



# Dogwood Trust Grant - Jail & Prison Re-entry Grant Renewal

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# Overview

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# Purpose

- ❑ **Improve public health outcomes for justice involved individuals** by implementing data-driven strategies to **safely reduce jail populations**. This is the key to addressing jail population management, ensuring public safety and deterring the need to build another detention facility.
- ❑ **Reduced pretrial population** in the Buncombe County detention facility, which **lowers county costs by reducing variable expenses such as inmate health care**.
  - ❑ Through peer support linkage to care, this grant also aims to assist in **reduction of overdose deaths, as well as ER visits for those released from incarceration with chronic mental and physical illness**.



# Background



## The Problem

- From January-April 2020, 2,310 CIWA-A or alcohol withdrawal protocol and 2,436 on the COWS protocol, or opioid withdrawal protocol
  - Approximately 65 unique individuals a month who were on a detox protocol and 63 on psychotropic medications released from BCDF
- From January-April 2020, 24 individuals in BCDF were in chronic care for heart disease, 11 for asthma/COPD, 9 for seizure disorder, 12 for Hepatitis and 5 for Diabetes
  - Roughly 15 releases a month from BCDF of individuals with serious chronic physical disease (Diabetes, Heart Disease, etc.)



# Service Delivery Model

## Community Linkage to Care & Community Re-entry Services

Building on existing structures, this grant will increase capacity to support those being released from our local detention and correctional facilities

### Public Health

- Expands current Community Linkage to Care program
- Opioid Use Disorders and Chronic Medical Conditions
- Adds 1 peer support/community health worker contract staff

### 2 Post Release Teams

- One Funder
- Two County Departments
- Two Community Partners

### Justice Services

- Expands current jail re-entry services
- Substance Use Disorders & Severe and Persistent Mental Illness
- Adds 4 contracted staff
  - Program Manager
  - Nurse
  - Case Manager
  - Peer support/Community Health Worker



January 2021 – February 2022

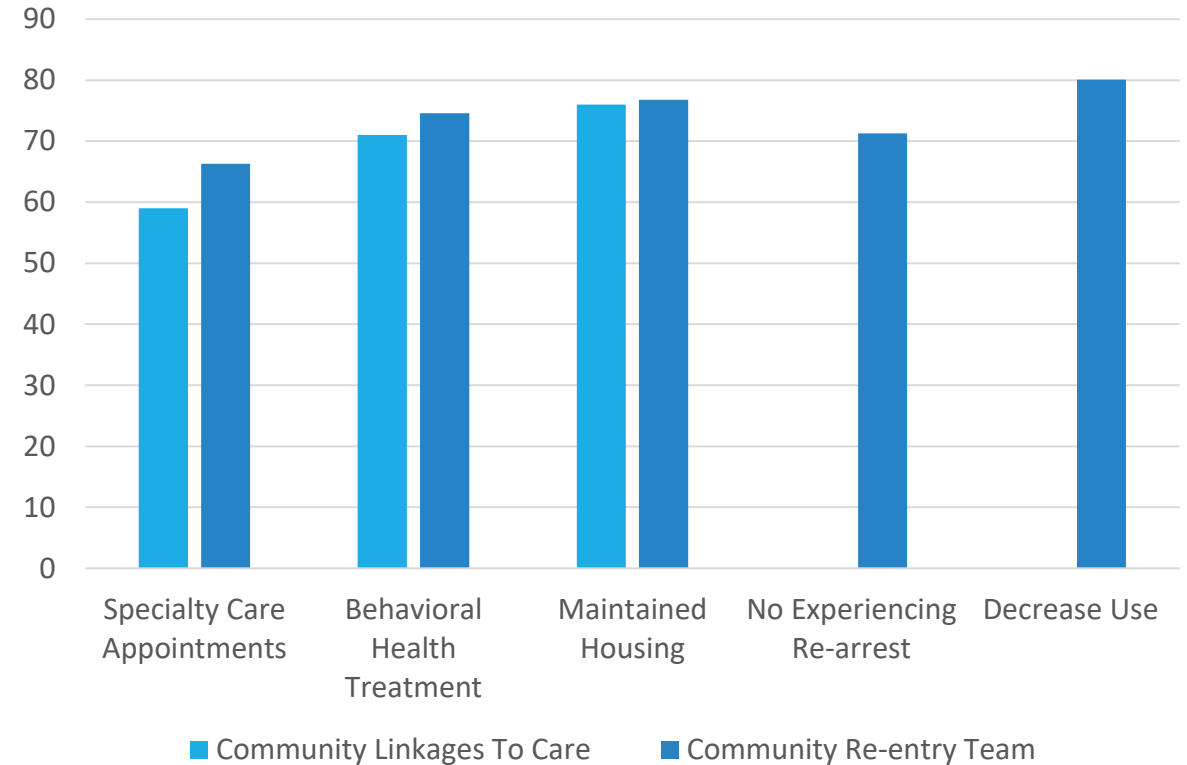
## Community Linkages To Care (Public Health)

- Referred: **117**
- Served: **97**

## Community Re-entry Team (Justice Services)

- Referred: **428**
- Served: **181**

### Program Outcomes



# Grant Award

Award Amount: March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

- \$ 445,000

Services will be provided through contracted services.

**RHA Health Services** awarded the contract for jail re-entry during FY21 Justice Services released an RFP for jail re-entry services.

- \$369,841

HHS-Public Health awarded the contract for 1-FTE Peer Support Position, to Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness to work with Re-entry services.

- \$75,159

County had no obligation to fund at the end of grant award



# Request for Board Action

- Accept Dogwood Health Trust Grant - Jail & Prison Re-entry Project
- Approve Budget Amendment

