



Agenda Abstract

Department: Administration
Submitting Official: Holly Coleman

Meeting Date: 4-4-2011
Authorizing Signature:

Holly Coleman

Subject:	Consideration of a request to adopt the Resolution Supporting Public Health Funding Through State Local Aid-to-County
Action Requested:	Motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting Public Health Funding Through State Local Aid-to-County.
Attachments (List individually):	Resolution Supporting Public Health Funding Through State Local Aid-to-County

Introduction & Background

The Aid-to-County funds are extremely critical in the delivery of local public health services. Aid-to-County funding is the only non-categorical funding allocated by the state to local health departments to assure the provision of essential public health services.

Discussion & Analysis

The Aid-to-County funds are intended to improve health at the local level by providing resources to address locally identified gaps in services and community needs and creating the infrastructure necessary to effectively and efficiently respond to local needs.

North Carolina Governor Perdue's budget identifies a 60% reduction in Aid-to-County funds. A reduction of \$6.8 million of the current \$11.4 million funding and elimination of all \$400,000 Aid-to-County funding from Division of Environment and Natural Resources.

If Chatham County Public Health Department's Aid-to-County funding is reduced by 60%, it will result in a \$48,425.00 reduction in revenue for public health.

Budgetary Impact

No Local Funding Requested.

Recommendation

Motion to Adopt the Resolution Supporting Public Health Funding Through State Local Aid-To-County.



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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**SUPPORTING PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING THROUGH
STATE LOCAL AID-TO-COUNTY**

WHEREAS, State funding for local public health services is small, less than half on one percent of the total state budget is directed toward local public health aid-to-county

WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursable services delivered through local public health departments represent only one percent of the NC Medicaid budget; and

WHEREAS, although constituting a small percentage of the State's budget, these funds are extremely critical in the delivery of local public health services; and

WHEREAS, Aid-to-County funding is the only non-categorical funding allocated by the state to local health departments to assure the provision of essential public health services; and

WHEREAS, These funds are intended to improve health at the local level by providing resources to address locally identified gaps in services and community needs and creating the infrastructure necessary to effectively and efficiently respond to local needs; and

WHEREAS, local public health departments must be prepared with the infrastructure to respond to known issues such as emergency preparedness, communicable diseases, pandemic flu, childhood obesity, diabetes, infant mortality disparities, Methamphetamine Lab clean-up, food safety and promoting the availability and accessibility of quality healthcare services, as well as response to emerging needs; and

WHEREAS, local public health departments must be adequately funded to mobilize communities to improve the health of those disproportionately impacted by disease and early death, and reduce health risks for the entire population; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget calls for over a 60% reduction in Aid to County funds (a reduction of \$6.8 million of the current \$11.4 million funding and elimination of all \$400,000 Aid to County funding from Division of Environment and Natural Resources); and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Health adopted this resolution at their meeting on March 15, 2011.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners opposes the cuts to Public Health Aid-to-County funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners supports increasing Aid to County funding for local public health departments to assure a strong statewide system that is prepared to address local public health need.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2011.

Brian Bock, Chair

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners