



Legislation Text

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Title:

Grant Application - The City of Charlotte Emergency Solution Grant

Summary

ACTION:

1. Approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of up to \$73,316 to the City of Charlotte to expand SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) services within the emergency shelter environment
2. If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate the grant funds awarded
3. If awarded, approve one additional full time Case Coordinator position in the Community Support Services Department, Homeless Services Division to help connect more families to SSA income, and Medicaid benefits (annual market rate is \$46,750)

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Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The SOAR project assesses, prioritizes, and submits claims for disability at the Social Security Administration (SSA). Collaboration between the state of North Carolina Disability Determination Services, the local SSA, hospitals and community providers, and CSS SOAR project increases the access and expedites the disabilities claims process. By increasing capacity and connecting more families to SSA income, and Medicaid benefits, Emergency Solution Grant funds would decrease the waiting time between SOAR referrals and connect more individuals and families within the shelter to entitlement income. Obtaining income for shelter clients opens greater housing opportunities and stability. It also improves health outcomes, decreases criminal justice involvement, and increases hospital reimbursements within the community.

CSS is currently the only agency accepting low-barrier SOAR referrals from multiple sources and the HMIS. The City of Charlotte Emergency Solution Grant will expand SOAR services

within the emergency shelter environment.

Application to the City of Charlotte is due May 22, 2019. The funding decision will be made in June 2019. If awarded, the grant period will run from July 2019 through June 2020.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase in revenue and associated expenditures in the awarded amount estimated to be \$73,316 in fund 0001