



Legislation Text

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TITLE

APPROVE RECEIPT OF 2021 GC STOP GRANT FUNDS AND ADDITION OF ONE (1) PRETRIAL DIVERSION COURT ADVOCATE POSITION AND ONE (1) LINKAGE COORDINATOR POSITION

SPONSOR

Sheriff Danny H. Rogers (Captain R. Shepherd)

BACKGROUND

The Guilford County Sheriff's Office was awarded 2021 GC STOP grant funding in the amount of \$478,031 to assist justice served individuals in connecting to needed treatments, harm reduction programs and other support services upon release. The Sheriff's Office contracts with UNC-Greensboro to provide services through the GC STOP program and grant funding will be used towards a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for Deputy Sheriffs who currently work collaboratively with the STOP program to provide assistance, oversight and education.

Funding will also be used to create two (2) new full-time positions within the Sheriff's Office that will also collaborate with the GC STOP Program. The Pretrial Diversion Court Advocate will serve as the primary point of contact and coordinator for participants released from custody who need to participate in the treatment component of the GC STOP Program. The Linkage Coordinator will serve as a direct source for support service referrals and navigation for these participants.

Additionally, grant funding will be used to cover UNC-Greensboro's negotiated indirect cost rate (\$13,643) and will be used towards the purchase of 3,500 doses of Naloxone (\$202,063) for program participants.

BUDGET IMPACT

Budget Ordinance Amendment

General Fund

\$478,031 increase in Federal/State Revenue

\$478,031 Increase in Appropriation to Law Enforcement

NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve receipt of 2021 GC STOP grant funding in the amount of \$478,031; increase Federal/State revenues by \$478,031 and increase the FY 2020-21 Law Enforcement budget by the same amount. Approve the addition of one (1) Pretrial Diversion Court Advocate and one (1) Linkage Coordinator, contingent upon continued grant funding and authorize staff to take all necessary measures to enter into contract with UNC-Greensboro to administer the GC STOP program. In addition to covering salary and fringe benefits for the two (2) new positions, funding will also be used towards the following: a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for deputy sheriffs currently working with the GC STOP program; UNC-Greensboro's negotiated indirect cost rate (\$13,643) to administer the program; and purchase of 3,500 doses of Naloxone (\$202,063) for program participants.