



# Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners  
FROM: Recovery Court / Amy Galyon  
RE: Request for Use of Fund Balance from Opioid State Funds  
DATE: September 17, 2024

1. Background Recovery Court has case loads to support a third Treatment Specialist to provide the quality and consistent comprehensive clinical treatment needed for participants to be successful in recovery of opioid and substance abuse disorder.
2. History (tell if the item has been brought to the budget committee previously) We have needed a third Treatment Specialist in Recovery Court for a few years. Case loads average 60-70 per therapist which exceeds recommended best practices.
3. Current Operations (how are operations without the requested item/service) We currently have to limit frequency & length of sessions to provide opportunity for each participant to receive needed therapeutic services & limited class instruction time.
4. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Contracting a third Treatment Specialist with HRM, trainings for current therapists, supplies, and ability to offer current trending opioid and substance abuse treatment practices and needs.
5. Impact if not funded (provide a summary on impact to the mission if the item/service is not approved) Evidence based treatments will be very limited due to time required to be effective. The legality of reactionary vs preventative services becomes an issue.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 0.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 159,600.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 159,600.00

  
Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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