

W. Rash Rd. expansion.

*RFP for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal
Recovery Funds*

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Application Form

Question Group

Buncombe County requests proposals for projects to help the community recover from and respond to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts.

Buncombe County has been awarded \$50,733,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Recovery Funding), as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. To date, Buncombe County has awarded projects totaling \$23,093,499, leaving a balance of \$27,639,791 available to award.

Visit <http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding> for details.

This infusion of federal resources is intended to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Buncombe County is committed to investing these funds in projects that:

- Align to county strategic plan and community priorities
- Support equitable outcomes for most impacted populations
- Leverage and align with other governmental funding sources
- Make best use of this one-time infusion of resources
- Have a lasting impact

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and any addenda issued hereto.

[Click here for the full terms and conditions of the RFP](#)

Organization Type*

Public

Nonprofit documentation

If nonprofit, attach IRS Determination Letter or other proof of nonprofit status.

Name of Project.*

W. Rash Rd. expansion.

New/Updated Proposal*

Is this a new project proposal or an updated version of a proposal submitted during the earlier (July 2021) Recovery Funding RFP?

New project proposal

Amount of Funds Requested*

\$252,065.00

Category*

Please select one:

- Affordable Housing
- Aging/Older Adults
- Business Support/Economic Development
- Environmental/Climate
- Homelessness
- K-12 Education
- Infrastructure and/or Broadband
- Mental Health/Substance Use
- NC Pre-K Expansion
- Workforce

Mental Health/Substance Use

Brief Project Description*

Provide a short summary of your proposed project.

Clear Recovery is a housing community designed to provide a safe, affordable, drug/alcohol free environment for addicts/alcoholics seeking recovery. We have been serving the local Asheville community for almost five years and currently operate three houses (including two duplexes) that provide accountability and affordability to 20 men in recovery. The goal of this proposal is to provide one-time funding to permit Clear Recovery to invest in further expanding our services, increase access and construct additional affordable housing units on location.

Synergistically, a safe, affordable space with accountability reduces drug use, leading to a decrease in homelessness/institutionalization and providing a path to self-sustainability and progressing toward independent living. In order to move forward with expansion, Asheville City Planning Department has set forth requirements for bringing the access road up to Asheville City standards, as well as NC state and MSD regulations.

Project Plan*

Explain how the project will be structured and implemented, including timeframe.

Currently, the three homes are located on the same dead-end road in West Asheville, off of W. Rash Rd. The road currently services only the three houses in question. Asheville city planning department requires, prior to further expanding, that the road be brought up to Asheville city standards which include:

- 1-Widening the road to 22' width (450ft) (8" abc stone, 5" road bond, 2" asphalt.)
- 2-Installing a fire hydrant 425' from main road (N. Bear Creek Rd)
- 3- Bringing a sewer line onto property to service additional structures. (425ft)
- 4- Building Curbs, sidewalks, gutters for water runoff
- 5- Addressing storm water run off
- 6- Creating a T-turnaround as per fire marshal requirements
- 7- Obtaining a Tree survey and plant required number of trees

The intended time frame for the project is approximately 30 days from the time of initial ground disturbance.

Statement of Need*

Describe the need that this project will address. Include data to demonstrate the need, and cite the source of the data.

According to Buncombe County Statistics, in 2018 there were 265 opioid overdose related Emergency Room visits in our county alone.* Since that time, the prevalence of addicts/alcoholics has resulted in a substantial growth in related homelessness evidenced by the multitude of homeless encampments throughout the Asheville area. Most officials and commentators are eager to verbalize that "something needs to be done." Solutions are often met with NIMBY – a not-in-my-back-yard resistance.

Clear Recovery has been working with individuals in need of a structured, supervised drug-free environment for five years and would like to extend its services to a greater number of local residents. Clear Recovery's expansion on West Rash Road does not create a neighborhood opposed to its clients. We have a small, semi-isolated campus within city limits that can grow with the increased need for our services. We are eager to help to the best of our ability.

*<https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/hhs/initiatives/closer.aspx>

Link to COVID-19*

Identify a health or economic harm resulting from or exacerbated by the public health emergency, describe the nature and extent of that harm, and explain how the use of this funding would address such harm.

Link to Covid 19

The Covid-19 endemic has proven to have even more impact on the low income/ substance abuse/homeless community than many others.* Stressors associated with loss of employment, isolation due to "stay at home" mandates and many other factors contributed to an increase in substance abuse and homelessness. Clear recovery provides affordable housing with regular drug and alcohol testing, while nurturing a community of like-minded individuals to add supervised support for each other.

* <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2021/03/substance-use-pandemic>

Population Served*

Define the population to be served by this project, including volume and demographic characteristics of those served.

Population Served

The individuals entering our homes are men over the age of 18 years old and range into retirement age/social security/disability. Most often, they are individuals who have completed a detox or treatment program in facilities such as the Julian F. Keith Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center (ADATC) or a detox program through RHA, Mission Hospital or Pardee. They often have no support from family and no income. Most are eager to begin working and providing for themselves, but it all begins with having a secure and dependable residence. Our program often works in tandem with local probation/parole officers who appreciate the added accountability that Clear Recovery provides for our residents. In our five years of operation, we have had zero incidents that required a call to our local law enforcement or any other emergency services.

Results*

Describe the proposed impact of the project. List at least 3 performance measures that will be tracked and reported. If possible, include baselines and goals for each performance measure.

The proposed project allows for an opportunity to improve the infrastructure of a road within Asheville city limits for the purpose of extending the services of Clear Recovery to additional clients. The requirements for this project are imposed by the Asheville City Planning Department and other regulations. Without the improvement proposed in this project, no further buildings can be erected on this three acre property.

It is important to note that all future developments for our community will be funded by Clear Recovery.

Tracking specific performance measures would include the following:

1- Providing the number of additional beds that we will make available as construction of the housing proceeds.

2- Providing Clear Recovery's occupancy rates, though it is far too often that we have to turn down potential clients due to being at full capacity.

3- Providing, to the degree we can obtain the data, the consistent cost-savings for government programs when comparing Clear Recovery's housing in a low cost, self-sustained, monitored environment versus state- or county-funded treatment centers, hospital or jail.**

** <https://www.usnews.com/news/at-the-edge/articles/2016-12-19/drug-and-alcoholabuse-cost-taxpayers-442b-annually-new-surgeon-generals-report-finds>

Evaluation*

Describe the data collection, analysis, and quality assurance measures you will use to assure ongoing, effective tracking of contract requirements and outcomes.

All work performed by the licensed subcontractor will be monitored by the Asheville inspection department to ensure code compliance and build requirements. For example, the "sandwich layer" for the road includes 8" of ABC stone, 5" of bonding material and 2" of asphalt. Each layer will be inspected. Upon completion, the added sidewalk will increase accessibility and provide a safe walking space for our neighborhood.

Equity Impact*

How will this effort help build toward a just, equitable, and sustainable COVID-19 recovery? How are the root causes and/or disproportionate impacts of inequities addressed?

Clear recovery provides housing to individuals that would often times end up homeless and fall back into the repetitive cycle of substance abuse. Our clients, upon entry, report entering state funded treatment centers or detox facilities/ hospitals simply for some respite out of the cold or rainy environment. Having a clean, safe affordable place to live can be paramount in breaking that repetitive cycle. Once the proposed road is built, Clear Recovery will have the ability to begin construction from its own income towards doubling our bed availability. Expanding the current space will not violate local zoning and neighborhood restrictions.

Project Partners*

Identify any subcontractors you intend to use for the proposed scope of work. For each subcontractor listed, indicate:

- 1.) What products and/or services are to be supplied by that subcontractor and;
- 2.) What percentage of the overall scope of work that subcontractor will perform.

Also, list non-funded key partners critical to project.

We have had two early assistance meetings with Asheville City to define the requirements for the additional structures on property. Clear Recovery is working with Melanie Breathauer, an engineer who is assisting with the development. Clear Recovery has had meetings with Airo Way LLC to discuss the scope of work and cost estimates. The estimated cost of 252K will be finalized when the details of the work are approved by the planning department.

Capacity*

Describe the background, experience, and capabilities of your organization or department as it relates to capacity for delivering the proposed project and managing federal funds.

This proposal is being submitted by Clear Recovery, owned and operated by Andre Bruyaka. Andre's background is in healthcare and includes working as a Registered Nurse in Critical Care for eleven years. Andre founded Clear Recovery in 2017 to help address the need of individuals transitioning towards independent, self-sufficient lifestyles.

Clear recovery's roots originated with one unit, housing four individuals and have organically grown to house 20 men in five units (two of the houses are duplexes) Managing individuals, payments, incoming and outgoing expenses is part of the business structure. The goal of this proposed project is to expand the road that provides access to our community and add additional houses. The full extent of the one-time investment of funds would go towards the expansion of the road and can be directly paid to Airo Way LLC.

Budget*

Provide a detailed project budget including all proposed project revenues and expenditures, including explanations and methodology. For all revenue sources, list the funder and denote whether funds are confirmed or pending. For project expenses, denote all capital vs. operating costs, and reflect which specific expenses are proposed to be funded with one-time Buncombe County Recovery Funds.

Download a copy of the budget form [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

BUDGET .xlsx

Special Considerations*

Provide any other information that might assist the County in its selection.

The need for low income housing that also targets a growing population of individuals with a history of substance abuse in our area is undeniable. When individuals move into one of our houses, all basic needs are met. They have a fully furnished room with a stocked kitchen and laundry room in each unit. We are located on the bus line, making public transportation fully accessible. Residents are drug tested and breathalyzed multiple times/week with a zero tolerance policy in place to protect the individuals who are taking their recovery seriously. The desire and ability to proceed with expanding the Clear Recovery community is there. The stumbling block to further expansion is the cost-prohibitive requirements for expansion of W. Rash Road. Without the financial assistance for this project, our ability to move forward with providing additional houses for our community will have to come to a halt. We truly hope that you consider this project as essential for our community as we do.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- BUDGET .xlsx

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			Total	\$	252,065.00	