

MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no public attendance was permitted. The public was able to view the meeting via Zoom Webinar.

Committee Members Present

Joe Belcher, Amanda Edwards, Brownie Newman

County Staff Present

Jennifer Barnette, Matthew Cable, Phillip Hardin, William High, Andrew Mayronne, Sybil Tate, and Don Warn

Call to Order & Welcome

- Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM; the meeting was paused due to technical issues and resumed at 1:18 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- The Committee unanimously approved the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes.
- The Committee unanimously approved the September 29, 2020 meeting minutes.
- The Committee unanimously approved the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes.

Old Business

New Business

FY 2021 Affordable Housing Service Program Unallocated Funds

- Matthew Cable provided a review of the amount of unallocated funds that remained available. A total of \$673,297 remained available and a total of \$922,006 in eligible applications were not funded during the initial round.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance: County Funding and Resident Access

- Matthew Cable provided an overview of FY 20 County TBRA funding, and the ways citizens could access the funding.
- Chairman Newman asked whether any additional funding recommendations need to be made. He added that he was uncertain if additional funding needed to be provided at this point in time given that additional funds through CDBG may soon be available.
- Commissioner Edwards agreed with the Chairman Newman's assessment.
- Commissioner Belcher asked for clarification on why the Eblen Charities application was not fully funded, and added a question about whether and how to promote home ownership in the county.
- Commissioner Belcher made a motion that \$250,000 in funding be allocated to enhance home ownership in Buncombe County. Commissioner Edwards asked how the funding would be used. Commissioner Belcher added that it should be used for places like redevelopment of Deaverview. The motion did not carry.
- Commissioner Belcher proposed a \$60,000 additional allocation for Habitat for Humanity's Emergency Repair Program. The motion carried with all Committee Members voting in favor.

FY 2022 Affordable Housing Services Program Request for Proposal, Allocation and Budgeting Schedule

- Matthew Cable provided the committee with a tentative FY 22 AHSP Proposed RFP schedule that would occur from December through February. He explained that this schedule would allow only minimal changes to the program to allow for appropriate submittal date and period of performance date changes.
- Chair Newman made a motion to approve the proposed RFP schedule. The motion carried unanimously, and the RFP schedule was approved.

Next Steps

Announcements

Public Comment

- No public comment was submitted prior to the meeting
- Public Comment from staff at Pisgah Legal and staff at Habitat for Humanity were provided via chat during the meeting.

Adjourn

Chairman Newman adjourned the meeting at 2:24 PM.