

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: January 3, 2023

New Business

Department: Presenter(s):

Health and Human Services John Hudson, Budget

Contact(s): Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director Phillip

Hardin, Economic Services Division Director

Subject: NC PRO Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) Grant

Brief Summary: Buncombe County has been awarded funding from the state's allocation of Emergency Rental Assistance 2 in the amount of \$7,980,669. Funding will be used to continue providing assistance on rent and utility payments for eligible recipients with the allowable administrative cost for this award being 5% (\$399,033) and will continue to support three temporary grant positions in HHS Finance and provide contracted services for caseworker positions for approximately 15 months. Funds expire September 30, 2025; the County expects to distribute funds by April 2024. If needed, additional County funds for administration will be requested in the FY24 budget cycle; no county funding is needed in FY23.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

- 1) Approve budget amendment.
- 2) Extend three (3) grant funded positions, as long as funding is available.

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