

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

**AGENDA ITEM:** Budget Amendment for Reentry (Grant Fund – Other Public Safety)

**MEETING DATE:** November 1, 2016

**REQUESTED BY:** Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone

### **Background information**

Buncombe County's Reentry Council works with formerly incarcerated individuals at high risk of recidivism. It provides participant centered transition teams that support employment, vocational/educational, personal development, and community participation goals. The council is comprised of member organizations representing a cross section of health and human service providers that includes an Executive Committee and Work Teams (i.e. Advocacy, Housing, Mental Health/Substance Abuse, Employment, Sustainability and Mentoring. The strategy is supported by two current grant sources, both administered by NC Department of Public Safety and implemented by County of Buncombe:

1. Vera Pathways from Prison to Post-Secondary Education
2. NC Local Reentry Councils

The initial FY2017 budgets were determined by North Carolina DPS based on projected FY2016 expenses. This budget amendment adjusts based on actual FY2016 expenses.

### **Pro's**

Reduced recidivism and increased public safety in Buncombe County

### **Con's**

### **Funds required in current budget:**

No matching funds are required.

### **Funds required in future budgets:**

No future funds are required.

### **Alternatives**

### **Action recommended:**

Increase funding for Vera Pathways component of the Reentry project in the amount of \$15,476 and decrease Reentry Council dollars in the amount of \$15,476.