

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Budget Amendment for Healthy Communities program (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Public Health).	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> February 02, 2016	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone	
<b>Background information</b> The leading preventable causes of death in the state are tobacco use, unhealthy diet, inadequate physical activity, poor chronic disease management, and unintentional injury. The Healthy Communities program seeks to address the risk factors related to these causes of death. The program provides counties with resources to develop and implement policy, systems, and environmental change interventions that improve local food systems, increase food security, promote active living through planning, reduce and prevent tobacco use, and prevent chronic diseases, violence and injuries.  BCHHS will use the additional funds to support evaluation, quality improvement and chronic disease self-management training for minority partners through a contract with MAHEC. Consultant services will be obtained to work under the Community Improvement Specialists at MAHEC to enable the timely build-out of the online scorecard. The Results Scorecard is a data and collaboration tool to help non-profit and government organizations create collective, measurable impact. MAHEC, BCHHS and community partners will use the scorecard to organize work around community-identified health priorities, define means to measure progress, share data, and use information to drive their strategies and activities. Community partners will work to send staff to a train the trainer for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, an evidence based program that reduces the impact of chronic disease by improving self-care and follow-up. African Americans have higher rates of disability and death associated with chronic diseases so an emphasis is to assure we are reaching the most vulnerable populations by having trainers who can train community members to teach this program.	
<b>Pro's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Reduces deaths due to preventable causes in populations at greatest risk</b></li> <li>● <b>Emphasizes obtaining accurate data to inform and engage leaders who can make policy, systems, and environmental change decisions</b></li> </ul>	<b>Con's</b>  <b>None</b>
<b>Funds required</b> No county funds are required.	
<b>Alternatives</b>	
<b>Action recommended:</b> Increase Healthy Communities budget by \$24,706 to reflect additional federal funding.	