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### **TITLE**

### **FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER ENHANCED COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF CHILD AND ELDER JUSTICE SERVICES - NC GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT AWARD**

### **SPONSOR**

Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director

### **BACKGROUND**

The Guilford County Family Justice Center (GCFJC) received continuation funding from the North Carolina's Governor's Crime Commission Grant funding to support two FJC initiatives that are focused on coordinating support for child and elder abuse victims of violence and abuse. Currently, there are 17 partner organizations totaling nearly 100 professionals working together to provide streamlined and comprehensive services to victims of domestic, sexual violence, child abuse, and elder abuse from the Guilford County Family Justice Centers in Greensboro and High Point. In 2018, the GCFJC was awarded funding for two (2) staff positions to support its child and elder abuse initiatives. The purpose of this grant project is to continue these programs and interventions to underserved victims of child and elder abuse through improved coordination, follow-up, and targeted outreach.

Grant funds will pay for two (2) existing staff positions. This grant award project ends in September 2022. The positions will continue to be time-limited and contingent upon ongoing grant funding. Positions funded include:

1. Child Trauma Specialist Coordinator will provide trauma-informed services and programming including group and individual counseling designed to meet the unique needs of child victims and their families, facilitation of peer support experiences, program coordination of existing resources, focused outreach, and training/supervision of interns and volunteers. Staff will also coordinate referrals and follow-up with continued services with GCFJC partners.
2. Elder Justice Specialist Coordinator will provide trauma-informed services and programming to seniors including the facilitation of peer support services, coordinating elder justice committee multi-disciplinary coordinated community response, focused outreach, and managing elder justice interns and volunteers.

Due to COVID, this NC Governor's Crime Commission grant has no match requirement.

#### Grand Award Budget Overview

Year 1: Total Award \$131,560

- Personnel \$123,936
- Travel \$3,224
- Supplies \$4,400

Year 2: Total \$135,270

- Personnel \$127,656
- Travel \$3,214
- Supplies \$ 4,400

Total Federal Award Amount: \$266,830

Grant Award Total: \$266,830

Match Required: \$0

The NC Governor's Crime Commission serves as the chief advisory board to the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety on crime and justice related issues. The goal of this grant is to assist and better coordinate care for child and elder abuse victims seeking assistance from within the County.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

##### **Budget Ordinance Amendment**

General Fund

\$131,560 Increase in Federal/State Revenue

\$131,560 Increase in Appropriation to Family Justice Center

**Grant funds for FY 2022 will be included in the Recommended Budget. NO**

**ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

#### **REQUESTED ACTION**

Approve receipt of the NC Governor's Crime Commission Grant Award, increase Federal/State Revenue by \$131,560 and increase the FY 2020-21 Family Justice Center budget by the same amount to reflect the grant funds received. Funds will be used for personnel and professional expenses for existing grant-funded Child Trauma Specialist Coordinator and Elder Justice Specialist Coordinator positions.