



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 4/19/2022

New Business

Department: Health and Human Services

Presenter(s): Phillip Hardin

Contact(s): Phillip Hardin

Subject: Letter of Support for Lutheran Family Services

Brief Summary:

Lutheran Family Services is looking to expand the array of services they provide to refugees coming to Buncombe County. They would like to open a local office as well as increase the number of refugees they serve in Buncombe County. Since February 2022, they have provided services to 87 refugees from Afghanistan and are looking to bring more Afghan and Ukrainian refugees to Buncombe County. They are now servicing refugees that relocate to Buncombe County out of their Charlotte office. This letter of support will be part of their application with the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Staff recommends signing the letter of support.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Recommends approval.