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# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2020 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7A - 7B

- SUBJECT:**
- A. AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE RESERVED FUND BALANCE AND TRANSFER FUNDS FROM A BUDGET RESERVE FOR THE COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE GANG ASSESSMENT IN FORSYTH COUNTY**
  - B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FORSYTH FUTURES TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE GANG ASSESSMENT IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:**

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

On December 19, 2019, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners amended the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Ordinance to appropriate additional revenue from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Community Programs section as expansion funding related to the implementation of Raise the Age. As part of this amendment, \$25,000 was placed in a budget reserve to be allocated at a later date for a comprehensive gang assessment for Forsyth County.

The cost of the comprehensive gang assessment is estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000. This agenda item is necessary to move the pass-through funds of \$25,000 out of a budget reserve and also to appropriate \$35,000 of Behavioral Health fund balance reserves in order to encumber a contract with Forsyth Futures to complete the comprehensive gang assessment.

Based on data collected from youth who were under court supervision by the Department of Public Safety in FY19, there are a significant number of youths who have used alcohol or illegal drugs (substance abuse) and require further treatment/assessment as well as a significant number who had mental health needs that were either being addressed or require further assessment. Forsyth County's Behavioral Health Services dollars are used to provide assistance with Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and/or Intellectually/Developmentally Delayed issues. Staff believes that the comprehensive gang assessment is an appropriate use of Behavioral Health funds.

ATTACHMENTS:  yes  no

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY MANAGER DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FORSYTH FUTURES TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE GANG ASSESSMENT IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS** Forsyth Futures is an organization that provides action-oriented data analysis and reporting services to organizations within Forsyth County and provides services to assist in better understanding and working with data in order to mobilize Forsyth County's collective problem-solving capacities for positive change;

**WHEREAS** according to data from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, a 2018 assessment of juveniles in Forsyth County shows that youth gang membership or association with gangs has risen to 16.4%;

**WHEREAS** the North Carolina state average percentage of youth gang member involvement or association with gangs was only 6.4%;

**WHEREAS** the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recommends that counties conduct a comprehensive gang assessment every five years;

**WHEREAS** the last comprehensive gang assessment conducted for Forsyth County was in 2011; and

**WHEREAS** funding for the comprehensive gang assessment has been partially identified through expansion funding due to Raise the Age, and remaining funding has been identified through the behavioral health fund balance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute an agreement, on behalf of Forsyth County, with Forsyth Futures in a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, to conduct a comprehensive gang assessment, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
AMENDMENT TO  
2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2020

**EXPLANATION:**

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 1. REVENUE</u> GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE – Behavioral Health	<u>\$35,000</u>
INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.</u> GENERAL FUND YOUTH SERVICES	<u>\$35,000</u>

**NATURE OF TRANSACTION:**

- Additional Revenue Available
- Transfer within Accounts of Same fund
- Other: Appropriate Behavioral Health Fund Balance

APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED \_\_\_\_\_ AGENDA ITEM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_