

Veterans Treatment Court

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Funding*

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Application Form

Project Name*

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Amount Requested*

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\$63,300.00

Service Area*

Which Commissioner Districts are served by this program?

Access a map of Buncombe County Commissioner districts [here](#).

District 1

District 2

District 3

Which county sustainability goal aligns best with the goals of this project?*

Based on the Buncombe County Sustainability Plan, select a Category, Goal & Objective that align with the focus of the project and the specific results that will be achieved.

Access the Buncombe County Sustainability Plan [here](#).

Community > Safe, Low-Crime Communities > Provide a comprehensive, collaborative, inclusive criminal justice system

If applicable, select a second sustainability goal that aligns with project goals.

Result 2 is optional - Select if project aligns with more than one Sustainability Category, Goal & Objective.

[Unanswered]

If applicable, select a third sustainability goal that aligns with project goals.

Result 3 is optional - Select if project aligns with more than one Sustainability Category, Goal & Objective.

Project Description

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Description of Project

Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court, the third Veterans Court established in the State of North Carolina and first in Western North Carolina, was inaugurated in January of 2015 and entered its first Veteran participants June 22, 2015. Veterans Treatment Court provides court diversion services to eligible Veterans from the traditional criminal justice system. It provides Vets support and rehabilitation through comprehensive substance abuse and/or mental health treatment while enforcing compliance with treatment protocols via sanctions imposed by the criminal courts. The program provides for vocational rehabilitation, community resource referrals for housing, childcare support, transportation support, and other services, all while being judicially monitored.

Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is comprised of a collaboration of dedicated partners between the following officials, and agencies: Buncombe County Resident Superior Court Judges, Buncombe County District Attorney's Office, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville Veterans Administration, Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC), RHA Health Services, Inc., Buncombe County Veterans Services, Department of Public Safety Adult Supervision, Western Carolina University and several local community Veterans' service organizations. The target population includes military Veterans charged with felony non-violent criminal offense(s) who are also identified with substance dependency and/or serious mental health issues.

How many people will this project serve?*

State the number of individuals or households in Buncombe County that will be served by this project. Also state the number of people that will experience the desired result. For example, if dropout prevention services are being delivered to 100 students, how many will successfully graduate from high school?

The Veterans Treatment Court will serve approximately 25 participants through five phases as participants graduate new participants will be screened and enter VTC. We expect an 80 percent success rate among our participants.

Describe the people this project will serve.*

Characterize the demographics of the project's target population in terms such as age, gender, income, race, ethnicity, geographic area, etc. Include information about method of referral/recruitment of the target population.

There are Approximately 19000 Veterans in Buncombe County. According to the Veterans Administration: 0.8% American Indian or Alaskan, 26.2% Black or African American, 67.5% White: Ethnicity 93.7% Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino. The average age range is 22-76 years old. The era of service is: Service era (time period including dates served in the military) 7.9% served in Vietnam, 7.1% served in Persian Gulf, 6.3% served in Afghanistan (OEF), 7.1% served in Iraq (OIF), 0.8% served in Iraq (OND), 6.3% served in other military intervention and 16.7% received hostile or friendly fire in a combat zone: Gender 97% male, 3% female.

Veteran income may vary based on discharge, employment and disability rating. Current participants range from \$0.00-\$3,000.00 monthly income.

Geographic area: All of Buncombe County.

Current referrals come from Veterans Administration, Buncombe County Jail services, 28th Judicial Defense Attorneys, and Veteran community groups.

What key steps will you take to achieve the results of this project?*

Describe the core elements of your implementation plan, including milestones that will take place within the funding timeframe.

The Ten Key Components of Veterans Treatment Court In 2008, The Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court adopted with slight modifications the essential tenements of the U.S. Department of Justice Publication entitled "Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components", (Jan.1997). There are key differences between Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, and Veterans Treatment Courts. These Key Components provide the foundation for the successful operation of a Veterans Treatment Court. link to Key Components.

<http://justiceforvets.org/sites/default/files/files/Ten%20Key%20Components%20of%20Veterans%20Treatment%20Courts%20.pdf>

Our team will complete more training with Justice for Vets. Additionally attend the National NADCP Conference in California. Moreover expanded our Mentor Corps and completed new Buncombe County Vet Court handbooks and policies and procedures based on the Justice for Vets standards.

Describe the evidence of success that backs this project's approach.*

What evidence of success (i.e. evidence-based research, practice model, accreditation, industry standards, and/or other framework) are you using as a basis for your project design?

We are Using a National NADCP Data
http://justiceforvets.org/sites/default/files/files/Veterans%20in%20Jail%20or%20Prison_0.pdf

<http://www.justiceforvets.org/sites/default/files/files/Risk%20of%20Incarceration%20and%20Other%20Characteristics%20of%20Iraq%20and%20Afghanistan%20Era%20Veterans%20in%20State%20and%20Federal%20Prisons.pdf>

http://heionline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/nejccc35&div=17&g_sent=1&collection=journals

<http://www.justiceforvets.org/sites/default/files/files/An%20Inventory%20of%20VA%20involvement%20in%20Veterans%20Courts.pdf>

Describe your data collection, tracking, and reporting procedures.*

Explain your methods for documenting project, service and client information. Include a description of any software or other tools utilized.

Our current method of tracking data is the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Management Information System that is build on Microsoft Access 2010. The MIS contains basic information such as criminal history, current case information, and information on mental health diagnoses, substance use, employment, education, and housing. It also has the capacity to manage case reports/status updates and all urinalysis result the strengths are that: (1) the MIS is free and one just needs Microsoft Access to use it, (2) it can run some basic reports for users, and (3) the data can be exported to other formats (Excel, SPSS) to do some different analyses.

Explain your technological resources and capacity.*

Explain your current technological strengths and barriers and how this impacts your ability to track data and report outcomes. Who is responsible for adaptation and use of technology within your organization?

Strengths and barriers: the strengths are that: (1) the MIS is free and one just needs Microsoft Access to use it, (2) it can run some basic reports for users, and (3) the data can be exported to other formats (Excel, SPSS) to do some different analyses. The barriers: (1) it is not an integrated system with probation, treatment providers, and the rest of the court house, so one or two people will need to track down information from each staff member and put it into the system, rather than having a coordinated MIS; and (2) if a user wanted to add a new variable (like risk level), I would need to email BJA and have them build that into the program.

Organizational Profile

How does the proposed project support your mission and strategic plan?*

State your mission and the date of your most recent strategic plan, and explain how the proposed project helps advance your organizational goals.

The Mission of the Buncombe County Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) is to promote public safety through accountability and responsibility. Assist and support veterans and their families through a coordinated effort among the court and community-based Veteran services, – thereby leaving no veteran behind.

The VTC attended the NADCP & Justice for Vets conference Washington DC in July 2015 and completed Strategic planning October 14- 16 of 2015

By following these guidelines the 10 core components the Buncombe County Veterans Court will build the court with fidelity. Thereby achieving low recidivism, better stability for participants, and making a safer community.

What expertise/accomplishments do you have that are relevant to the proposed project?*

List your organization's strengths as well as accomplishments from the past 3 years that position the organization to be successful with the proposed project.

The VTC team is an interdisciplinary team developed to specifically address the needs of Veterans. Our team consist of mental health, addiction, legal specialist, probation, Veteran Administration, Veteran services, and a researcher, all professionals have more than three years of experience in either Human services, the Law , research evaluation, adult supervision and community building.

Describe partners that are critical to the success of your organization.*

List any external partners, intermediaries or advisors important to your success, and describe

their role and evidence of their commitment. Describe successful collaborations with these people or groups.

Buncombe County Resident Superior Court Judges, Buncombe County District Attorney's Office, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville Veterans Administration, Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC), RHA Health Services, Inc., Buncombe County Veterans Services, Asheville Police Department, Department of Public Safety adult supervision(probation), Western Carolina University (evaluations), Administrative office of the Courts, Governors Crime Commission.

Financial Information

Nonprofit financial assurance requirements:

Financial statements, prepared using a recognizable basis of accounting (i.e., modified accrual) and IRS Form 990s must be submitted to Buncombe County annually.

- Organizations with annual revenues of \$300,000 or greater must submit financial statements audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
- Those with revenues between \$100,000 and \$300,000 must submit financial statements reviewed in accordance with SSARS 19.
- Those with revenues of less than \$100,000 must submit non-disclosure financial statements compiled in accordance with SSARS 19.

All financial statements must be reported on by a certified public accountant and include a full balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement.

These requirements are considered minimum requirements. Organizations may submit a higher level of assurance than is required.

IRS Form 990 - Upload Here

Click Choose File to upload a copy of the 990 form you most recently completed.

If your organization does not have a 990, briefly state the reason.

Include a statement of intent to comply with nonprofit financial assurance requirements as listed above.

Abccm is not required to complete a 990 an association of churches

Financial Statements - Upload here

Click Choose File to upload a copy of the most recently completed financial statements (audit, compilation or review).

ABCCM Consolidated Audit 2014.pdf

If your organization does not have financial statements, briefly state the reason.

Include a statement of intent to comply with nonprofit financial assurance requirements as listed above.

I have not received the Financial statement from ABCCM currently

Complete Budget Worksheet - Upload Here*

Download the budget form [Here](#).

Complete the budget form for this project/program and the overall agency. Save it to your computer, then upload it by clicking Choose File.

Copy of VTC budget .xlsx

Budget Narrative*

Describe all differences between current year and proposed year. List all pending funding sources with expected date of notification. Please detail any other information that may help clarify the budget.

The VTC was a new diversion court that started January 2015. The proposed budget this year was solely based on critical needs, drug testing and monitoring. The new proposed budget is based on an assessment of need from our court partners, mentor corps, probation, behavioral health and health care providers, including recommendations from Justice for Vets and NADCP. Moreover by following these recommendations this will produce the best outcomes for the participants and safety of our community.

What (if any) portion of requested funds will be used to support capital expenses?*

Capital projects are defined as those used to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as property, buildings, or equipment. Please detail.

none

Employee Wages

Please provide information about the wage breakdowns of your employees. Living wage for Buncombe County has been identified as \$11.00 per hour for employees with employer-provided health insurance and \$12.50 per hour for employees without.

Employees with employer-provided health insurance*

List the number of employees in your organization with employer-provided health insurance in each wage category. For salaried employees, use hourly wage equivalents.

\$7.25 - \$10.99 per hour

\$11.00 - \$14.99 per hour

\$15.00 - \$19.99 per hour

\$20.00 - \$24.99 per hour

\$25.00 - \$29.99 per hour

\$30.00 - \$34.99 per hour

\$35.00 - \$39.99 per hour

\$40.00+ per hour

none

Employees without employer-provided health insurance*

List the number of employees in your organization without employer-provided health insurance in each wage category. For salaried employees, use hourly wage equivalents.

\$7.25 - \$12.49 per hour

\$12.50 - \$14.99 per hour

\$15.00 - \$19.99 per hour

\$20.00 - \$24.99 per hour

\$25.00 - \$29.99 per hour

\$30.00 - \$34.99 per hour

\$35.00 - \$39.99 per hour

\$40.00+ per hour

There is one Coordinator. the range 20.00- 24.99 we have plenty of room to grow