

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR  
HOMEWARD BOUND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING EXPANSION

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- WHEREAS, Buncombe County has received funding as part of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) established under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of responding to and recovering from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County's FRF allocation for Buncombe County totals \$50,733,290, of which \$25,366,645 has been received; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County solicited proposals from public bodies and nonprofit organizations for projects to aid in COVID-19 recovery; and
- WHEREAS, Expenditures to address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing and homelessness are eligible within FRF; and
- WHEREAS, According to the local Point-In-Time Count most recently conducted in January 2021, there are approximately 527 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in Buncombe County, including approximately 220 people experiencing chronic homelessness; and
- WHEREAS, Homeward Bound submitted a proposal to expand permanent supportive housing to serve people experiencing chronic, long-term homelessness in Buncombe County; and
- WHEREAS, Homeward Bound has been operating since 1987 in Buncombe County, and since 2006 has been ending homelessness with permanent supportive housing, including moving 2,236 people into permanent housing with a 89% housing stability success rate; and
- WHEREAS, Homeward Bound has a successful history of effectively managing numerous federal grants including HUD Continuum of Care, Emergency Solutions Grants, Community Development Block Grants, and HOME; and
- WHEREAS; Homeward Bound's proposed project includes acquiring the Days Inn motel on Tunnel Road in Asheville and renovating it into 85 affordable housing efficiency units; and
- WHEREAS, The proposed project is expected to reduce chronic homelessness in Buncombe County by 39%; and
- WHEREAS; Homeward Bound is in the due diligence commitment period and requests \$2,000,000 from Buncombe County by August 14, 2021 in order to fulfill their contract to purchase; and
- WHEREAS; Homeward Bound has secured commitments for the remaining balance of the total property purchase price of \$6,400,000, including \$2,000,000 from City of Asheville, \$2,000,000 from Dogwood Health Trust, and \$400,000 from private donations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to GS §160D-1316, a local government is authorized to appropriate and expend funds for residential housing construction, new or rehabilitated, for sale or rental to persons and families of low and moderate income.

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

1. That this Board finds that the level of chronic homelessness indicated in the presented data demonstrate that adequate private alternatives are not available and this funding is necessary.
2. That \$2,000,000 is awarded to Homeward Bound's permanent supportive housing expansion project for the purchase of the property.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney