



# Recovery Housing Program

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting

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# Agenda

- CDBG - Recovery Housing Program Overview
- Update on Public Input
- Overview of Draft Application
- Request for Board Action:
  1. Hold the public hearing
  2. Consider Resolution Approving Submittal of State CDBG-RHP Application





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# Recovery Housing Program (RHP)

- Federal funds awarded to the State through US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Administered by North Carolina Department of Commerce – Rural Economic Development Division (REDD)
- To be treated as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- \$1,506,320 set aside for NC Appalachian Region

**Land of Sky (Council of Government) would be Grant Administrator**



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# Funding & Eligibility

- **Project Period** = 30 Months
- **Eligible Use** = Appalachian Region/RHP funded units must be for households with income below 80% or less of AMI and in recovery from substance use
- **Application** = Competitive
- **Max Budget Request** = \$1,000,000
- **Application Deadline** = April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **Award Announcement Date** = On or before May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# Application Process

## Completed Activities:

- ✓ Held initial required public hearing at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Meeting
- ✓ Approved updated “Citizen Participation Plan” on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Received public input regarding what activities to apply for
- ✓ Drafted application

## Actions Tonight:

- Hold second required public hearing
- Adopt resolution authorizing application
- Submit application to the state as approved



# Public Input

- 3 Feedback Sessions from Health and Housing Professionals.
- At least 3 Community Residents reached out to express opinions.
- Themes
  - Support women and mothers
  - Wraparound supports, i.e. Peer Support Specialists & Employment Support, etc.
  - Non-religious affiliation or perceived affiliation
  - Affordability
  - NCARR Certification
  - Support smaller organizations w/ limited funding options



# Other Considerations

- Coordinate with other Federal and non-federal assistance related to substance abuse, homelessness and at-risk of homelessness, employment, and other wraparound services.
- Leveragability to the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Strategies and Initiatives.
- Meet affordability requirement for a period of not less than twenty (20) years, which begins at project completion
- Capacity to expend at least 30% of RHP funds in the first year
- Integrate multiple community and economic development systems, evidence-based or promising SUD models and practices, and resources.



# Proposed Activity: New Construction

- Provide funds for Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries (ABCCM) to expand Transformation Village at 30 Olin Haven Way, Asheville, NC 28806.
- Support the construction of a 4 story, 64-unit building with 32-units dedicated to women and mothers with children in recovery from substance use.





# Rationale

- Significant increase in the # of beds available for women and mothers.
- Wraparound services including Peer Supports, education and employment services, and access to treatment.
- Demonstrated success in helping mothers achieve a positive outcome of family preservation or reunification.
- Extensive experience in federal grants and housing programs.
- Project is 'shovel-ready' with site plans & utility infrastructure in place.
- Housing would be free for residents.



# Proposed Structure – Project Team & Duties

Project Team	Duties
Victoria Reichard Behavioral Health Manager Buncombe County Government	Coordinate RHP project for grantee Buncombe County including communication with Manager’s office, finance and legal departments; provide quarterly updates to Board of Commissioners.
Mary Roderick, Paul Moon Grant Administrator Land of Sky Regional Council	Administer CDBG funds for grantee, ensure project compliance with CDBG regulations including communication with Buncombe County’s finance and legal departments as well as with ABCCM and the construction contractor and subcontractors to implement CDBG requirements.
Rev. Scott Rogers Executive Director ABCCM	Coordinate project implementation – financing, design, construction, management and operation.



# Proposed Budget

New Construction	\$955,000
Grant Administration	\$45,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>



# Requested Board Action

- Hold the Public Hearing
- Adopt the Resolution to Approve Submission of the Application

