

**FORSYTH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BRIEFING  
DRAFT**

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 7

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, THE HEALTHY BEGINNINGS GRANT THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WOMEN'S HEALTH BRANCH  
(FORSYTH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)**

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

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch released a Request for Application (#A355) entitled, "Healthy Beginnings".

The request allows local health departments to seek funding at an award level ranging between \$65,000 to \$80,000, annually. Funding will be available for three years. The funding period for contracts awarded through this competitive application process will begin June 1, 2019, and end on May 31, 2022. Funding for this program is from State funds.

Since 1994, the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated funds to support projects that demonstrated the capacity to lower infant mortality and low birth weight rates among minority populations. Healthy Beginnings serves minority women during pregnancy, the postpartum period, and up to two years. Services are provided to all enrolled program participants through care coordination contacts, home visits, and group education sessions.

Services include home and phone contact visits, breastfeeding education, depression screening, health education, safe sleep practice, tobacco use prevention education, reproductive life planning, and promote/coordinate well child visits.

The Forsyth County Department of Public Health has historically received grant funding and operated the Healthy Beginnings program for the past 20 years. If the grant application is approved the Healthy Beginnings program will be budgeted for during the FY19-20 budget process.

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

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

COUNTY MANAGER

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

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**WHEREAS** the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch, released a Request for Application entitled, "Healthy Beginnings";

**WHEREAS** the request for applications allows local health departments to seek funding at an award ranging between \$65,000 to \$80,000, annually for three years;

**WHEREAS** the Forsyth County Department of Public Health historically received grant funding and operated the Healthy Beginnings program for the past 20 years; and

**WHEREAS** the Forsyth County Department of Public Health wishes to continue the Healthy Beginnings program and apply for and accept the grant, if awarded;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager and Clerk to the Board to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, the necessary documents to submit a Request for Application for the Healthy Beginnings grant through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, necessary documents to receive grant funds, if awarded, from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women's Health Branch to support the Healthy Beginnings program, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon, by the Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.