



Legislation Text

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Title

Grant Application - Governor's Institute for Suicide Prevention

Action

ACTION:

- 1) Affirm the submission of a grant application for up to \$5,000 to the Governor's Institute for Suicide Prevention for North Carolina Statewide Suicide Prevention.**
- 2) Recognize, receive and appropriate the award amount to the General Grants Funds (G001) within Community Support Services; and**
- 3) Adopt a grant project ordinance for the Governor's Institute for Suicide Prevention grant in the General Grant Fund (G001).**

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Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has partnered with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to bring the Governor's and Mayor's Challenges to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) to states, territories, and communities across the Nation. For the Governor's Challenge, 54 states and territories are currently taking part in the challenge and are working to develop and implement state-wide suicide prevention best practices for SMVF, using a public health approach. For the Mayor's Challenge, 22 communities were originally engaged as part of the challenge. Currently, 19 of those teams are still actively participating.

The three priorities are to identify SMVF (Ask the Question Campaign), assess for suicidality (Columbia Scale for Suicide Risk), connect to care (crisis intercept maps), and lethal means safety (conducting training, building gun safety coalitions).

The grant proposal is for \$5,000 to market a North Carolina Statewide Suicide Prevention program. By developing and providing marketing tools, outreach can increase to local and state leaders to

include faith and community leaders, healthcare providers, and educational institutions with materials that will make it easier for them to identify SMVF who are at risk. Grant funding will be used for marketing materials including:

- Suicide prevention “pocket cards”
- Informational booklets
- Provider outreach materials

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase in revenue and associated expenditures in the amount of \$5,000 in General Grants Fund G001 within Community Support Services.