



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 3/21/2023

New Business

Department: Planning

Presenter(s): Nathan Pennington, Planning Director

Contact(s): Matthew Cable, Community Development Division Manager

Subject: Homelessness Response Regular Full Time Position

Brief Summary: The National Alliance to End Homelessness was engaged by the City of Asheville in partnership with Buncombe County and with funding support from Dogwood Health Trust, to identify needs and develop a report containing recommendations to guide homelessness work within Buncombe County.

The resultant Within Reach report set forth strategies which can be implemented in the homeless service delivery system to positively impact people experiencing homelessness. The report specifically recommends Buncombe County hire one (1) full-time position to: "Provide direct coordination activities with the City on homeless issues and to support coordination efforts of County mainstream resources with the City of Asheville, [Continuum of Care] Board, and stakeholders."

The request is to establish one (1) new regular full-time position (Program Manager I) as part of a coordinated response to homelessness. This position would be located in the Planning Department's Community Development Division. Estimated lapse salary in the functional area will be used to cover the new position in FY 2023. If lapse salary is unable to cover the expense, the Budget Department would bring forward a budget amendment to the Board of Commissioners at a future meeting.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the new full-time position.

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented.