

Chatham County
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) funding has been removed from the continuation budget and is now subject to continuation review; and

WHEREAS, the non-recurring status of CJPP funding and subsequent continuation review will delay the annual appropriation and may result in the loss of qualified professionals to provide treatment services for adult offenders at the local level; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the State of North Carolina and county governments have been partners in providing necessary community-based substance abuse treatment services to adult offenders, which have been effective in reducing recidivism by these offenders; and

WHEREAS, the local CJPP Boards diligently carry out their charge of assessing community needs, planning for services to meet those needs, recommending programs for funding to deliver the services, and evaluating the performance of these programs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of CJPP program services will result in adult offenders being without community-based treatment services, which will likely increase recidivism and incarceration in local jails and the State prison system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that it strongly endorses full reinstatement of funding for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program to the continuation budget and the allocation of additional funds to support legislative mandates to protect the community and provide a strong criminal justice continuum at the local level.

Adopted this, the 3rd day of March, 2008.

Dr. George Lucier, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board