

# BUNCOMBE COUNTY COVID RECOVERY FUNDING

## Project Spotlight



To promote a strong and equitable recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, Buncombe County invested federal funds into projects like this one.

### Project

### Housing Stabilization Project

### Lead Organization



### Award Amount

**\$287,500**

### Project Dates

**November 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023**

### Impact Area

**Education Assistance: Early Learning**

### How the Funds Were Used

Eblen Charities addressed negative economic impacts by delivering household assistance through its Housing Stabilization Project. The project stabilized Buncombe County residents living at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) in safe and adequate housing. These funds assisted people with security deposits for housing and utilities, first month's rent payments, rental application fees or to pay rent or mortgages that are in arrears. This project prevented homelessness for vulnerable residents who are currently housed by preventing eviction or foreclosure, and established stable and safe housing for those in need of housing. The project was estimated to serve 264 households but ended up serving 406, a 154% increase, confirming the severity of the need.

### Results

- ★ **406** households received assistance
- ★ **136** households received eviction prevention services
- ★ **180** households received rent/mortgage assistance
- ★ **173** households received utility assistance



*"Expedient financial rental assistance is needed in our community. Furthermore, preventing evictions and possible homelessness of established tenants is vital with no affordable housing inventory in Buncombe County. Additionally, Landlords need relief in an effort to maintain the private rental inventory we do have."*

*– Susan B. Riddle, Director of Operations*

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