



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/18/2021

New Business

Department: County Manager's Office **Presenter(s):** Avril Pinder

Contact(s): Avril Pinder

Subject: Letter of Support for Refugee Resettlement program

Brief Summary:

The Lutheran Services Carolinas and the Catholic Charities Dioceses of Charlotte are both proposing to open a Refugee Resettlement Reception and Placement program in the county and have requested letters of support from the County.

If approved, both organizations will establish a sub-office location in the county. A sub-office for Refugee Resettlement Reception and Placement program will impact the following:

- Resettlement of refugees with and without family members in the U.S.
- Each fiscal year we will have an accurate estimate of the number of refugees we will resettle within the year, which helps with preparation.
- Frequent Stakeholders' meetings for community agencies who interface with refugees. The meetings are an opportunity to *collaborate* and *share information*.
- Case management staff will play a greater role in linking refugee arrivals with housing and employment.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Provide guidance to the County Manager.