

**FORSYTH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BRIEFING  
DRAFT**

MEETING DATE: APRIL 10, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES TO REFERRING JUVENILES TO COURT FOR SCHOOL BASED BEHAVIORS (BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT)**

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

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

This Budget Ordinance Amendment is necessary to appropriate \$50,000 to support the development of community based services providing alternatives to referring juveniles to court for school based behaviors.

The Juvenile Justice Section of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety has been working collaboratively with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to begin this effort by assigning Court Counselors to work out of selected schools. The result has been a significant reduction in referrals to court of students from the selected schools. The new funds will augment these efforts by creating opportunities for engagement in prosocial activities and learning experiences for at-risk youth.

Insight Human Services, Inc. has been selected as the agency to implement the additional component to the school based diversion initiative.

There is no requirement for local matching funds for this award and these funds will need to be expended by June 30, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
AMENDMENT TO  
2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

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**FROM: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

**MEETING DATE:** April 10, 2017

**EXPLANATION:**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 1. REVENUES</u>	
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	<u>\$50,000</u>
INCREASE:	<u>SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
	GENERAL FUND	
	YOUTH SERVICES	<u>\$50,000</u>

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**NATURE OF TRANSACTION:**  
 Additional Revenue Available  
 Transfer within Accounts of  
Same fund  
 Other:

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

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**North Carolina Department of Public Safety**  
**Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice**

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Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

W. David Guice, Chief Deputy Secretary  
William L. Lassiter, Deputy Secretary

March 17, 2017

Mr. Damon Sanders-Pratt  
Deputy Forsyth County Manager  
201 N. Chestnut Street  
Winston Salem, North Carolina, 27101

**RE: Award of Funds for Community Programing for Alternatives to Divert Juveniles from Court**

Deputy Manager Sanders-Pratt,

This letter is to confirm that the Juvenile Justice Section of the Department of Public safety has awarded funding up to \$50,000 to Forsyth County to support the development of community based services providing alternatives to referring juveniles to court for school based behaviors. There is no requirement for local matching funds for this award. These funds will be available April 1, 2017 and will need to be expended by June 30, 2017. Costs permitted to be reimburse include personnel costs, travel and supplies. Continuing development and support of services will be accomplished through an additional award to be effective July 1, 2017. Juvenile Justice has been working collaboratively with Forsyth County Schools to begin this effort by assigning Court Counselors to work out of selected schools. The result has been a significant reduction in referrals to court of students from the selected schools. This project will augment those efforts by creating opportunities for engagement in prosocial activities and learning experiences for at-risk youth.

Insight Human Services, Inc. has been selected to be the agency to implement this additional component to the school based diversion initiative. Insight has a long history of providing high quality and responsive services to citizens of Forsyth County. Insight will send an invoice for reimbursement for services rendered to Forsyth County at the end of each month.

We appreciate the partnership we have with Forsyth County and are looking forward to continued success in providing services produce positive outcomes for our young people.

Sincerely,

William L. Lassiter  
Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice

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