

Resolution #: _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME WHO SUFFERED ECONOMIC DAMAGES FROM TROPICAL STORM HELENE

- WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, Tropical Storm Helene devastated portions of Buncombe County damaging many local businesses and the infrastructure necessary to conduct business and retain employees; and
- WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners recognizes that assisting residents who have suffered property damage, loss of employment, lost wages and other economic damages resulting from Tropical Storm Helene is important to stabilizing the local economy; and
- WHEREAS, at a special meeting on November 1, 2024, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners reallocated and dedicated Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) assets established under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$1,597,053.34 for individual assistance; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes § 160D-1311 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-149, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners may appropriate funds to assist with the socio-economic needs of individuals with low and moderate income; and
- WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that these efforts to provide economic assistance grants to help individuals who suffered economic damage as a result of Tropical Storm Helene including but not limit to rental payment assistance and assistance with paying utility bills; and
- WHEREAS, after conducting a request for proposals, Buncombe County staff recommends that Grace Covenant be selected as the entity to manage and distribute a portion of the individual assistance funds in accordance with an Agreement prepared by the County; and
- WHEREAS, the remainder of the funds will go to Buncombe County Health and Human Services for the Direct Individual Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina, as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of § 160D-1311 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-149 this Board approves appropriating and spending from Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

(FRF) assets established under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$1,597,053.34 for individual assistance to individuals of low and moderate income who have suffered economic damage as a result of Tropical Storm Helene.

2. The County will grant \$300,000 to Grace Covenant for providing direct assistance to individuals of low and moderate income who have suffered economic damages because of Tropical Storm Helene.
3. The County Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Tropical Storm Helene Individual Assistance Grant Agreement with Grace Covenant outlining the terms and conditions of the grant.
4. The County will appropriate \$1,297,053.34 to provide Direct Individual Assistance based on the increased demand for assistance based on Tropical Storm Helene.
5. That all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
6. Any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.
7. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the 19th day of November 2024.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Sarah Gross, Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney