

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$35,000 OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESERVED FUND BALANCE TO THE YOUNG WOMENS'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY, INC., FOR THE HAWLEY HOUSE PROGRAM

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Hawley House is a women's substance use recovery facility that houses women for a period of 9-12 months and offers six months of aftercare for women aged 18 and older. Hawley House is the only licensed female residential treatment facility in Forsyth County and is open 24 hours per day, 365 days a year.

Currently, Hawley House is a 6-bed facility. Its collaborative partners include Downtown Health Plaza, Crisis Control Ministries, Goodwill, Vocational Rehab, and ARCA.

The program has a 75%-80% success rate. Over the last three years, 90% of the program's graduates remain substance free. Residents have been able to obtain employment and have emergency savings when they graduate.

Over the past ten years, 29 of 30 residents have not returned to prison/jail and graduates have been able to regain custody of their children with 63 children reunited with their mothers over the last ten years.

Hawley House is in the process of expanding its capacity by 50% going from a 6-bed facility to a 9-bed facility. The program director of Hawley House has approached Forsyth County for funding to assist with completing this project.

Staff recommends that \$35,000 of the reserved Behavioral Health Fund balance be used to support this expansion effort. There is adequate fund balance for Behavioral Health projects to fund this request.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS

COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: December 16, 2019

