

# FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	ABCCM	
Project Name:	Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	X	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	<p>The Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant is a part of our Steps to Success program. ABCCM has used this program successfully since 2001. The program is based on best practices, developed in collaboration with the UNC School of Social Work, MAHEC, and other organizations. It is a four-step program: Stabilization, Socialization, Education/Job Training, and Integration into the Community. This project supports the third step of our program: educational services and supplies for qualified women living at Transformation Village enrolled in post-secondary education and job training programs. From July 2023 to September 2023, eleven residents enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include Human Services Technology Certification (Substance Abuse Counseling); Human Services Technology Associates Degree; Medical Office Administration Diploma; Pre-Engineering Transfer Degree Program; Construction Management; Automotive Technology Degree; Community Healthcare Worker Certification; Phlebotomy Certification; Advanced Industrial Sewing; and Bakery and Pastry Arts. Four residents are currently working to obtain their GED. Seven of the eleven residents enrolled in AB-Tech courses were given a laptop computer along with a backpack filled with school supplies. The school supplies included a binder; paper; highlighters; pens; pencils; paper; notebooks; etc.</p> <p>See attached testimonial story of a program participant.</p>
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<p><b>Quarter 2</b></p>	<p>The Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant is a part of our Steps to Success program. ABCCM has used this program successfully since 2001. The program is based on best practices, developed in collaboration with the UNC School of Social Work, MAHEC, and other organizations. It is a four-step program: Stabilization, Socialization, Education/Job Training, and Integration into the Community. This project supports the third step of our program: educational services and supplies for qualified women living at Transformation Village enrolled in post-secondary education and job training programs. From September 2023 to December 2023, sixteen residents enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include Human Services Technology Certification (Substance Abuse Counseling); Human Services Technology Associates Degree; Information Technology Certification; Community Healthcare Worker Certification ; Advanced Industrial Sewing; and Computer Skills Certification. Five residents are currently working to obtain their GED. Six of the residents who enrolled in AB-Tech courses were given a laptop computer and/or a backpack full of school supplies. The school supplies included a binder; paper; highlighters; pens; pencils; paper; notebooks; etc.</p> <p>See attached testimonial follow-up story of a program participant.</p>
<p><b>Quarter 3</b></p>	

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## Progress toward annual goals

		Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of participants provided with laptops, textbooks, and school supplies	40	13	6			19
# of participants enrolled that complete their GED, Nurse Aid, and/or other certification	40		24			24
# of participants who received subsidized tuition or registration fees	40	2	18			20
# of participants who enrolled in continuing education and secured employment	40	4	20			24

### Comments:

For Quarter 2, the residents enrolled in these programs range in age from 30 to 65. Program enrollment is broken down as follows: Veterans 2 or 19%; Civilian 20 or 69%; and Vaya (Medicaid) 2 or 12%. ABCCM provided soft skills training for employment and life skills training for 100% of all participants. Residents enrolled in post-secondary training are also working part-time or full time jobs; 5 of these residents are working for either TrV or ABCCM in some capacity. Jobs range anywhere from restaurant food service; hotel hospitality services; to Resident Assistant.

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Training	\$ 11,500	\$ 1,690.40				\$ 9,809.60
Supplies/Materials	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,252.00				\$ 1,748.00
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 5,000					\$ 5,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 3,500					\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,942.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,057.60

### Comments:

We purchased thirty-six (36) Chromebooks (\$18,252) laptops from our grant funds. Of the 36, we have distributed 19 for the program year to date. We have also paid for tuition and fees for two of the residents who did not qualify for financial aid totaling \$1690.40 (\$547.00 for one and \$1143.40 for the other.) Other school supplies and materials purchases in first quarter adequately met the need of all participants through the second quarter. We anticipate significant purchases in the third quarter for the second half of the program year.

## **Attachment – Q2 report**

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### **Testimonial Story of Program Participant – follow-up: Jessica Borroel**

I am pleased to share that Jessica Borroel has been recognized as an exemplary student exceeding the criteria for membership in The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS.) This prestigious honor is awarded to only a small percent of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Students!

Jessica shares, “It is truly humbling to be nominated for this academic award, considering that just two years ago, I lacked an eighth-grade education. I most recently earned my Human Services & Substance Abuse Studies Certificate and am now working toward my Associate degree in Human Services. Receiving recognition for my efforts is a testament to the transformative power of education and it feels incredibly rewarding. I am most thankful for all of the support from Transformation Village throughout my educational journey.”