



# Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: McNabb Center

DATE: June 23, 2026

RE: Substance Use Residential Treatment Bed Funding Request

1. **Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested)** The McNabb Center is requesting funding from Blount County Government to support three beds per day, annually, within the 16-bed Substance Use Residential Treatment Facility located on the Blount County Transition Campus. These beds will be reserved for Blount County residents who suffer from opioid use disorder and need access to structured residential treatment. The cost is \$425 per bed, per day, for a total annual request of \$465,375
2. **Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded)** The McNabb Center will continue to explore state and federal funding opportunities. The Center will bill insurance as applicable. We have also applied for a grant that, if awarded, would provide operational funding beginning July 2027. However, a significant barrier exists for individuals coming out of jail, as their TennCare is often suspended, limiting their ability to immediately access this level of care. Without this funding, Blount County residents with opioid use disorder may experience delays in accessing residential treatment during a critical period of need.
3. **Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved)** Funding three beds per day would increase local access to residential treatment and structured re-entry services for Blount County residents suffering from opioid use disorder. By coordinating release planning with the Blount County Jail and providing immediate access to this comprehensive residential treatment, the program is designed to reduce recidivism, decrease overdose risk, and lower utilization of emergency, judicial, and correctional resources. The long-term impact includes improved employment stability, reduced reliance on public systems, strengthened family functioning, and measurable cost avoidance for Blount County.

| Budget Impact           |              |
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| Original Budget         |              |
| Amendment Impact        | \$465,375.00 |
| Proposed Revised Budget | \$468,375.00 |

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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