



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 9/7/2021**

#### **Public Hearings**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Presenter(s):** Matthew Cable, Andrew Mayronne      **Contact(s):** Matthew Cable

**Subject:** Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization

#### **Brief Summary:**

The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) is administering Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to the State by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A portion of these funds are awarded through the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program.

CDBG-NR grants of up to \$750,000 are available to local governments. CDBG-NR funds can be used for a variety of different activities in support of REDD's three livability principles: (1) to promote equitable, affordable housing; (2) support existing communities; and (3) value communities and neighborhoods. Eligible activities must meet one or more of the CDBG federal statutes listed national objectives: (1) benefit low-and-moderate income (LMI) persons; and/or (2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight. CDBG-NR eligible activities include: community revitalization, housing rehabilitation, scattered-site housing, public facilities, housing development, and water and sewer connections to existing housing.

Buncombe County must have a Board of Commissioners' adopted citizen participation plan. The plan provides citizens access to information and participation in all project stages.

This is the first of two public hearings required as part of the CDBG-NR application. At this hearing, staff will provide information about the program, and the public is invited to share input on the development of the application. The Board of Commissioners will consider the application at a second public hearing to be scheduled at a later date.

#### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

1. Adopt the Resolution to Approve CDBG-NR Citizen Participation Plan; then
2. Hold the public hearing

#### **County Manager's Comments and Recommendation:**

Recommend approval