

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)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	X	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>Quarter 3</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 and 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.</p> <p>From January 2024 to March 2024, the following took place: Twenty-seven 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 Associate's Degree; Geographic Information Systems Certification; Community Healthcare Worker Certification ; Beginning Sewist: Advanced Industrial Sewing; and Computer Skills Certification (to name a few.) Five residents are currently working to obtain their GED. Six of the residents who enrolled in AB-Tech courses were given a laptop computer Seventeen total residents were given school supplies.</p> <p>See attached testimonial story of a program participant.</p>

Quarter 4	<p>The Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant is a part of our Steps to Success program. ABCCM has used this program successfully since 2001 and 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.</p> <p>From April 2024 to June 2024, the following took place: Thirty-two residents enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College or other programs to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include but are not limited to Human and Social Services (Drug Abuse Certification); Community Healthcare Worker; Mental Health First Aid; and Medical Billing Office Administration. Five participants are currently working to obtain their GED. In this last quarter, 26 total participants were given the tools they needed to set them up for success which may have included a computer, noise canceling headphones, a wireless mouse, a laptop sleeve, a flash drive, bedside computer table, and/or a backpack full of school supplies.</p> <p>We are grateful to support our residents with vital education tools. These residents are courageous, dedicated, and determined to further their education. See attached testimonial story of a program participant.</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	17	22	58
# of participants enrolled that complete their GED, Nurse Aid, and/or other certification	40		24	21	26	71
# of participants who received subsidized tuition or registration fees	40	2	18	23	17	60
# of participants who enrolled in continuing education and secured employment	40	4	20	8	18	50

Comments:

For Quarter 4, the residents enrolled in these programs range in age from 18 to 66. Demographics are as follows: White 81%; African American 13%; Hispanic 3%; and Other 3% -- Veterans 3 or 9%; Civilian 21 or 66%. Also, 69% are Survivors of Domestic Violence, and 59% have been Justice involved and/or are currently on Probation or Parole. 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; 8 of these residents are working for Transformation Village or ABCCM in some capacity. Jobs in the community range anywhere from food service, hotel hospitality services, to resident assistants.

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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	\$ 3,920	\$ 1,690.40		\$ 846.79	\$ 1,099.00	\$ 283.81
Supplies/Materials	\$ 31,790	\$ 18,252.00		\$ 381.51	\$ 12,669.06	\$ 487.43
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 790			\$ 109.00	\$ 711.05	\$ (30.05)
Professional Services	\$ 3,500			1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -
Total	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,942.40	\$ -	3,087.30	\$ 16,229.11	\$ 741.19

Comments:

For the Grant Year in total, we have purchased 54 chromebooks/laptops for participants (\$27,058.52 in total for the year). Other supplies and materials have been purchased as well totaling \$4,243.57 for residents use for school purposes. We have also paid for tuition and fees for residents who did not qualify for financial aid totaling \$3,636.19. Several residents received in-kind scholarships from Goodwill and WIOA to attend courses. A total of \$820.05 has been spent on certifications, transcripts, and/or study materials for state exams.

Attachment – Q4 report

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ABCCM – Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village

My name is Tammy Austin and I am 57 years old. I was in active addiction for 35 years. My drug of choice was crack cocaine. My addiction progressed to the point where I lost my job, I lost connection with my family, and I became homeless. I felt hopeless and was desperate. I began looking into different rehab facilities.

I spent 70 days at Insight Recovery and 4 months at First Step Farm in Candler. I applied and was accepted to enter Transformation Village. Immediately upon arrival, I was curious about going back to school and met with the Director of Educational Services, Denise Lawson. She was instrumental in helping me get financial aid and registered for college at A-B Tech. I will soon be starting the Medical Office Administration Program and have completed the Fierce Fellows Re-entry program already this spring.

In addition to registering for school, Denise provided me with a laptop, mouse, computer sleeve, headphones, and other school supplies, which have helped with my studies and life in general. Having enrolled in school has boosted my self-esteem and given me hope for the future and has enhanced my ability to find gainful employment. I am also most appreciative for all of the supplies and support provided to me by Denise and Transformation Village. I am excited to share that I have successfully completed my Steps to Success program at Transformation Village in just five (5) months and am moving into permanent supportive housing.

Denise Lawson never made me feel like a junkie. She treated me like a sister and I will be eternally grateful to her and to Transformation Village.

