



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

**Meeting Date:** January 4, 2022

#### New Business

**Department:**

Health and Human Services

**Presenter(s):**

John Hudson, Budget

**Contact(s):** Phillip Hardin, Health and Human Services

**Subject:** Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

**Brief Summary:**

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a federally funded temporary relief program that provides emergency assistance to low-income households to prevent disconnection or provide assistance with reconnection of drinking and wastewater services. The priority of LIHWAP is to provide continuity of service to customers whose water and/or wastewater service has been disconnected or is in danger of being disconnected. Buncombe County will receive \$452,172, of which \$69,991 can be used for administration. Eblen will administer the program and provide payments directly to water wastewater providers. Funding period is January 2022 - until our allocation is fully expended.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented