

# FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Helpmate	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Domestic Violence Prevention and Outreach	
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)

## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<p>On July 1, 2024, the Helpmate Outreach Team proudly launched the PorchLight Project in collaboration with Our Voice, enhancing support for those affected by domestic violence in Buncombe County. With over 40 locations now operational, the project aims to provide crucial resources and create safe spaces for the community. In August, the team completed extensive training sessions at various organizations, including Headstart, the Swannanoa Correctional Facility, JFK ADATC, AHOPE, the MAHEC Centering Pregnancy Series, Goodwill Re-Entry, the City of Asheville (CoC), and Crisis Intervention Team training. We were honored to guest lecture on MAHEC's perinatal health podcast, discussing the intersection of intimate partner violence (IPV) and maternal health, raising awareness about these critical issues. September brought the onboarding of four new interns and three volunteers during a round of advocate training. The Outreach Team facilitated additional sessions with the Buncombe County Youth Prevention Task Force, the Neil Dobbins Center, and the ABTech Medical Assistant program, equipping participants with essential knowledge to combat domestic violence. Through these efforts, the Helpmate Outreach Team continues to foster resilience, ensuring that no one faces domestic violence alone and making a lasting impact in the community.</p>
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<b>Quarter 2</b>	<p>In October 2024, Hurricane Helene disrupted Helpmate’s Outreach efforts, forcing the cancellation of all Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Month events and regularly scheduled sessions at facilities like Swannanoa Correctional, Neil Dobbins Crisis Center, and JFK ADATC. Despite these setbacks, the Outreach Team demonstrated resilience, meeting weekly to strategize recovery efforts. By November, regularly scheduled sessions at Neil Dobbins and MAHEC’s Centering Pregnancy Series resumed, and new in-school dates were secured, including Asheville High School. On November 15, the team honored Makayla Harrison’s legacy by tabling and speaking at her memorial service, fostering connections that led to new referrals and volunteer applications.</p> <p>By December, Helpmate’s presence in the community was fully restored, with workshops completed for RHA Crisis Response staff, YMCA Afterschool Program, AB Tech, Gerber Council, AC Reynolds Middle School, and Asheville School. Regularly scheduled groups at Peaceful Families, Neil Dobbins, and MAHEC also continued, culminating in 945 people reached by the conclusion of Q2, including 447 in Black Mountain, Fairview, and Barnardsville. As the community continues to recover from Helene’s impact, Helpmate remains steadfast in its mission, offering trauma-informed care training to equip organizations with the tools for healing as our community works toward recovery.</p>
<b>Quarter 3</b>	

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## Progress toward annual goals

Only include new, unduplicated data for each quarter

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 community members reached	5000	1342	945			2287
% of workshop attendees who demonstrate knowledge increases	90%	91%	95%			93
# of community members reached in Black Mountain, Fairview and/or Barnardsville	500	115	447			562

**Comments:**

Q1 total numbers updated during Q2 report to reflect numbers not captured during week of Helene.

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Any budget changes of more than 10% to any line item must be approved by County staff in writing in advance.

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 61,060.00	\$ 15,265.00	\$ 15,265.00			\$ 30,530.00
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<b>Total</b>	\$ 61,060.00	\$ 15,265.00	\$ 15,265.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,530.00

**Comments:**