



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

New Business

Department:

Health and Human Services

Presenter(s):

John Hudson, Budget

Phillip Hardin, Economic Services

Contact(s):

Phillip Hardin, Economic Services Division Director

Lisa White, Business Officer

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 has been allocated \$432,650 of which \$64,898 can be used for administration. Eblen will administer the program and Eblen will provide payments directly to water wastewater providers. Funding period is July 2022 thru June 2023.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented