avenue Fall Festival plant sale for Briggs Avenue Community Garden program expenses.

Attachments:

[Plant Sale](#)

[AAF-63 Legal Form](#)

23-0852

Capital Project Amendment No. 24CPA00011 Appropriating \$13,948,000 of 2022 GO Bond Funds for Three New Museum of Life and Sciences Capital Projects: \$7.3M for the Create, Reinvent and Renew Learning Environments Capital Project (61903100CD040); \$5,850,000 for the Program and Event Infrastructure Capital Project (61903100CD041); and \$798,000 for the Sustainability Upgrades Capital Project (61903100CD042).

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No. 24CPA00011 appropriating \$13,948,000 of 2022 GO Bond funds for three new Museum of Life and Sciences Capital Projects: \$7.3M for the Create, Reinvent and Renew Learning Environments Capital Project (6190CD040); \$5,850,000 for the Program and Event Infrastructure Capital Project (6190CD041); and \$798,000 for the Sustainability Upgrades Capital Project (6190CD042).

Durham County Capital Projects	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Updated Budget
Create, Reinvent and Renew Learning Environments (61903100CD040)			\$0.00
\$7,300,000.00	\$7,300,000.00		
Program and Event Infrastructure (61903100CD041)		\$0.00	\$5,850,000.00
\$5,850,000.00			
Sustainability Upgrades (61903100CD042)	\$0.00	\$798,000.00	\$798,000.00
TOTALS \$0 \$13,948,000	\$13,948,000		

The project descriptions are as follows:

Create, Reinvent, and Renew Learning Environments (61903100CD040): \$7.3M

As part of the Triangle's growing role as a national leader in technology and biotech research, the Museum of Life and Science plans significant changes to the learning environments in the main building to deal more directly with critical issues of climate change, technological innovation, and health science. The organization plan to reimagine the first-floor Weather and MathMoves galleries to take a broader perspective climate change, sustainability, and human impacts on the planet. On the second floor, MLS will replace the aging Investigate Health gallery and adjacent classroom with more expansive explorations of new technologies and bio-health issues. The Tinkerlab space will be relocated to the second floor to better connect the concepts of invention, innovation, and engineering. In addition to these major new exhibits, there are plans to enhance other learning environments with more minor upgrades, additions, and infusions of new experiences.

Program and Event Infrastructure (61903100CD041): \$5.85M

This project improves and expands visitor infrastructure to better serve visitors from around Durham, and offer a wider range of programs and events to the community. The largest meeting space, the Mercury Meeting Room, will be renovated and updated to allow for more flexible seating for large events and programs, improved lighting and audio-visual technologies. MLS will also renovate and expand Sprout Café to accommodate more visitors indoors, improve speed and efficiency of food preparation and delivery, and allow for easier ordering for busy families. To provide guests with food options in the remote areas of campus, it will provide landing space for mobile food carts. There are further plans to expand the accessibility initiative with an adult changing table in the main Museum building.

Sustainability Upgrades (61903100CD042): \$798K

In line with the commitments to sustainability and local conservation, the Museum plans to expand the use of photovoltaic equipment for the Magic Wings Butterfly House and maintenance warehouse, which will reduce energy use and carbon footprint. In addition, it will install environmentally friendly, dark-sky lighting around campus to allow for more evening events and programs at the Museum, capitalizing on evening periods when the Museum is currently closed. These fixtures minimize light pollution while allowing more night activities at the Museum. These projects will complement other ongoing and future green initiatives on campus that have won the support of donors, including the Duke Energy Foundation and GlaxoSmithKline. The Museum is proud of earning a Green Plus Certification from the Institute of Sustainable Development and being recognized by the Green Travel Initiative in the highest-level sustainable business rating.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Consistent funding support for ongoing capital projects meets the Strategic Plan Goal 5 "Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary

Government” by enabling the County to provide the timely upgrades and capital purchases necessary to most efficiently meet infrastructure demands.

Resource Persons: Keith Lane, Director, Budget & Management Services and David Ades, Assistant Director, Budget & Management Services.

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends approval of Capital Project Amendment No. 24CPA00011 appropriating \$13,948,000 of 2022 GO Bond funds for three new Museum of Life and Sciences Capital Projects: \$7.3M for the Create, Reinvent and Renew Learning Environments Capital Project (6190CD040); \$5,850,000 for the Program and Event Infrastructure Capital Project (6190CD041); and \$798,000 for the Sustainability Upgrades Capital Project (6190CD042).

Attachments: [CPA-11 LEGAL FORM Appropriating \\$13,948,000 of 2022 GO Bonds to Three](#)

23-0856

Approval of Property Management Agreement with TradeMark Properties, Inc. for the Management of the Shoppes of Hope Valley

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve a three-year Property Management Agreement between Durham County and TradeMark Properties, Inc. for the management, maintenance, and leasing of the in-line portion of the shopping center property located at 3825 S. Roxboro Street, known as The Shoppes of Hope Valley, and to authorize the County Manager to execute the Agreement as presented here.

In August 2022, the Board of Commissioners authorized the purchase of the Shoppes of Hope Valley Shopping Center, an approximately 114,000 sq. ft. shopping center located at 3825 S. Roxboro Street. The large vacant space previously occupied by a Kroger grocery store is under construction for the Durham County Board of Elections and is not included in the scope of this contract.

Staff issued a Request for Proposals in April 2023, seeking a qualified Property Management firm to assume the day-to-day management, maintenance, and rent collection activities required for the existing leases, and to secure lease renewals and new tenants as directed by the County once the purchase of the property was complete. Unfortunately, only one proposal was received, and the decision was made to reissue the RFP a second time. Knowing it would take several weeks to complete a second RFP process, the Board approved a service contract with The Wood Group, the previous owner of the Property, to continue managing the existing leases in the in-line portion of the property under a maximum six-month agreement, which extends through January 15, 2024.

The RFP was re-issued in August 2023, and TradeMark Properties, Inc. was chosen unanimously by the selection committee. TradeMark Properties is a Raleigh firm, with significant experience in all facets of property management, including notable public sector experience with the City of Durham and the City of Raleigh, and has served Durham County as our listing broker for the

restaurant spaces in Admin I. TradeMark is prepared to begin work as soon as the attached Agreement is executed so that a seamless transition can occur between The Wood Group and the TradeMark Properties team proposed for this property.

TradeMark Properties' base fee for service is \$1500 per month, plus commission for new leases and renewals, with a minimum commission of \$3000 per transaction in accordance with the Commission Schedule that is an exhibit to the contract. This agreement will be a 3-year contract, with (3) 1-year renewals. The Property Manager will pay all the bills and collect all the rent payments and return to the County the net revenue or invoice for any shortfall. Funds for this contract are included in the Engineering Department FY24 operating budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item supports Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Nancy Mitchell, Sr. Real Estate Officer; Peri Manns, Deputy Director of Engineering and Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a three-year Property Management Agreement between Durham County and TradeMark Properties, Inc. for the management, maintenance, and leasing of the in-line portion of the shopping center property located at 3825 S. Roxboro Street, known as The Shoppes of Hope Valley, and to authorize the County Manager to execute the Agreement as presented here.

Attachments: [Combined TMP Contract 111723](#)

23-0857

Approval of Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00012 and Budget Amendment No.24BCC00060 Reducing the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Project (47302635DC089) by \$1,068,500; Increasing the New Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project (47302635DC157) Budget by \$1,068,500; Appropriating \$1,068,500 of General Fund Fund Balance and Transferring \$1,068,500 to the PAYGO Fund for the New Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project for a New Total Project Budget of \$2,137,000; as well as Approve the Purchase of 128.99 Acres of Property located at 308 Orange Factory Road from Cameron Grove Holdings, LLC, for \$2,107,000 in Addition to \$30,000 for Closing Costs and Soils Analysis, for a Total Purchase Price of \$2,137,000; and Authorize the County Manager to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effect This Transaction.

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00012 and Budget Amendment No.24BCC00060 reducing the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Project (47302635DC089) by \$1,068,500; increasing the new Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital

Project (47302635DC157) budget by \$1,068,500; appropriating \$1,068,500 of General Fund Fund Balance and transferring \$1,068,500 to the PAYGO Fund for the new Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project for a new total project budget of \$2,137,000; as well as approve the purchase of 128.99 acres of property (Parcel ID 187907) located at 308 Orange Factory Road from Cameron Grove Holdings, LLC, for \$2,107,000 in addition to \$30,000 for closing costs and soils analysis, for a total purchase price of \$2,137,000; and to authorize the County Manager to execute all documents necessary to effect this transaction.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget
Open Space and Farmland Preservation (4730DC083)			\$14,314,519.70
	\$13,246,019.70		(\$1,068,500.00)
Orange Factory Road Farm Campus (4730DC157) (NEW)			\$0.00
	\$2,137,000.00		\$2,137,000.00

The current owner of the property located at 308 Orange Factory Road has contacted Durham County Open Space and Real Estate staff to offer this land for sale to the County. This ~129-acre tract located at the corner of 15-501/North Roxboro Road and Orange Factory Road (a State-designated scenic byway) includes one single-family home, 4 ponds totaling 8.9 acres, approximately 48 acres of forested land, 43 acres of cleared agricultural land, and two graveled access drives. It is approximately 9 miles north of Downtown Durham, in a strategic location that is ideal for serving both central and northern Durham residents, and is within the recently adopted Urban Growth Boundary

The Board has received multiple presentations regarding the potential for establishing a Farm Campus for Durham County residents to address the root causes of food insecurity by launching the next generation of sustainable urban farmers through increased access to land, skills and training in agriculture techniques, infrastructure, and markets for new and beginning farmers. It is expected the Durham County Farm Campus will provide much needed community meeting space and will eventually include a facility that provides dry and cold storage, and commercial kitchen capacity for value-added production for farmers on the campus and in Durham County.

Durham County, through Cooperative Extension, received a USDA grant for a study of the design and function of the initiative and established a community advisory board to move forward with Farm Campus planning. In April 2023, the Board approved a contract with HR&A Advisors to perform a Feasibility Study, Site Analysis, and Preliminary Design and in June 2023 the Board approved a contract with CoSpero Consulting for the Community Engagement component of the study. The consulting firm has established rating criteria for potential sites that includes water and sewer access, location, opportunities for county collaboration, accommodation of farm campus post-harvest and kitchen facilities, and incubator farm attributes such as usable acreage and previous agricultural use. While multiple sites were identified initially, four sites were

selected for a detailed analysis and rating. This property has now been rated and scored 73 out of 83 possible points. The parcel has numerous attributes, including suitable topography, a combination of open and forested land, excellent location and accessibility, significant conservation and open space value, and opportunity for multiple nature-based recreation and public purpose uses.

In addition to the needs of the Farm Campus, citizens in North Durham will benefit from access to a public, large group meeting space. The County does not have available meeting space in North Durham other than the limited space at the branch library. A proposed facility on the Farm Campus would address this need for community space in North Durham.

In addition to the purchase price for the property of \$2,107,000, there will be approximately \$30,000 in additional costs for attorney fees (\$2,000), title insurance policy (\$3,086) and approximately \$25,000 for soil borings and analysis to locate well location(s) and septic fields.

The terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement include a \$100,000 Earnest Money Deposit to be paid to the Seller upon execution of the Agreement. The Inspection Period extends through December 31, 2023, during which Durham County may terminate this Agreement for any reason or no reason. In such event, the full Earnest Money Deposit will be returned. Seller agrees to engage the services of Piedmont Environmental Associates, a soils consulting firm, to conduct a preliminary soils analysis immediately upon execution of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the Inspection Period expiration, if and only if Durham County is dissatisfied with the Soils Study, Durham County may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Seller given on or before January 31, 2024, and the full amount of the Earnest Money Deposit will be refunded.

It is important to the Seller that the property remain relatively undeveloped. The Seller seeks to sell the Property to Durham County because of the stated intent to use the property for conservation, recreational, agricultural, educational, or general governmental purposes. Therefore, the deed will contain the following use restrictions: "The Property shall be used for conservation, recreation, agriculture, educational purposes, or general governmental purposes. In no event shall there exist more than 6% impervious surface on the Property."

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This agenda item supports Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government and Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship.

Resource Persons: Nancy Mitchell, Sr. Real Estate Officer; Donna Rewalt, Director of Cooperative Extension; Celeste Burns, Interim Manager, Open Space and Real Estate; Peri Manns, Deputy Director, Engineering and Environmental Services; Jay Gibson, Director of Engineering and

Environmental Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No.24CPA00012 and Budget Amendment No.24BCC00060 reducing the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Capital Project (47302635DC089) by \$1,068,500; increasing the new Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project (47302635DC157) budget by \$1,068,500; appropriating \$1,068,500 of General Fund Fund Balance and transferring \$1,068,500 to the PAYGO Fund for the new Orange Factory Road Farm Campus Capital Project for a new total project budget of \$2,137,000; as well as approve the purchase of 128.99 acres of property (Parcel ID 187907) located at 308 Orange Factory Road from Cameron Grove Holdings, LLC, for \$2,107,000 in addition to \$30,000 for closing costs and soils analysis, for a total purchase price of \$2,137,000; and to authorize the County Manager to execute all documents necessary to effect this transaction.

Attachments:

[CPA-12 LEGAL FORM for New Orange Factory Road Farm Campus \(\\$2,137,000\)](#)
[AAF-060 LEGAL FORM DCSO Appropriating GF FB for CP \(\\$1,068,500\)](#)

23-0858

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00065 Cooperative Extension to recognize a \$200 contribution from the Pi Alpha Xi, Iota Chapter for 4-H programming.

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00065 Cooperative Extension to recognize a \$200 contribution from the Pi Alpha Xi, Iota Chapter for 4-H programming. The funds support the purchase of bat boxes and other supplies for the Pollinator workshop series collaboration with the Durham Public Schools Hub Farm. Through this workshop series, Durham County 4-H and Agriculture staff provide research-based information about local pollinators along with hands-on environmental education to students and their families.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This educational program aligns with Strategic Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All and Strategic Goal 4: Protect Natural Resources.

Resource Persons: Adrienne Mauney, 4-H Agent; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 24BCC00065 Cooperative Extension to recognize a \$200 contribution from the Pi Alpha Xi, Iota Chapter for 4-H programming

Attachments:

[Pi Alpha Xi- Iota Chpt 4-H Award Letter](#)
[AAF-65 Legal Form](#)

23-0859

Approval of contract for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 3: Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Children Ages 0-12, totaling

\$120,315**Agenda Text:**

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to award a contract to the Durham Partnership for Children totaling \$120,315. The organization was awarded a grant in the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grant, RFP Category 3, Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Ages 0-12. The BOCC approved funds to support the contract as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Request for Proposals (RFP) grant award at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Durham's Partnership for Children (DPfC), Housing for New Hope (HNH), Families Moving Forward (FMF), and Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) will participate in trauma-informed training and organizational self-assessment to improve family services and client experience. Through trauma-informed training/professional development, the NCTSN (National Child Traumatic Stress Network) and Trauma-Informed Organizational Assessment. DCEFHS will update policies and procedures to best support families while engaging in practices that maximize physical and emotional safety and cultural responsiveness. The Collaborative will improve the behavioral health services available to these families by developing trauma-informed, age and developmentally appropriate responses, which address identification, prevention, treatment, and maintenance programs/services for adults, children, and the family.

Nonprofit organizations applied for grant funding in seven focus areas that aligned with the County's ARPA framework in 2022. Applicants submitted proposals in the following categories including: (1.) Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Childcare; (2.) Expanding Access to Affordable Childcare; (3.) Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Children Ages 0-12; (4.) Improving Youth and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Youth Ages 13-24; (5.) Youth Enrichment and Recreational Activities; (6.) Capacity Building for Culturally Affirming Maternal Health Support; and (7.) Crime Intervention Initiatives.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community Family Prosperity and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Deputy County Manager; Ella Hargrove, Management Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board of County Commissioners award a contract to the Durham Partnership for Children totaling \$120,315. The contract will be approved in ARPA Community Grant Category 3, Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Ages 0-12.

Attachments: [Contract- Durham's Partnership for Children](#)
[Supplemental Information- DPFC](#)
[ARPA Powerpoint - December 12, 2022 BOCC Meeting](#)

23-0861 **Approval of Slater Road Lift Station Water and Sewer Project as an American Rescue Plan Act project totaling \$10,000,000**

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to establish an American Rescue Plan Act project for the Slater Road Lift Station to address water and sewer infrastructure needs totaling \$10,000,000. The project was discussed by the Board at the October 2, 2023 meeting. Slater Road Lift Station was originally constructed in 1983. It currently sits across the County line, just into Wake County and on the South side of I-540. It was last upgraded in 2018. Lift stations pump wastewater and sewage over, under and through different terrain.

Slater Road Lift Station is now at approximately 90%+ of capacity, with only 10,000 gpd remaining. There is a temporary hold on projects within the Slater Road Lift Station Basin. While the service basin is relatively small at 463 acres and mostly built-out, the lack of available capacity is precluding any meaningful economic development opportunities for development and more notably, re-development of sites within this service basin.

An engineering study examined whether there were any modifications to the existing lift station that could provide an increase in capacity with a reasonable return on investment (ROI) profile. The study revealed that no modifications to the existing lift station would provide capacity much beyond a 5-year horizon, much less at a cost point that represented an acceptable ROI. As such a recommendation occurred to construct a new lift station. The RFP for the project will occur in the upcoming weeks.

Durham County received \$62,445,275. ARPA funds can support several priorities including a public health response due to COVID-19, address negative economic impacts, replace public sector revenue loss, and fund premium pay for essential workers. Funding use can also address water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure and other priorities as identified in the US Treasury Final rule. Funding must be encumbered by 2024, with all invoices paid by 2026.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with all strategic priorities of Durham County

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Deputy County Manager, Julio Delgado, Assistant County Manager, Jay Gibson, County Engineer and Vincent Chirichella, Senior Project Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves the establishment of an American Rescue Plan Act project for the Slater Road Lift Station Water and Sewer Project totaling \$10,000,000.

Attachments: [Slater Road Lift Station - Supplemental Item](#)
[October 2023 Worksession, ARPA update, Lift Station Discussion](#)

23-0866 **Approval of contracts for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 7: Crime Interventions, totaling \$455,000**

Agenda Text: The Board of County Commissioners is requested to award contracts for grants awarded in RFP Category 7, Crime Interventions, totaling \$455,000. The contracts will be awarded to Communities in Partnership (\$225,000), Durham Teen Court and Restitution (\$30,000), and Durham Crisis Response Center (\$200,000). The BOCC approved funds to support the contract as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Request for Proposals (RFP) grant award at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Funds will support programming that contributes to community safety initiatives and combat crime through culturally affirming support systems. Organizations address many areas including emphasis on conflict resolution, violence prevention, domestic violence intervention, health and wellness, and critical time interventions.

Nonprofit organizations applied for grant funding in seven focus areas that aligned with the County's ARPA framework in 2022. Applicants submitted proposals in the following categories including: (1.) Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Child Care; (2.) Expanding Access to Affordable Childcare; (3.) Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Children Ages 0-12; (4.) Improving Youth and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Youth Ages 13-24; (5.) Youth Enrichment and Recreational Activities; (6.) Capacity Building for Culturally Affirming Maternal Health Support; and (7.) Crime Intervention Initiatives.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community Family Prosperity and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Deputy County Manager; Ella Hargrove, Management Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves the contracts for Communities in Partnership (\$225,000), Durham Teen Court and Restitution (\$30,000), and Durham Crisis Response Center (\$200,000).

Attachments: [Durham Teen Court - Contract](#)
[Supplemental Info- DCO Teen Court and Restitution \(1\)](#)
[Contract- Durham Crisis Response Center..](#)
[Supplemental Information- Durham Crisis Response Center, RFP 7](#)
[Contract- Communities in Partnership.](#)
[Supplemental Info- Communities in Partnership](#)

23-0867**Approval of Property Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2023****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for the month of October 2023, which includes adjustments to the current year levy as well as prior years' levies. Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached reports detail releases and refunds for the month of October 2023.

This month's report includes releases and refunds for tax year 2023 totaling \$ 498,049.14. Prior tax years' (2019-2022) releases and refunds are in the amount of \$424,673.50. October 2023 releases and refunds total \$922,722.64.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government. The reason for the request is to ensure the county complies with North Carolina General Statutes which ensure we are accountable to our citizens.

Resource Persons: Keyar Doyle, Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the property tax release and refund report for October 2023 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments:

[Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-October 2023-Nov 27, 2023](#)

[Backup-Bill Release Report_October 2023-Nov 27, 2023](#)

[Backup-Pending Refund Report_October 2023-Nov 27, 2023](#)

[NCVTS_September_Refunds](#)

23-0868**Approval of FY2023-24 Contract with the DPS Foundation for the Bull City Community Schools Project.****Agenda Text:**

The Board is requested to review and approve the attached \$146,300 contract with the Durham Public Schools Foundation for the Bull City Community Schools Project and authorize the County Manager to execute it. The Bull City Community Schools Partnership began in the Spring of 2017, when a group of Durham educators traveled to an institute organized by the National Education Association (NEA) to learn about the six-pillar model of Community Schools. Those pillars include high quality teaching, positive behavior practice, strong and proven curriculum, family and community partnerships, community support services, and inclusive leadership.

Following a campaign spearheaded by the Durham Association of Educators and DPS parents, Durham County government and Durham Public Schools both agreed to provide partial funding to pilot the Bull City Community Schools Initiative. For the first two years, the project was housed under the Southern Vision Alliance and then moved under the umbrella of the Durham Public Schools Foundation in late 2019. The County provided \$120,000 in FY18-19 and FY19-20, and has committed \$146,000 each year since. Funds for this

\$146,300 contract were included in the FY2023-24 Board of Commissioner approved budget.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A strong, vibrant educational system where each school can serve and benefit from the community within and around it will serve all the goals of Durham County's Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Shannon Trapp, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review and approved the attached \$146,300 contract with the Durham Public Schools Foundation for the Bull City Community Schools Project and authorize the County Manager to execute it.

Attachments:

[DPS FOUNDATION Non-Profit Grant Agreement FY2024](#)

[DPS Foundation Updated Scope of Work and Budget Request](#)

23-0879

Approval of contracts for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 4: Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Children Ages 13-24, totaling \$450,740.00.

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to award contracts for grants awarded in RFP Category 4, Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Ages 13-24, totaling \$450,740. Contracts will be awarded to the following nonprofit organizations including Durham Crisis Response Center (\$125,000), Planned Parenthood (\$60,000), LBGTQ Center (\$115,740) and Center for Homeownership and Economic Development (\$150,000). The BOCC approved funds to support the contract as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Request for Proposals (RFP) grant award at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Organizations will create and/or expand safe, culturally affirming, and trauma-informed supports that contribute to the social-emotional and mental health of children and young people ages 13-24 and their families. The entities will focus on the promotion of social, emotional, and mental health and positive childhood experiences, on strengthening protective factors that prevent adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), or on response to ACEs, including addressing substance abuse issues, support domestic violence survivors, and suicide prevention.

Nonprofit organizations applied for grant funding in seven focus areas that aligned with the County's ARPA framework in 2022. Applicants submitted proposals in the following categories including: (1.) Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Childcare; (2.) Expanding Access to Affordable Childcare; (3.) Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Children Ages 0-12; (4.) Improving Youth and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Youth Ages 13-24; (5.) Youth Enrichment and Recreational Activities; (6.) Capacity Building for Culturally

Affirming Maternal Health Support; and (7.) Crime Intervention Initiatives.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community Family Prosperity and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Deputy County Manager; Ella Hargrove, Management Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approves contracts to the following nonprofit organizations including Durham Crisis Response Center (\$125,000), Planned Parenthood (\$60,000), LGBTQ Center (\$115,740) and Center for Homeownership and Economic Development (\$150,000). The nonprofit organizations were selected as grant recipients in Category 4, Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Ages 13-24, totaling \$450,740.

Attachments:

[Contract- Durham Crisis Response Center \(2\)](#)

[Supplemental Information- Durham Crisis Response Center - \(2\)](#)

[Contract- The Centre for Homeownership.](#)

[Supplemental Information- The Centre for Homeownership and Economic Devel](#)

[Planned Parenthood South Atlantic - Contract.](#)

[Supplemental Information- Planned Parenthood](#)

[Contract- The LGBTQ Center of Durham](#)

[Supplemental Information-The LGBTQ center of Durham](#)

23-0888

Approval of contract for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grants Awarded in RFP Category 3: Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Children Ages 0-12, totaling \$48,000

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to award a contract to Voices Together, totaling \$48,000. The organization was awarded a grant in the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grant, RFP Category 3, Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Ages 0-12. The BOCC approved funds to support the contract as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Request for Proposals (RFP) grant award at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

The funding allows Voices Together to provide evidence-based program model, VOICSS®, to students at EK Powe Elementary School and to continue programming at Voyager Academy, both in Durham County. VOICSS® (Vocal Interactive Communication and Social Strategies) is a proprietary music therapy model that empowers neurodivergent individuals to express themselves and engage with others while giving them tools to transform their own lives. The program empowers individuals to increase focused attention, advocate for their needs and engage appropriately with peers.

Nonprofit organizations applied for grant funding in seven focus areas that

aligned with the County's ARPA framework in 2022. Applicants submitted proposals in the following categories including: (1.) Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Child Care; (2.) Expanding Access to Affordable Childcare; (3.) Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Children Ages 0-12; (4.) Improving Youth and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Youth Ages 13-24; (5.) Youth Enrichment and Recreational Activities; (6.) Capacity Building for Culturally Affirming Maternal Health Support; and (7.) Crime Intervention Initiatives.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community Family Prosperity and Enrichment

Resource Persons: Claudia Hager, Deputy County Manager; Ella Hargrove, Management Analyst

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends the Board of County Commissioners approves the contract with Voices Together totaling \$48,000. The contract was approved in category 3 of the ARPA Community Grant Category 3, Improving Child and Family Social-Emotional and Mental Health Ages 0-12.

Attachments:

[Contract - Voices Together](#)

[Supplemental Info- Voices Together](#)

[ARPA Powerpoint - December 12, 2022 BOCC Meeting](#)

8. Other Business (45min)

23-0850

County Food Security Initiatives Update and Upcoming Plans (45min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive an update on County-funded food security initiatives during fiscal year 2022-2023 and their impact in Durham County, as well as hear about and provide input on upcoming food security plans and initiatives.

The County continues to work to build trusting relationships with Durham County residents and local organizations, creating a strong foundation for collaboration. Food security initiatives have also further developed internal and external capacity to equitably and innovatively improve food security for all residents in Durham County. In fiscal year 2022-2023, the County provided over \$1.6 million to support food insecure residents, especially those most affected by the negative economic impacts of COVID-19. In line with the County's commitment to equity, more than 77% or \$1.2 million of that funding was contracted with local Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) owned or led organizations.

In fiscal year 2023-2024, food security initiatives will leverage local and federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act to create lasting impacts on food access.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Appropriate food security support for Durham County's population aligns with Goal 2: Health and Well-Being for All of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Mary Oxendine, County Food Security Coordinator; Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive an update on County-funded food security initiatives during fiscal year 2022-2023 and their impact in Durham County, as well as hear about and provide input on upcoming food security plans and initiatives.

Attachments: [Food Security BOCC Presentation 11.27.23 v2](#)

9. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

[23-0837](#) Board and Commission Appointments (10min)

Agenda Text: Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

- Durham County Women's Commission
- Farmland Protection Advisory Board

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to have a representative sample of the citizens of Durham County serve on boards, commissions, committees, and authorities. No citizen may serve more than four consecutive terms for 2-year term boards; three consecutive terms for 3-year term boards; two consecutive terms for 4-year term boards; and one consecutive term for 5 and 6-year term boards in any one position, unless otherwise stated by statute; or there are no other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. The Equalization and Review Board shall be exempt from these term limits.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government.

Resource Persons: Monica Wallace, Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint members to the aforementioned Boards and Commissions.

Attachments: [Legistar Attmt - 11.27.2023](#)

10. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda (20 min)

11. Adjournment

