

Buncombe County and City of Asheville Joint Partnerships



Area	Partnership	Description
Public Safety	Emergency Management	Buncombe County Emergency Management is responsible for disaster planning and response, as well as day-to-day development and review of emergency plans for the county. The emergency management staff is available to assist private businesses, industry, and government agencies in the development and implementation of their emergency plans. In addition, the Emergency Communications center is the central answering point for public safety agencies within the county. The center receives police, fire, and EMS emergency requests.
	Asheville Buncombe County Arson Task Force	A Team of Fire Investigators, including Firefighters and law enforcement officers, who work to investigate fires and arson crimes. The City of Asheville and Buncombe County each fund 1 full time employee.
	BCAT (Buncombe County Anticrime Taskforce)	BCAT is the drug suppression and investigative unit. These Detectives work longer-term, primarily drug related cases. Some of these investigations require months of undercover and investigative work that is out of the spectrum of regular Detective work.
	City/County Identification Bureau	All criminal records for City and County are managed through this department. Currently the City reimburses the County 45% of Centralized Data Entry operations and 50% of ID Bureau operations.
	Child Advocacy Center	A Multi-Disciplinary Team of specialists and professionals including law enforcement officers, social workers, doctors and prosecutors who will work to bring abusers to justice and to heal children.
	Crime stoppers	Asheville-Buncombe Crime Stoppers is a program separate from the emergency telephone number system that allows a member of the community to provide anonymous information about criminal activity. The program allows a person to provide crime-solving assistance to the authorities without being directly involved in the investigation process. Annual cost is split 50/50 between City and County.
	Criminal Justice Information System	This is a multijurisdictional system that serves City/County and is a leader nationally. Currently the City reimburses the County 45% of CJIS operating expenses.

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	DWI Task Force	This program is grant funded with City and County matches.
	Family Justice Center	Asheville Police Department will provide full time, on-site law enforcement services, including special investigations, in a County-owned and operated center. The City serves on the FJC leadership board and a formal MOU is in place.
	Focused Deterrence	Focused Deterrence is a criminal justice initiative aimed at reducing violent criminal behavior.
	Task Force 2	An Urban Search and Rescue team managed by Buncombe County that consists of Buncombe County Firefighters and City of Asheville Firefighters.
	Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	Led by BC staff to support NC Juvenile Court Counselors and Staff to identify and fund (via state pass through funds) nonprofit service providers for Juvenile Justice involved youth services
	Domestic Violence Focused Deterrence	Conduct call in meetings of subjects who have committed DV incidents, to encourage them to change their behavior and provide them contact for non-profit services providers as needed. This is also in conjunction with the SPARC network, as is the Violent Criminal Offender Focused Deterrence
	African American Heritage Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County	The City and County are providing one time funding for strategic planning.
	Energy Innovation Task Force	Resolution establishing a joint City, County and Utility Energy Innovation Task Force for the purpose of researching, prioritizing, recommending and implementing recommendations to create energy efficiency, demand side management and renewable energy opportunities to reduce energy use in Buncombe County.
	Historic Resources Commission	This is a historic preservation commission per statute that is operated by the City. The County contributes grant funds via the Buncombe County Service Foundation contract with the City.

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Joint Boards & Commissions	Homeless Initiative	This City-County initiative is a 10-year plan to end homelessness. It is staffed by the City and the County contributes a portion of the funds for the position via contract with City.
	Asheville Area Riverfront Redevelopment Commission /Riverfront Redevelopment	A partnership with appointees from City of Asheville, Buncombe County, Town of Woodfin, Chamber of Commerce, and Council of Independent Business Owners to promote and guide public and private investment along a 17 mile corridor in Buncombe County. Managed by the City’s Riverfront Office.
	Annual Joint Board/Commission Volunteer Recognition Program	Annually, the City and County jointly recognize volunteers that have served on a board or commission.
Economic and Community Development /Community Resources	City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA)	Youth leadership program operated by the City of Asheville; County provides funds via a contract with City.
	Civil Rights Services	Formerly Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council; Now a contract with the SPARC Foundation. Partnership with City, County, and Chamber to help resolve conflict, promote equitable representation of racial concerns, ensure equal protection, and solve human relations problems.
	Economic Development	Buncombe County and the City of Asheville are partners in providing economic development incentives to help draw additional jobs to our community.
	HOME	Asheville and Buncombe County are members of the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium, which also includes Transylvania, Madison and Henderson Counties. Federal funds are allocated each year to the Consortium for affordable housing.

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	Libraries	Buncombe County Public Libraries consists of 11 branch libraries located throughout the County, and the central branch, Pack Memorial Library, in downtown Asheville. The County operates the libraries, but the City owns the East Asheville Library and the Oakley/South Asheville Library buildings.
	Pack Square Cultural Partnership (Pack Place)	Consists of the Asheville Art Museum and Diana Wortham Theatre. The City of Asheville maintains lease agreements with these agencies and Buncombe County provides funding (through the BC Service Foundation) to the agencies for maintenance and operations support.
	WNC Diversity Engagement Coalition	WNC DEC is a membership organization dedicated to increasing diversity and inclusion and to supporting professional development, engagement, and inclusion of people of color.
Energy and the Environment	Environmental Control Specialists	A service provided by the County to the City for clean-up of very unsightly areas.
	Air Quality Management	The Agency enforces Air Quality regulations in Buncombe County and the City of Asheville. The Agency is overseen by an independent board of five members, of which three are appointed by the Buncombe County Commission, and two by the Asheville City Council. Air Quality is considered a component unit of Buncombe County and is funded by grants and service fees.
	Alternative Fuel Station	The County uses the City’s CNG filling station at McCormick Place. The County has five vehicles that purchase CNG from the City-owned station. Mountain Mobility CNG vans also refuel at the station.
	Southeast Sustainability Director’s Network - Kendeda Fund	Intergovernmental Agreement between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville to address weatherization upgrades for low fixed income residents. This IGA work dovetails with the work of the Energy Innovation Task Force.

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	Energy Innovation Task Force Commercial Retrofits	Listed in the Community Clean Energy Policy Framework and through the work of the Energy Innovation Task Force (EITF), the City has partnered with Buncombe County to provide dollars for commercial energy upgrades to support the goals of the EITF. The City will work with commercial buildings who utilize City funding first.
Parks and Recreation	Parks, Greenways, & Recreation	The City and County work together to not duplicate programming and make sure that services complement one another.
	WNC Nature Center	Buncombe County contributes to the Friends of the WNC Nature Center to offset admission differential for county residents and to grow membership.
Transportation	Transit- Federal Funding	The City is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration grant funding for the Asheville Urbanized Area, which includes portions of Buncombe County. Buncombe County is a grant subrecipient of the City and the City manages the County's grant funding for 5307, 5310, and JARC grants.
	Transit- Transit Master Plan	The County is participating in the City of Asheville 2017/2018 Transit Master Plan (TMP). The County is providing funding for a portion of the project and has a representative on the TMP Steering Committee.
	Transit- Route Planning and Regional Connections	ART bus routes connect to three different Buncombe County Trailblazer routes: Black Mountain Trailblazer, Enka-Candler Trailblazer, and the North Buncombe Trailblazer.

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Animal Services	Animal Shelter	Since 1990, Asheville Humane Society animal care professionals have operated the Buncombe County Animal Shelter operations under contracts with Buncombe County and City of Asheville.
	Spay/Neuter Services	The Humane Alliance (ASPCA) provides spay/neuter services to dogs and cats in the custody of the Asheville Humane Society.
IT	GIS	Shared spatial data infrastructure agreements and shared GIS data management responsibilities. Specifically includes coordinated and shared responsibilities for public safety GIS data.
Justice	Justice Advisory Council	City and County both participate in this advisory body to policy makers, judiciary, and stakeholder groups of the criminal justice system in Asheville and Buncombe County. Examines potential improvements to the system, sets priorities, makes recommendations, and guides their implementation.
Education	Preschool Access	City and County have joined in a public/private/faith collaboration to offer a pre-k classroom at the Christine W. Avery Learning Center. Buncombe County funds the project, and Asheville City Schools Preschool provides a classroom teacher as well as training and technical assistance.