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Esther Manheimer, Mayor
City of Asheville
70 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801

Brownie Newman, Chair
Buncombe County Commission
200 College Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Mayor Manheimer and Chairman Newman:

This is follow up to Homeward Bound's recent letters to the City and County requesting \$1.75 million in ARPA funding to cover the final renovation work at Compass Point Village. Over the last two months, our contractors have substantially completed the project and Homeward Bound has begun moving in residents. Currently, 42 of the 85 permanent supportive housing units have been leased to people formerly experiencing homelessness, and all units will be occupied by early November.

Many thanks to City Manager Campbell and County Manager Pinder, who both encouraged the Dogwood Health Trust to provide additional capital funding for this important project. Dogwood has agreed to provide an additional \$1.1 million loan, \$1 million of which is forgivable, significantly reducing our funding gap. The new Dogwood funds, combined with other donations we have received from the general public, have reduced the cash we need to just over \$390,000.

Accordingly, we are reducing our requests to the City and County to a total of \$390,000 – \$195,000 from each entity. We still request a grant from ARPA or other funds that you can provide as a grant. Thanks again to both of you and to all of the City and County leaders who have supported this important project from the outset. We will truly appreciate your favorable consideration of this final request.

Sincerely,

David Nash
Interim Executive Director

Cc: Debra Campbell
Avril Pinder
Asheville City Council
Buncombe County Commissioners