

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Additional FNS E&T Funding (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Social Services)

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2017

REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda L. Stone

Background information

The purpose of the Employment and Training (E&T) program is to provide Food and Nutrition Services' (FNS) participants with opportunities to gain skills, training or experience that will improve their employment prospects to assist with financial independence and reduce their reliance on FNS benefits. Financial independence is defined as the ability to obtain and retain unsubsidized employment, increase earned income and reduce reliance on public assistance.

Pro's

1. Using Employment Specialists employed by Goodwill and AB Tech to provide job training and placement assistance for Food Assistance E&T recipients.
2. The financial benefits for our community is that these positions work with our Food Assistance E&T participants to assist them in finding sustainable employment. This supports economic growth and provides employers with trained, capable employees, reducing the reliance on public assistance programs.

Con's

None

Funds required in current budget:

1. 100% Federal E&T Funding to:

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| ○ Partner Agency (Goodwill) | \$ 45,726.15 |
| ○ Partner Agency (AB Tech) | \$ 51,121.76 |
| ➤ 100% Federal Funding | <u>\$ 96,847.91</u> |

Total funds requested: **\$96,847.91**

Funds required in future budgets:

No County funds will be required

Alternatives

- Not provide FNS E&T. These funds are reimbursed by the USDA and are only available through contracts with NC DHHS via USDA.

Action recommended:

To allocate \$96,847.91 for Food and Nutrition Employment and Training dollars received from the federal government via the state. There are no additional county dollars required.