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

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Overview

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- Background
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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

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

2 Post Release Teams
- One Funder
- Two County Departments
- Two Community Partners
January 2021 – February 2022

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**Program Outcomes**

- Specialty Care Appointments
- Behavioral Health Treatment
- Maintained Housing
- No Experiencing Re-arrest
- Decrease Use

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# Grant Award

**Award Amount:** March 1\(^{st}\) 2022 – March 31\(^{st}\) 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