

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	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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Quarter 2	
Quarter 3	

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of participants provided with laptops, textbooks, and school supplies	40	7				7
# of participants enrolled that complete their GED, Nurse Aid, and/or other certification	40					0
# of participants who received subsidized tuition or registration fees	40	2				2
# of participants who enrolled in continuing education and secured employment	40	4				4

Comments:

The residents enrolled in these programs range in age from 19 to 62. Racial makeup includes the following: White 57%; African American 29%; Other:14%. Four moms in our program were unified with their children from July 2023 to September 2023. Three of the moms are in a college program full time. Program enrollment is broken down as follows: Veterans 2 or 14%; Civilian 5 or 36%; DHHS 5 or 36%; and Vaya (Medicaid): 2 or 14%. 7 or 50% are Survivors of Domestic Violence and 7 or 50% have been Justice involved and/or are currently on Probation or Parole. 7 out of 10 or 70% of the residents enrolled in post-secondary training are also working part-time or full time jobs. Jobs range anywhere from restaurant food service; hotel hospitality services; to Resident Assistant. enrollment is broken down as follows: Veterans 2 or 14%; Civilian 5 or 36%; DHHS referrals 5 or 36%; and Vaya (Medicaid) referrals: 2 or 14%. 7 or 50% are Survivors of Domestic Violence and 7 or 50% have been Justice involved and/or are currently on Probation or Parole. 7 out of 10 or 70% of the residents enrolled in post-secondary training are also working part-time or full time jobs.

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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 7 so far. 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.)

Attachment – Q1 report

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Testimonial Story of Program Participant: Jessica Borroel

In the challenging chapter of my life, I spent two years in prison. Yet, it was there that I found a beacon of hope, forging a deep relationship with Christ and embarking on a journey of self-betterment. Through sheer determination, I achieved my GED, marking the beginning of my transformation. Upon my release, I was embraced by Transformation Village. They provided not just shelter and sustenance, but an unwavering support system. The compassionate staff imparted invaluable life skills, from job-hunting to financial literacy. However, their generosity didn't stop there. They granted me a laptop, enabling me to continue my education online. Fueled by this opportunity, I pursued the North Carolina Drug and Alcohol Counseling Certification, with my graduation on the horizon in October 2023. The ripple effect of these blessings is profound. I have joyfully reunited with my daughter and now proudly serve the very community that uplifted me, employed by Transformation Village. This program has unequivocally reshaped my life's trajectory, and I am endlessly grateful.