



Legislation Text

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TITLE

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER SPECIALIZED CRISIS ASSESSMENT, COORDINATION AND NAVIGATION SERVICES AND ADDITION OF TWO (2) NAVIGATOR POSITIONS - NC GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT AWARD

SPONSOR

Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director

BACKGROUND

The Guilford County Family Justice Center (GCFJC) is the recipient of the North Carolina's Governor's Crime Commission grant funding to increase the GCFJC's capacity to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence with two (2) additional grant-funded Navigator positions. GCFJC staff are responsible for coordinating the multiagency collaborative, which is comprised of 100 professionals representing 17 disciplines and organizations at its two (2) center locations. This grant project provides funding for two (2) additional Navigators to support the coordination of resources and support for victims seeking assistance from the GCFJC. Navigators serve as the portal of entry and first contact for all GCFJC clients. Navigators provide direct services to clients and/or their families, which includes triaging client needs, providing information about GCFJC partners and services, and completing safety and lethality assessments. Navigators also work closely with GCFJC partners to help victims access and utilize the full range of services available at the GCFJC.

Grant funds will pay for the hiring of (2) two new staff positions. The new positions will be time-limited and contingent upon ongoing grant funding. The GCFJC currently has one (1) Navigator in the High Point office and three (3) Navigators at the Greensboro office. These two (2) new positions will provide support to both GCFJC locations, depending on the needs of each center. This grant award project ends in September 2022 and these new positions are expected to start January 1, 2021.

Overview of grant-funded Navigator staff positions:

1. Navigator 1 and Navigator 2 will provide the coordination and provision of direct client services on-site at the GCFJC. This position works closely with GCFJC partners to help victims of child abuse, domestic and sexual violence, and elder abuse

access and utilize the full range of services available at the GCFJC. Duties include interviewing clients to determine appropriate services, assisting clients in navigating the various programs and services offered at the GCFJC, and providing follow-up case management and support to help clients utilize the full range of GCFJC services available.

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

Grand Award Budget Overview

Year 1: Total Award \$94,477

- Personnel \$89,208
- Travel \$269
- Supplies \$5,000

Year 2: Total Award \$122,645

- Personnel \$119,976
- Travel \$269
- Supplies \$2,400

Total Federal Award Amount: \$217,123

Grant Award Total: \$217,123

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 victims of crime seeking assistance from within the County.

BUDGET IMPACT

Budget Ordinance Amendment

General Fund

\$94,477 Increase in Federal/State Revenue

\$94,477 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 \$94,477 and increase the FY 2020-21 Family Justice Center budget by the same amount to reflect grant funds received, and approve the creation of two (2) FJC Navigator

positions to be contingent upon continued grant funding.