



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/19/2022

Consent Agenda

Department: Health & Human Services

Presenter(s): Phillip Hardin, Economic Services Division Director

Contact(s): Heather Parkinson, Strategy & Innovation
Tammy Stewart, Legal

Subject: Community Development Block Grant Required Plans / Procedures

Brief Summary: For the first time, Buncombe County received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in August 2021. As a condition of the grant, the County is required to go through an audit by the Rural Economic Development Division. This audit determined that for grant compliance certain plans and procedures required approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). This includes the following: 1) Language Access Plan and 2) Local Jobs Initiative Plan (Section 3 Plan). Accordingly, this request includes a resolution that, if approved, will make the Language Access Plan retroactive to July 2021. There are two other compliance documents that are in development at this time 1) Fair Housing Choice Survey and 2) Section 504 Plan (non-discrimination Plan/ accessibility & disability). The Section 504 Plan does not require Board approval. However, it will be remitted along with the documents presented today. Staff was granted an extension on submitting the Fair Housing Choice Survey and will present it to the Board of County Commissioners at a later date.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approval of the Language Access Plan, Resolution for Retroactive Coverage, and the Local Jobs Initiative Plan.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: The County Manager recommends approval.