

# Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court

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*FY 2018 Buncombe County Community  
Funding*

## ***Veterans Treatment Court***

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# Application Form

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## Project Name\*

Name of Project

Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court

## Amount Requested\*

Amount Requested

\$250,500.00

## 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.

Community > Equity in Access > Improve equality in access to healthcare

## 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.

Community > Healthy Environments > Improve and increase opportunities for safe, active living

## ***Project Description***

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#### **Description of Project**

The Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court is seeking to reduce recidivism and improve long term success of participants by expanding services related to mental health and substance abuse, advancing case management and by improving judicial monitoring with increased technology. Participants will benefit from expanding services of experts providing multiple therapeutic disciplines. The Court will be improved by increased training for team members, increased screening tools and technology.

### **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?

This project will serve between 30-40 participants, depending on funding allocation.

### **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.

The project will serve U.S. Military Veterans from any branch of service, living in Buncombe County (regardless of ethnicity, gender, or income) who have pending criminal charges and therapeutic need.

### **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.

Step 1: Identify within 3 months, licensed practitioners in numerous therapeutic disciplines and develop working contracts with those professionals in order to secure their services for Court participants.

Step 2: Enroll participants based on assessments and areas of need. Once enrolled, VTC team will evaluate the results over a period of one year of participation. The overall measure will be increased sobriety of participants and consistent engagement with services.

Step 3: Evaluate and utilize new judicial monitoring technology, including improved case management software, update screens with a focus on synthetics, and improved continual electronic alcohol monitoring. Explore proactive measures for heroin users. Provide the county with outcomes.

### **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?

The project uses results based accounting (RBA) to track both the processes and outcomes of Buncombe County Veteran's Treatment Court. Specifically, the RBA evaluations assess whether the court is functioning according to the 10 Key Principles of VTC and evidence based principles of correctional programming, such as targeting high risk/high need clients. The outcomes tracked in the project include employment, stable and independent housing, reduced drug and alcohol use, and reduced recidivism.

### **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.

A single site evaluation that includes staff survey data, client self-report data, probation data, and official arrest records that are collected by the evaluator (Dr. Jamie C. Vaske) and a multi-site evaluation that is funded by the National Institute of Justice that includes staff survey data, observational data of the staff meetings and court sessions, client interview data, treatment provider survey data, and official arrest and court records where BCVTC is being compared to seven other VTC's across the United States. Staff data for both projects include questions that examine team members; knowledge of court processes and perceptions of the court. Client self-report includes questions related to their substance use and treatment.

### **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?

Currently, the Court is limited with spreadsheet tracking and hard copy paper notes for check in sheets and case notes. Files could be easier tracked and shared with team members across various disciplines with case management software which allows data sharing for accountability and tracking. Improved technology would also support the mission and goals of county evaluators and other stakeholders in the project.

## ***Organizational Profile***

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### **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 is to promote public safety through accountability and responsibility, and to 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 most recent strategic plan for the Court was developed in October, 2015. This projects advances the goals and missions of the VTC by modernizing and advancing specialty courts and the services that they can provide.

### **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 comprised of members who are dedicated to the Mission and to supporting this unique and special population of citizens. Over the last two years, the Court has grown from 0 participants during the first year of the program's inception to 20 participants since June 2015. March is the first estimated graduation of participants, as they are required to complete a minimum of 12-18 months of successful engagement in the program. VTC has broadened their presence in the community with presentations to various organizations and some media attention, gaining support from the community at large for the population we serve. VTC team members have been invited to present and assist in the development of VTCs in other counties and judicial districts.

### **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.

Charles George Veterans Administration Asheville, Superior Judges of the 28th Judicial District, Buncombe County Sheriff, Buncombe County District Attorney's Office, Buncombe County Clerk of Superior Court, North Carolina Department of Public Safety (Probation), Buncombe County Veterans Services, Western Carolina University (Independent Evaluator), Independent Therapeutic Resources and Providers.

## ***Financial Information***

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### **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.

Copy of 2014 IRS 990-EZ FINAL.pdf

### **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.

### **Financial Statements - Upload here**

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

Justice Initiatives Finl Stmts 15 FINAL.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.

### **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 community-funding-budget-form. VTC Expansionxlsx.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.

Last year, the request from the County was \$63,300. The Court received \$10,000. The allotment helped the court complete basic functions and has yielded positive results. However the court has to operate very conservatively. BCVTC is fast approaching capacity the cost of basic function will rise. After a year in operation we have identified several service issues in housing, treatment and the sophistication of drug use by participants. By supporting advanced technology, training of staff and modernizing how specialty courts function the court can achieve optimal outcomes. Through BCVTC court innovation and knowledge we gain can be shared with other specialty courts. The data could be used to support Buncombe County goals of safer communities, reducing recidivism, lowering jail time and increasing the opportunity of citizens that struggle with addiction and mental health challenges.

## 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

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