



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: February 1, 2022

#### Consent

**Presenter(s):**

John Hudson, Budget

**Requesting Department:** Health and Human Services

**Budget Amendment Item:** Additional funding for Code Purple emergency shelter

**Contact(s):** Jennifer Teague, Adult and Aging Services Manager

**Subject:** Budget Amendment to increase contract amount

**Brief Summary:**

Buncombe County continues to work with municipal and community partners to consider solutions to community concerns. One pressing concern is ensuring proper shelter for unhoused neighbors during extreme cold weather. On these days Code Purple alerts are activated. Code Purple is called when the temperature is projected to be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below, or equivalent with the wind-chill factor. Buncombe County currently partners with the City of Asheville, through an interlocal agreement, to provide funding to support Code Purple through the services of ABCCM for men. Currently, the amount funded is \$100K, with the county providing \$40K. ABCCM, Salvation Army, and Trinity United Methodist Church (UMC) run Code Purple emergency shelters. ABCCM is serving men, Salvation Army is serving women and children and Trinity UMC is serving all other individuals (ie those with pets, couples, and overflow). Recently, ABCCM and Trinity have had to close due to a lack of staffing but both organizations believe with additional funding they will be able to remain open on Code Purple nights.

To meet the demand for Code Purple, County staff is recommending an increase of \$40,000 to the Code Purple contract for a total contract amount not to exceed \$80,000. The contract will remain with the City of Asheville and the County will be invoiced at the end of Code Purple (March 31st).

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:** County Manager recommends as presented