



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Division of Juvenile Justice- Juvenile Community Programs Section

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Ms. J.J. Greeson, Administrative Assistant III  
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Guilford County Government  
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Dear Ms. Greeson,

DPS recognizes and appreciates the efforts of the Guilford Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot Program made during the FY 2022-2023 fiscal year and the progress in implementing and offering this pilot program in Guilford County. We are now in the second year of the pilot initiative. This pilot endeavor has produced some positive outcomes from the previous fiscal year which required program development, instructor selection, training for instructors to teach the *Alive at 25* classes, and promotion of the program in the community. A decision by DPS was made to continue funding the pilot project through the 2023 -2024 fiscal year in the amount of **\$37,715** to allow the Section to better assess the impact of the traffic teen court model and its outcomes based on a full complete year of implementation.

Thank you for your willingness to assist us with our request to engage with you and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners to seek approval for the Division to engage contractually with One Step Further, Inc. to provide this Teen Traffic Division Pilot for youth ages 16 through 18 who are charged with certain traffic infractions and misdemeanors. The Guilford Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot Program's overall purpose is to address the potential causes and impacts of traffic offenses committed by this younger, inexperienced population of drivers. Additionally, this project intends to prevent, through diversion programming, the residual effects of criminal charges imposed upon a young person and increase public safety, especially when research shows that the risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among teens aged 16-19 than among any other age group.

We are grateful for this local-state partnership and for this opportunity to present the following program agreement to provide pertinent information to the county regarding the program. We wish to utilize our NCALLIES database as our disbursement mechanism for this program, much as we do with JCPC funded programs. Our office will be monitoring all expenditures of the program for reimbursement and payments via NCALLIES monthly disbursements. We request the county's assistance as a pass through for monthly payments to the One Step Further, Inc. Teen Traffic Diversion Program.

We commend your efforts to continue this local-state partnership with us to provide effective services to youth and families of Guilford County through the Teen Traffic Diversion Pilot Project. Thank you for your commitment to serving Guilford County's youth and families.

Sincerely,

Cindy Porterfield, Director  
Juvenile Community Programs

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