

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

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

**MEETING DATE:** December 6, 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 state has authorized additional funds. This budget amendment aligns the budgeted dollars with the newly authorized funds. The net increase is \$20,672.

**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 NC Department of Public Safety component of the Reentry project in the amount of \$20,672.