

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
ASHEVILLE REGIONAL HOUSING CONSORTIUM FOR HOME FUNDS
AND APPROVAL OF HOUSING PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19992 dated March 10, 1992, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe agreed to participate in the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium, wherein participating jurisdictions would undertake a cooperative approach for the application of funds under the HOME housing program; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium will be applying to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for HOME grant funds, and Buncombe County is eligible to apply to the consortium for projects to be included in the consortium's application for affordable housing activities in the region; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County desires to apply for or otherwise designate \$262,292 in HOME funds and \$75,000 in County Matching funds to support certain projects to provide affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons in Buncombe County, said projects being further described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, County funds used to support the 2014 HOME program and related housing services have been requested under the Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to utilize these funds to provide safe, affordable, and standard housing in the County and believes that these projects will contribute toward attaining the consortium's goals and serving affordable housing needs in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the submission of an application to the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium for HOME funds to support those projects summarized in Exhibit A.
2. That the Chairman be and he is hereby authorized to execute the application forms, funding agreements, and contract documents as necessary for the County to receive funds from the Consortium for the purpose of undertaking these projects.
3. That, if applicants receive other HOME funds through the Consortium and it is determined by the Consortium that these applicants should undertake the projects directly through the Consortium, the Board of Commissioners approves the designation of HOME funds identified in Exhibit A for said projects.
4. That the County Manager be and she is hereby authorized to execute agreements with applicants as necessary to undertake activities under the HOME program.
5. That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 4th day of February, 2014.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board

BY: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

AGENDA ITEM:

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CURRENT STATUS:

Through the 2014 HOME Program, funding is available for affordable housing projects. As a member government of the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium, Buncombe County will be applying to the Consortium for approximately \$262,292 under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program), and has designated \$75,000 in County Matching funds. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis for costs associated with providing for the affordable housing needs of very low and low income persons through activities eligible under the HOME Program.

The amounts in Attachment A reflect the County's HOME Consortium planning level allocation. If additional HOME funds become available, support is provided up to the full requested amounts.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Buncombe County advertised for project applications from qualified agencies and organizations to administer and deliver eligible housing activities with funds provided under the HOME program. Applications were received. Project applications have been reviewed and evaluated, and priority projects have been identified through Exhibit A of the Resolution.

COMMUNITY IMPACT/INQUIRIES:

It is unlikely that anyone will comment on or oppose the Resolution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Place on consent agenda and approve.

REVIEWED BY: FINANCE___LEGAL___PLANNINGXMANAGER___

PREPARED BY: Donna Cottrell