

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AND THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE
TO ESTABLISH A HOMEOWNER GRANT PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, this Board finds that there is a lack of affordable housing in the County caused by factors such as gentrification, low housing stock, and low area median income;
- WHEREAS, this lack of affordable housing contributes to the increase of property values and creates a situation wherein the costs necessary for homeowners to retain a residence can outpace homeowners' income growth;
- WHEREAS, these pressures disproportionately impact homeowners of low to moderate income and older neighborhoods or properties and has a negative impact on disadvantaged populations;
- WHEREAS, the City of Asheville and the County (the "Parties") mutually wish to partner to develop an economic public assistance program designed to assist homeowners of low and moderate income as defined by homeowners earning 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less to assist with the basic life necessities and welfare needs of persons of low and moderate income, and a draft Interlocal Agreement is attached hereto;
- WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to execute and enter into this Interlocal Agreement pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-461;
- WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160D-1311, the Parties are "authorized to engage in, to accept federal and State grants and loans for, and to appropriate and expend funds for community development programs ... for the restoration or preservation of older neighborhoods or properties" and programs "concerned with employment, economic development, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, and welfare needs of persons of low and moderate income;
- WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners feels that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Buncombe County to enter into this Interlocal Agreement with the City of Asheville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement for the purposes associated with operations of an economic public assistance program designed to assist homeowners of low and moderate income.

2. The Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.
3. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
4. That this Resolution shall be upon its adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney