

## Blount County Recovery Court

# Memo

**To:** Budget Committee

**From:** Amy E. Galyon

**cc:** Randy Vineyard

**Date:** 10/31/2017

**Re:** VTC Implementation Grant

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The Blount County Recovery Court received an implementation grant for a Veterans Treatment Court from The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. This is a thirty-four (34) month grant with a total amount of \$252,039.00. The grant should begin December 2017 and end September 2020.

The grant covers the hiring of two staff positions, the purchase of two laptops, general office supplies, travel funds for training, and direct service assistance funds. The staff positions will include a Program Manager to coordinate the program and guide its expansion, and a Treatment position to conduct assessments, treatment plans, and oversee therapeutic needs.

This grant requires no match from the County at this time, but the expectations are the sustainability after the contract expires. The VTC team has worked diligently this year to begin putting policies in place to serve the veterans in our community that find themselves in dire circumstances with little support. We look forward to establishing a professional program that the citizens and leaders in Blount County are proud of and willing to support.

I have attached a copy of the proposed budget for the first year of the grant and will forward the final budget along with job descriptions once they are completed.