



# Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2025

### New Business

**Department:** Strategic Partnerships

**Presenter(s):** Tyler Henry

**Contact(s):** Tyler Henry, Grants Manager  
John Hudson, Budget Director  
David Sweat, HHS Director  
Phillip Hardin, Community Resources Director

**Subject:** Helene Household Assistance Program Interlocal Agreement

### Brief Summary:

On November 1, 2024, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners approved the reallocation of \$1.597 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the Helene Relief Household Assistance Programs. In December 2024, Buncombe County Economic Services launched the application process for Household Assistance grants and received a total of 5,826 submissions.

On January 21, 2025, the Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of an interlocal agreement to receive \$624,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery and Resilience Funds (CDBG-DDRF) from the City of Asheville.

Through combined funding sources and program initiatives, the County has provided assistance to 607 households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

On May 13, 2025, Asheville City Council approved an additional allocation of \$135,074.80 to the Household Assistance Program, which is projected to support approximately 34 additional households.

**Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Award ID:** B-19-MC-37-0001, B-21-MC-37-0001, B-22-MC-37-0001, B-24-MC-37-2001

**CFDA:** 14.218

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** Motion to approve a budget amendment to accept funds from the City of Asheville and authorize the County Manager or designee to amend and execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Asheville

**County Manager's comments and Recommendations:** County Manager recommends approval as presented.