

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

April 23, 2025: Full Board Funding Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kevin McIver, Abigail Holloway, Jonathan Wilson, Alex Hurdle, Beverly 'BJ' Council, DeWarren Langley, Angela Nunn

Members Online: Nicole Grant, Laylon Williams, Ramya Krishna, John Morris, Duane Brinson, Quanesha Archer, Seth Kandl, LiBria Stephens, Dr. Melissa Watson, Dorothy Hardin, Monica Burnette, Renee Hill

Programs Online: Yasmine Boone (PROUD Program), Quille Coath (PROUD Program), Lisa Rowe (Triangle Literacy), Lucretia Alston (Bull City Youth Build)

Guests Present: Raven Walters (RYSE-Diversion Coordinator)

Guests Online: Jennifer McRant (RYSE Program Manager)

Staff Present: Walter 'Eddie' Crews, Robin Health, Viveca Deans, Janice Williams

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Kevin McIver called the meeting to order at 4:05pm, welcomed everyone and asked in-house attendees to introduce themselves followed by online attendees.

A quorum was established.

II. March 2025 Minutes Approval

Mr. Laylon Williams noted a correction to the title of Mr. Eric Johnson as 'Manager (not Director), Special Populations, Alliance Health'. A motion to approve the March 26, 2025 minutes with the noted correction was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

III. JCPC Program Funding Decisions

Chair McIver began by stating that the JCPC Board meetings are open to the public. The program representatives present were welcome to continue to attend however would be unable to participate in the funding discussions or the voting process. With only voting members remaining after the program representatives exited, a quorum was maintained.

Chair McIver reported that the JCPC Funding Committee met on Friday, April 11th and by a unanimous vote, agreed on the final Funding Recommendations Grid presented. Chair McIver then opened the floor for discussion according to the JCPC Funding Process Principles distributed to all members via email. The Funding Process Principles dictate that each voting member will be given a 3-minute time period for comments and further discussion. Chair McIver then recommended that the proposed Funding Recommendations be accepted as is.

Chair McIver recognized:

- Mr. DeWarren Langley who disclosed his Conflict of Interest regarding Project Build. (see attachment)
- Mr. Jonathan Wilson disclosed his Conflict of Interest regarding Teen Court & Restitution.
- Mr. Alex Hurdle who disclosed his Conflict of Interest regarding GRACED, Inc.

Chair McIver emphasized the importance of each member’s input regarding the proposed funding as this is the final decision being made for a two-year funding cycle and reopened the floor for discussion of the Funding Recommendations Grid (displayed below).

Applicant	Admin. \$	Teen Court & Rest.	Future R.I.S.E.	PROUD	POA-MDFT/TFCB T	Project BUILD	Triangle Literacy Council	Elna B Spaulding	Elevate	GRACED	EPIC	Total
FY 24-25 amount received	12,101	130,000		153,000	155,000	130,000	20,000	25,000		51,000	25,000	701,101
FY 25-26 request	12,101	130,000	60,000	153,000	155,000	130,000	120,070	53,428	105,000	134,613		1,053,212
Funding Comm. Rec.	12,101	100,000	\$0	153,000	140,000	130,000	20,000	\$53,000	\$0	\$93,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$75,000	\$44,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$155,000	\$130,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$51,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$112,889	\$32,888	\$155,889	\$102,889	\$132,889	\$27,889	\$32,889	\$32,889	\$57,889	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$10,000	\$153,000	\$155,000	\$130,000	\$22,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$54,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$155,000	\$130,000	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$0	\$58,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$53,000	\$0	\$123,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$122,572	\$0	\$153,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$53,428	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$80,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$155,000	\$130,000	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$81,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$130,000	\$45,000	\$100,000	\$100,101	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$580,101	
	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$25,000	\$153,000	\$155,000	\$130,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$51,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$12,101	\$65,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$94,000	\$130,000	\$10,000	\$53,000	\$0	\$134,000	\$0	\$651,101
	\$12,101	\$115,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$115,000	\$122,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$41,000	\$101,000	\$0	\$701,101
	\$8,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$155,000	\$123,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$681,000
	\$12,101	\$100,000	\$0	\$155,000	\$100,000	\$135,000	\$20,000	\$53,428	\$0	* \$0	\$0	\$575,529
	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$155,000	* \$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$86,000	\$0	\$571,101
	\$12,101	* \$0	\$25,000	\$153,000	\$125,000	\$130,000	\$40,000	\$70,000	\$25,000	\$121,000	\$0	\$701,101
Average	\$11,828	\$112,031	\$10,181	\$144,431	\$128,874	\$126,193	\$24,681	\$40,172	\$12,431	\$83,193	\$0	\$694,012
High	\$12,101	\$130,000	\$45,000	\$155,889	\$155,000	\$135,000	\$75,000	\$70,000	\$41,000	\$134,000	\$0	\$952,990
Low	\$8,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$94,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$422,000
POA Level II - Intensive Intervention received \$50,463 in funding												
* \$0 = Members Recused From Voting - Omitted from Average Calculation												

Mr. Langley recommended a modification to the Funding Committee’s Recommendations as follows:

Admin	Teen Court	Future R.I.S.E	PROUD	POA	BUILD	TLC	EBS	Elevate	GRACED	EPIC
\$12,101	\$115,000	\$0	\$135,000	\$145,000	Abstain	\$0	\$53,000	\$0	\$98,000	\$0

- Admin warrants the recommended funding of \$12,101.
- Future R.I.S.E and Elevate should not receive funding as the Funding Recommendations stipulate.
- At the Funding Committee meeting monies were taken from Parenting of Adolescents and Teen Court. The proposal is to fund Parenting of Adolescents at their full request of \$155,000 and not fund Triangle Literacy.
- Mr. Langley wanted a noted change to PROUD’s amount to \$153,000 (the recording denotes his stating \$135,000 for PROUD)

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Chair McIver recognized LiBria Stephens, Board Secretary, for commentary.

Ms. Stephens recommended that the full body accepts the Funding Committee’s recommendations as follows and for the reasons stated below:

Admin	Teen Court	Future R.I.S.E	PROUD	POA	BUILD	TLC	EBS	Elevate	GRACED	EPIC
\$12,101	\$100,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$140,000	\$130,000	\$20,000	\$53,000	\$0	\$93,000	\$0

- Admin warrants the requested \$12,101 based on productivity and performance.
- Teen Court and Restitution warrants a reduction to their requested amount due to participants’ reports of poor response times in receiving services.

- Future R.I.S.E.'s presentation did not warrant funding in accordance with JCPC/DPS's guidelines.
- PROUD warrants their full request of \$153,000 based on the program's continued growth as depicted by the growing number and type of juveniles successfully served.
- Parenting of Adolescents warrants a reduction due to the high cost of their testing, although highly specialized. Also, other sources of funding are received by the program i.e. the \$50,463 from Intensive Intervention Funding.
- Project BUILD warrants the requested \$130,000 based on the program's continued growth as depicted by the growing number and type of juveniles successfully served.
- Triangle Literacy Council should be funded based on their program aiding a population of students in earning their GED's and becoming functioning citizens in society who otherwise have very limited access to accomplishing these goals as they are justice involved.
- Elna B. Spaulding warrants the amount given based on their continued growing connectivity to the community and continued growth as depicted by the growing number and type of juveniles successfully served.
- Elevate's presentation did not warrant funding in accordance with JCPC/DPS's guidelines.
- GRACED warrants the Funding Committee's recommendation based on the program's continued growth as depicted by the growing number and type of juveniles successfully served. If there was more that could have been allocated to GRACED, the program would be deserving of it.
- EPIC did not apply therefore no funding is required as per protocol.

Chair McIver recognized Mr. John Morris.

Mr. Morris went on record to state that the persons/entities who refer juveniles to the Triangle Literacy Program collectively stated that, if given a vote, funding would be awarded to this program. Mr. Morris confirmed his vote in favor of the Funding Committee's Recommendation for the \$20,000 given to Triangle Literacy Council.

Chair McIver recognized Ms. Abigail Holloway, Board Vice Chair.

Ms. Holloway went on record to state her agreement with the Funding Committee's recommendations as follows for the reasons stated below:

- EPIC, Elevate and Future R.I.S.E. should remain at \$0 for reasons previously stated.
- Admin warrants the requested amount of \$12,101 based on performance and productivity.
- Although monies were taken from Parenting of Adolescents' ask by the Funding Committee, they are receiving \$50,463 from Intensive Intervention Funding and other community resources.
- Teen Court and Restitution's reduction was warranted due to the decreased numbers reported (mainly regarding the Restitution Program)
- Elna B. Spaulding, Triangle Literacy and GRACED warrants the Funding Committee's Recommendations based on the program's continued growth as depicted by the growing number and type of juveniles successfully served.

Mr. Crews explained that the Level II (Intensive Intervention) Funds received by Parenting of Adolescents are completely separate from JCPC funds. All JCPC programs and any non-profit organizations can apply for these funds which are available yearly. These funds are earmarked for Level II disposition cases which consist of high-risk juveniles referred from court counselors specifically.

Chair McIver recognized Mr. DeWarren Langley.

Mr. Langley pointed out that the council has an obligation to look at:

1. The Risk and Needs Assessment Data that formulates the RFP
2. The performance of previously funded programs and how well the juveniles are served
3. Other resources that are available in the community and
4. The totality of the program's monthly reports

To support his motion to not fund Triangle Literacy, Mr. Langley went on record stating that ‘Triangle Literacy Council has made a plethora of commitments and promises that they have not fulfilled’ and requested the Council to reconsider his recommendation of not funding Triangle Literacy.

Chair McIver recognized Mr. Jonathan Wilson.

Mr. Wilson asked, hypothetically, if Triangle Literacy were to be funded, could the funding be rescinded if the program does meet requirements set forth? Mr. Crews responded, yes.

Mr. Wilson went on record to agree with the Funding Committee’s Recommendations as presented, abstaining from any input regarding Teen Court and Restitution.

Chair McIver recognized:

- Ms. LiBria Stephens stated that while the needs of the individuals that are being served are taken into consideration, the JCPC in general does give a bit of grace in factoring each allocation.
- Ms. Dorothy Hardin, who agrees that the Board should have the discretion to make decisions regarding program funding.
- Mr. John Morris, who stated that he would like to move forward with the vote.
- Ms. Nunn, who stated that the input of the Juvenile Court Counselors must be taken into consideration. The Court Counselors are working directly with the children and know what is needed to effect positive change at an expert level. Ms. Nunn went on to state that Triangle Literacy meets the criteria to be funded, however, if at any point the program does not meet the criteria set forth, then the JCPC can withdraw its funding as it has in the past.

Chair McIver stated the comments made by Mr. Morris and Ms. Nunn are compelling points – the Court Counselors’ assessments/opinions should be taken into full account given they make the decision to refer juveniles to the JCPC programs, work closely with the juveniles and know their needs.

Motion:

Chair McIver then put forth the motion of accepting the Funding Committee’s Recommendations as presented on the floor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holloway. Votes were then tallied from both in-person and online voting members. The results were: 18 votes in favor of the motion (including one [1] proxy granted by Chief Court Justice, Judge Clayton Jones to Ms. Abigail Holloway) with one (1) abstention.

The motion carried by majority vote (18-1) to accept the Durham JCPC Funding Committee’s Funding Recommendations Grid as presented to move forward to present to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Chair McIver recognized Mr. Langley.

Mr. Langley stated for the record that his affirmative vote be noted with an abstention from voting regarding Project Build and a Nay vote for funding Triangle Literacy.

Chair McIver reiterated for the record the affirmative majority vote for the Funding Committee’s Funding Recommendations to move forward to present to The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) as follows:

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Chair McIver closed the Funding Decision Process and recognized Mr. Langley.

Mr. Langley requested that, over the next two (2) years, the Council work to develop an instrumental guide for the evaluation of funding applicants based on Risk and Needs Assessments, monthly reports, input from Juvenile Court

Counselors and events that are occurring in the community. This guide would assist in making decisions that not only meet community needs but also fund quality programs that are going to adhere to the requirements that are set forth in the policy manual from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Seth Kandl stated that he is concerned that the development of a guidance document may limit the council's abilities and purpose and may cause legal issues. *(To be further discussed)*.

Ms. Hardin commented that given every case is different, the board should continue to be given discretion, as they have been given in the past, to execute decisions and should not change.

IV. Chair Update:

Chair McIver reminded everyone of the election for Board Officers which will be an opportunity for member to make/ suggest changes as needed. Elections will be held during the May 28th full Board Meeting.

Chair McIver went on to state that in supporting the JCPC Programs by attending program events, he is often asked by parents/guardians what can their children do during the Summer. It was suggested that going out into the community and sharing information regarding the JCPC Program events would be beneficial in further spreading information and drawing more attention to JCPC Program events.

V. Other Business/Announcements

- Mr. Crews commended Chair McIver and the Executive Committee on the execution and undertaking of this JCPC's assignments and responsibilities which exceeds expectations and policy requirements.
- Dr. Melissa Watson announced that information regarding Superintendent Lewis's Community Engagement Event -Safe Minds, Safe Schools - will take place on May 6th at Hillside High School regarding Scholar Safety.
- Mr. Langley announced the following free summer opportunities for Durham youths:

The Trio Upward Bound Program at NCCU	The Camp Energy for young people ages 12 to 18
The Summer Research and Science Program	The Sprint Internship Program for young people 13 to 17
The 2025 Legal Eagle Law Camp	The Cyber Science Robotics, and Drone Camp ages 15 -17
Thurgood Marshall College Fund specifically for rising seniors	The Summer Immersion Experience in Biotech for young people 15 to 18
Trey Oliver Football Camp for ages 15 – 18	The Business Accounting Summer Enrichment Camp for young people 14 to 18
The Wealth Management Camp for young people 14 to 17	The 2025 Durham Police Department Summer Camps

Seth Kandl announced that the Weaver Street Recreation Center will be hosting Grace Inc. Saturday, April 26th for the second annual Changemakers Award Ceremony at noon.

VI. Adjournment

Chair McIver thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

- May 28, 2025
- June 25, 2025

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April 23, 2025

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Re: Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and Recusal from Evaluation, Discussion, Comment or
Funding Recommendation of Program Application for Project BUILD

Dear Chair McIver:

In accordance with the Durham County Code of Ethics for Appointed and Elected Officials and the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure requirements of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), I recused myself from evaluating or making any funding recommendation regarding the application submitted by Project BUILD. Given my service on the Intervention Team, this action was taken to prevent any actual or perceived conflict of interest related to the allocation of funds from the State of North Carolina by the Durham County JCPC.

I formally disclosed this conflict during the JCPC Funding Committee meeting held on Friday, April 11, 2025, and abstained from participating in any discussion or commentary related to the Project BUILD application. I will do the same during the monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

This disclosure and recusal were made in the interest of upholding the public's trust and ensuring the integrity, fairness, and transparency of the Council's decision-making processes. I remain committed to preserving the confidence of Durham County residents and the Board of County Commissioners in the ethical conduct of the JCPC.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at dewarrenklangley@outlook.com or (919) 886-5240.

In Commitment of Service & High Impact Outcomes,



DeWarren K. Langley, JD, MPA, MHFA, YMHFA

cc: Members, Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Janice Williams, JCPC Coordinator & Senior Administrative Assistant, Durham County Justice
Services Department
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Public Safety

Together, We Can Empower Change & Build a Greater Durham!