



Blount County Purchasing

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Memorandum

TO: Blount County Commission
FROM: Charles B. Rafford, Purchasing Agent
DATE: May 30, 2024
SUBJECT: Request for Multi-year Contract for the Helen Ross McNabb Center on an Opioid Abatement Grant

Commissioners,

The Blount County Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Blount County Juvenile Court, requests a multi-year contract with the Helen Ross McNabb Center that will extend beyond the current fiscal year.

The agreement for the above-mentioned juvenile opioid abatement program shall be through a Grant funded by the State of Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Council, with no County match required. The project is provided for three (3) years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 which will cover \$220,000 for each of the three (3) years for the professional services provided by the Helen Ross McNabb Center, for a total of \$660,000. There are an optional two (2) one-year renewals, with the State's approval.

This program has a multi-faceted approach, with a focus on prevention, treatment and support for justice-involved at-risk adolescents or those already affected by addiction. Treatments will be provided to 180 adolescents and their families in Blount County, and will include individual and family therapy, medication management, and case management. The initial three (3) years proposed by the program is requested in order to obtain a more complete demonstration of the project's impact.

We would ask that you approve the multi-year agreement with the Helen Ross McNabb Center to provide care for the high-risk youth of Blount County.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Charles B. Rafford