



# Blount County Budget Committee Memo

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1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Blount County Government to serve as the Lead Applicant in collaboration with the McNabb Center for the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Community Grant – Cycle 3, funding would begin in July 2027. This grant will support the operation and expansion of a comprehensive residential and re-entry treatment continuum. Blount County Government and the McNabb Center currently maintain a successful partnership through an existing OAC-funded initiative with Juvenile Court. This request seeks authorization to expand that collaborative structure to further address incarcerated adult populations impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders.
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.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) This initiative will directly serve approximately 200 Blount County residents annually through residential treatment and structured re-entry services for individuals diagnosed with opioid use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions. These grant funds will provide operation support for Blount County Transition Campus which includes 3 recovery homes, re-entry residential housing, substance use residential and women's jail to work and recovery home facilities. By coordinating release planning with the Blount County Jail and providing immediate access to evidenced-based treatment, medication-assisted treatment, psychiatric care, and recovery supports, 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.

<b>Budget Impact</b>	
Original Budget	
Amendment Impact	
Proposed Revised Budget	

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