



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

Consent Agenda

Department:

Health and Human Services

Presenter(s):

John Hudson, Budget Director

Contact(s):

David Sweat, HHS Director

Phillip Hardin, Community Resources Division Director

Subject:

Disaster Rental Assistance

Brief Summary:

As a result of the NC Disaster Recovery Act, NCDHHS has distributed state funding to provide Rental Assistance to residents of counties qualifying for FEMA Individual and Public Assistance who have suffered hardship due to Hurricane Helene and meet the income eligibility criteria outlined in the emergency rental assistance program. Assistance will be provided in a one-time payment up to the local area Fair Market Rents (FMR) for the state of NC.

This is a separate program from the county ARPA-funded program recently established with different rules and policies and the income limit is 200% of federal poverty level. The county program and this state program will be run concurrently with the same staff.

Of the 25 counties identified in the federal disaster on September 28, 2024, Buncombe County has been allocated \$199,296 for Disaster Rental Assistance of which \$9,965 of this allocation will be used for the administrative costs of the program.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented