

Resolution #08-04-02

Resolution Setting Guidelines for the Funding of Non-Profit Agencies

WHEREAS: throughout the year non-profit agencies approach the County requesting funds for their organization and over the years the County has provided annual program funding for non-profit agencies; and

WHEREAS: non-profit organizations receiving public funds from Buncombe County are already required to:

- Open their books for the division of their organization funded with public funds so citizens of Buncombe County can determine to their satisfaction that transferred tax dollars are spent in the public interest with proper fiduciary responsibility;
- Submit annual financial statements or financial reports to the Buncombe County Finance Department and to open their books to appropriate county staff upon request.

WHEREAS: a Community Development Grant Application is required for community non-profit organizations requesting new funding.

WHEREAS: the County has begun converting non-profit funding into a performance contract when services provided by the non-profit meet a need that the County must ensure is provided or a program that Department Directors can clearly demonstrate will significantly enhance core services provided by the county; and

WHEREAS: said performance contracts are evaluated throughout the year, and renewal depends entirely on need and performance; and

WHEREAS: over the last 4 years, non-profits have begun to request contributions to their capital campaigns ranging in request from \$100,000 to \$20 million. Recognizing that organizations often need some local government participation to attract foundation and grant funding, the County has participated in some capital planning; and

WHEREAS: we acknowledge that any funding provided through county government belongs to all citizens of the county, and must be balanced with the requirement to fund core services and maintain a reasonable tax rate.

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

1. That this Board does hereby adopt the following guidelines for funding of non-profit organizations:

- a. Non-profit agencies and organizations will be funded only through a performance contract that is monitored and evaluated by the contracting department throughout the year and only renewed if the performance criteria have been achieved.
- b. Non-profit capital campaigns will be considered for funding only during the annual budget process. Any funding provided will be to match foundation gifts and grants.
- c. Capital funding committed during the budget process will not exceed 10 percent of the capital project or \$500,000, whichever is less.
- d. Capital funding that is approved during the budget process will be funded over a period of not less than 5 years.
- e. County Commissioners will not serve as a volunteer on any board or organization seeking funding from County government unless said service is a requirement through legislation or legal agreement.

2. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of April, 2008.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE



KATHY HUGHES, CLERK



BY: _____
NATHAN RAMSEY, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM



JOE CONNOLLY, COUNTY ATTORNEY