FY22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM REALLOCATION FOR PROPERTIES MASTER PLANNING

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OVERVIEW

• **Strategic Alignment:** Development of county-owned and identified properties supports meeting Buncombe 2025 Strategic Plan, Racial Equity Action Plan, & Affordable Housing goals.

• **Commission Goals:**
  - **Vibrant Economy Goals:** Implement land use strategies that encourage affordable housing near transportation and jobs; Increase total employment in target industries
  - **Resident Well-Being Goal:** Expand and maintain cultural and recreational assets.
  - **REAP Goals:** Improve housing outcomes for the most impacted communities; Improve wellness / recreation outcomes for the most impacted communities
  - **Affordable Housing Goals:** Increase the supply of affordable housing for rent and homeownership

• **Master Development:** Work with a partner to support master planning efforts.
OPPORTUNITY: CONTRACT WITH DFI

UNC School of Government Development Finance Initiative (DFI)
“Partners with local governments to attract private investment for transformative projects by providing specialized finance and real estate development expertise”

$160 MILLION
IN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND COUNTIES.
Durham County - Mixed-Use Downtown Sites
Kannapolis - Master Development Advising
Orangeburg - Railroad Corner Redevelopment
Broughton Hospital Redevelopment
Morrisville - Town Center Development

DFI PROJECTS SINCE 2011
WHY DFI?

Experience
• Working in NC and with affordable housing projects; does not require significant ramp up time
• Has engaged in 100+ projects of varying size/scope in 70+ communities throughout NC
• Ongoing support to local government throughout the process and to development agreement

Timing
• DFI is a unit of government—the procurement process does not require formal bidding
• Scope of work seeks to deliver a master development solicitation within 1 year of initiation

Cost Efficiencies
• Packaging Ferry Road and Downtown Properties = Economies of Scale
• DFI works "at risk“—only receives full payment when development agreement secured
• Identifies right support at right time: site planning expertise (architect, engineer), additional site preparation expertise (land survey, soil sample), etc.
Scope of Work Overview

- **Cost:** $137,400
- **Period of Performance:** 12 months
- **Property:** Ferry Road site
- **Deliverables:**
  - Master Development Agreement
  - Request for Proposals
  - Market Analysis
Scope of Work Overview

- **Cost:** $83,500
- **Period of Performance:** 12-24 months
- **Properties:** County identified sites including county-owned downtown properties

**Deliverables:**

**Phase 1: Sites Assessments**
- Prioritizing list of properties with recommendations

**Phase 2: County Selects Two (2) Sites & Move Forward With:**
- Preparing financial models
- Proposing private development programs
- Solicitations for developments
- Development agreements
Master Planning for Properties
Request for Board Action

• Reallocate $220,900 in FY 22 AHSP funds to support the $137,400 Ferry Road Predevelopment Services contract and $83,500 Affordable Housing Feasibility Study contract; and
• Direct staff to move to contract with DFI