

# **School Nursing Contract Update**

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## **Current Status**

- FY24 contract with MAHEC to provide school nursing services
  - \$3,049,228
    - Provides 31 nurses across the school systems
- Notified by MAHEC the current contract will leave a projected deficit of \$231,600 by the end of fiscal year
  - Loss of COVID funding from previous years
  - Less than anticipated staff turnover



## Recommendation

- Released RFP and evaluate this service prior to FY25
- Collaborative discussions with MAHEC to problem solve
- Provide MAHEC additional funding support through the current fiscal year
  \$100,000
  - MAHEC will guarantee no reduction in student services for remainder of school year and has identified funding within its current resources for the remaining \$131K
- No additional funds requested:
  - Seeking approval to repurpose \$100,000 of unspent funds in Homeowner Grant

## **Homeowner Grant**

- Board Initiated Program
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year of implementation
  - FY24 \$300K Buncombe County (BC) / \$150K City of Asheville (COA)
- FY24 Program Administration
  - Application Period: July 1 September 30, 2023
  - Residents Served: 622 BC: 407 / COA: 215
  - Grants Awarded: \$229,551 BC: \$186,568 / COA: \$43K
- Total county program funds unspent: \$113K
- Requesting support to repurpose to close the school nurse program deficit

# Discussion

