Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/6/2020

Public Hearings

Department: Strategic Partnerships, Health & Human Services

Presenter(s): Rachael Nygaard, Phillip Hardin

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Subject: Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)

Brief Summary:

The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division is administering Coronavirus-specific Community Development Block Grants awarded to the State by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Grants of up to $900,000 are available to local governments to prepare, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. Eligible activities include Public Services, Public Facilities, and Economic Development Activities. All CDBG activities must meet one or more of the three national objectives listed in the CDBG federal statutes as follows: benefit to low income households or persons; elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need.

This is the second of two public hearings required as part of the application process. The first was held on September 15, 2020 requesting input about project design. This hearing is to discuss the submittal of an application in response to the State CDBG notice of funding and to solicit input.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

1. Hold the public hearing
2. Consider Resolution Approving Submittal of State CDBG-CV Application

County Manager’s comments and Recommendation:

Recommend approval