



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

County Manager's Report

Department: County Manager's Office

Presenter: DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager

Contact: DK Wesley

Subject: Introduction of Lead for NC Fellow – Eva Davis

Brief Summary: Lead For North Carolina (LFNC) is a state affiliate of Lead for America, a nonpartisan fellowship program across the United States. Lead for America was launched in 2018, and LFNC is its first state affiliate program. The School of Government has partnered with key organizations, including the NC County Managers Association (NCCCMA), NC League of Municipalities (NCLM), and NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) to implement LFNC.

Buncombe County was selected as one of Lead for North Carolina's host jurisdictions for the 2023-2024 program year. The pool was competitive. Over 60 government entities across the state put forward competitive applications, but the selection team believed Buncombe County would provide an exceptional experience for an AmeriCorps Fellow. County staff was afforded the opportunity to interview several candidates. As a result of this process, Eva Davis was selected and agreed to complete her year of service in Buncombe County.

Eva is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina and a recent graduate from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor in Criminal Justice, International, Political Science International & Comparative Politics, Prospective Minors in Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies.

Eva will start her year of service with us on September 5th. Eva is assigned to the County Manager's Office. Eva will have at least three active workplans during this year. To start, Eva will focus on the following projects:

- Behavioral Health Planning – Research and program planning/coordination
- Racial Equity Action Plan – Community engagement planning
- Economic Development – Research and analysis