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JUST HOME PROJECT

• Purpose: Support efforts that aim to break the cycle of jail incarceration and housing instability through community-driven solutions

• Funders: The MacArthur Foundation and the Urban Institute

• 10 SJC sites invited to apply → Buncombe is one of 6 sites selected for second cohort

• Complementary to several County initiatives and goals focused on jail diversion, racial disparities in the criminal justice system, substance use recovery, harm reduction, and access to safe and affordable housing
**PROPOSED PROJECT PARTNERS**

**Lead Partner:** Buncombe County Planning and Development

- **Criminal Justice System**
  - Buncombe County Justice Services Department

- **Housing**
  - Mountain Housing Opportunities

- **Community Engagement**
  - SJC Community Engagement Workgroup

- **Evaluation**
  - Housing: Thrive Asheville
  - Criminal Justice: Dr. Jamie Vaske, WCU

**Letters of Support**
- Asheville Police Department
- Buncombe County Emergency Services
- Chief District Court Judge
- Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office
Award Funds to Support:

- Salary and benefits for 1 FTE Project Planner and 0.5 FTE Grants Manager
- Compensation for Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and community members with lived experience
- Early engagement of local evaluation partners
- Expenses related to consultant fees, meetings, travelling to SJC Network Convenings, and office supplies
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: 18 MONTHS

Potential Award Funds:
- $2.5M and $5.0M in Program-Related Investment Capital
- Continued support for a local program manager
- Supportive services for clients
- Procurement of goods needed to sustain stable housing and evaluation costs
RECENT PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

• 6/4/24 - Received Letter of Intent
  • RBA is based on the award amount listed

• 6/13/24 - Just Home Kickoff Call with Urban Institute and MacArthur Foundation

• Expecting to receive draft subaward agreement from the Urban Institute

• Planning within Community Development for grant activities
  • Collaborating with Justice Services, Budget, Finance, and Human Resources

• Sharing information with our project partners
REQUESTED ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER:

• Approve staff to move forward with the execution of a subaward agreement for the Just Home Project from the Urban Institute in coordination with the MacArthur Foundation

• Approve a budget amendment in the amount of $230,118

• Approve the addition of two (2) grant positions for the 9-month Planning Period: one (1) full-time Planner position and one (1) part-time Grants Manager position