



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 3/7/2024

Public Hearings

Department: County Manager's Office

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Subject: NC Recovery Housing Program (RHP)

Brief Summary: Land of Sky reached out to Buncombe County regarding a grant opportunity that they were interested in partnering. The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) is administering the Recovery Housing Program (RHP) awarded to the State by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that are to be treated as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). RHP grants of up to \$1,000,000 are available to local governments. RHP funds can be used to develop housing or maintain housing for supporting individuals in recovery onto a path to self-sufficiency by providing stable housing to support recovery. RHP-funded units must be rented to households with income below 80% or less of Area Median Income and must meet RHP affordability requirements for a period of not less than 20 years. All RHP activities must comply with the Low-to-Moderate Income Limited Clientele National Objective. Eligible activities include public facilities and improvements, acquisition and disposition of real property, payment of lease, rent, and utilities, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of both single family, multifamily, and public housing, clearance and demolition, relocation; and administration. Buncombe County must have a current Board of Commissioners' adopted citizen participation plan. The plan provides citizens access to information and participation in all project stages. This is the first of two public hearings required as part of the RHP application. At this hearing, staff will provide information about the program, and the public is invited to share input on the development of the application. The Board of Commissioners will consider the application at a second public hearing on April 2, 2024.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

1. Adopt the Resolution to Approve the RHP Citizen Participation Plan;
2. Hold the public hearing

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Approve resolution as requested and hold the public hearing.