



HELENE UPDATE

Board of Commissioners | February 4, 2025



Topics for Today

- **FEMA Individual Assistance** – Ina Chan
- **Housing/Transitional Sheltering Assistance** – Matt Cable
- **Permitting** – Bob Haynes
- **Debris** – Dane Pedersen
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** – Rafael Baptista
- **Small Business Assistance** – Lane Davis, David Fierro, and Joevan Palmer
- **Resources for Recovery** – Lillian Govus



Individual Assistance to Buncombe County Applicants

Total Individual Assistance \$ 107,650,481

Housing Assistance \$ 30,530,718
 Repair & Replacement \$ 28,027,194
 Rental Assistance \$ 2,476,143

Other Needs Assistance \$ 77,119,763
 Serious Needs \$ 42,046,500
 Displacement \$ 21,332,376
 Clean & Sanitize \$ 5,343,300
 Personal Property \$ 6,119,434

Repair Line Item
 HVAC \$ 1,439,472
 Well \$ 430,847
 Septic \$ 485,074
 Road & Bridge \$ 4,088,539
 Retaining Wall \$ 1,454,474
 ADA Ramp \$ 35,476
 Mold Remediation \$ 2,214,000

Registrations 87,229

Housing Assistance Referred 49,240
 Inspections Issued 32,080
 Receiving Rental Asst. 741
 Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) Checked In 664 Households
 Interested in Direct Housing (DH) 95 Households
 Approved for DH 93 Households
 Currently in TSA & DH Eligible 13 Households

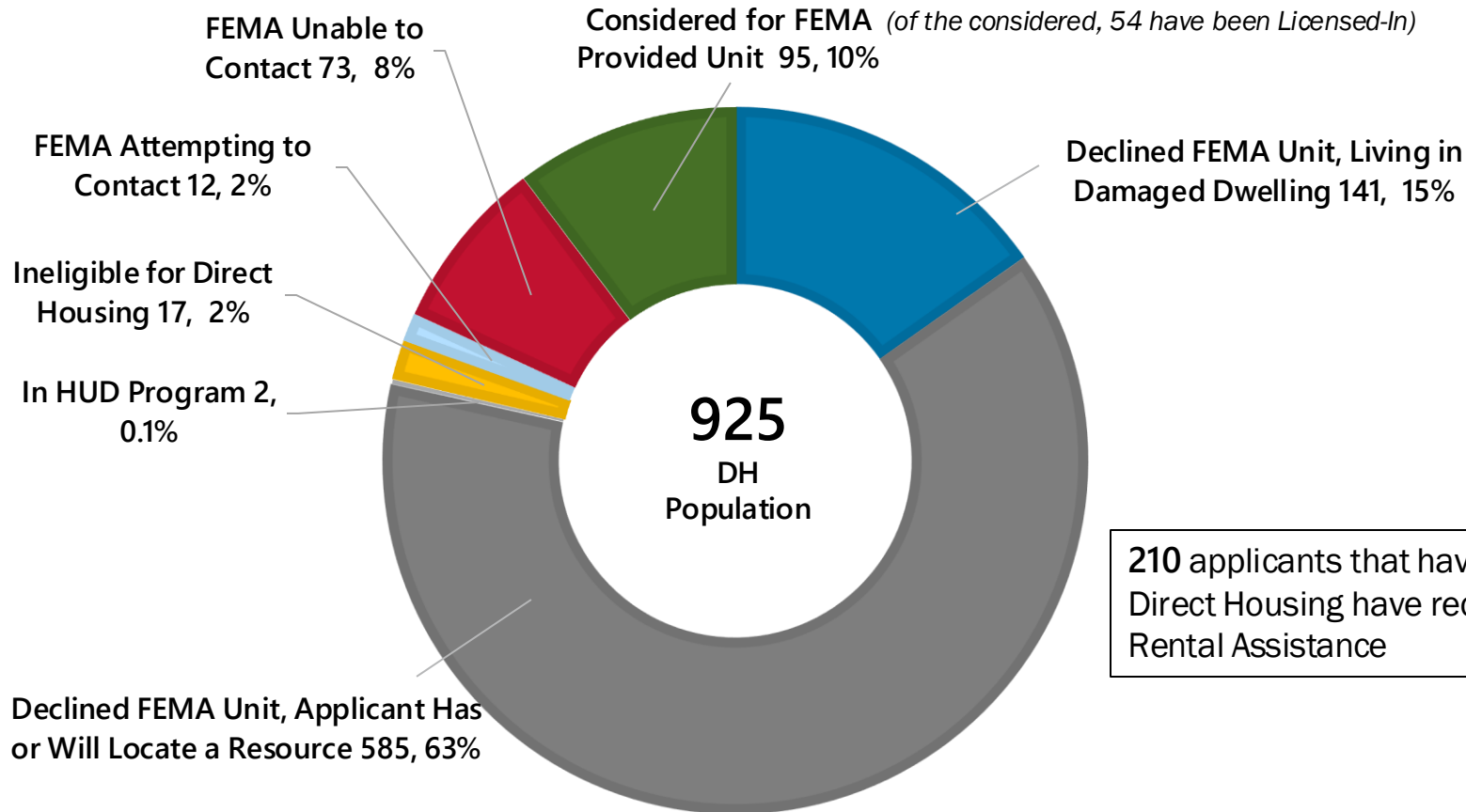
Note: Data as of COB January 30, 2025



FEMA Direct Housing Overview

Buncombe County

January 31, 2025



Up to a 200% FMR for Continued Rental Assistance is Approved for this disaster

Buncombe County HUD FMR Percentages				
FMR Percent	1 BR	2BR	3 BR	4 BR
100%	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,944	\$ 2,566
125%	\$ 1,684	\$ 1,890	\$ 2,430	\$ 3,208
150%	\$ 2,021	\$ 2,268	\$ 2,916	\$ 3,849
175%	\$ 2,357	\$ 2,646	\$ 3,402	\$ 4,491
200%	\$ 2,694	\$ 3,024	\$ 3,888	\$ 5,132

210 applicants that have declined Direct Housing have received Rental Assistance

FEMA Overview

Buncombe County

January 31, 2025

Registration Deadline March 8, 2025

- Go to DisasterAssistance.gov,
- Use the [FEMA App](#)
- Call 800-621-3362
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)

Open Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)				
Location	City	County	Daily	Cumulative
DRC2 McDowell County Senior Center	MARION	MCDOWELL	45	5189
DRC3 Caldwell County Health and Human Services Center	LENOIR	CALDWELL	13	2214
DRC5 Appalachian Enterprise Center	BOONE	WATAUGA	15	2841
DRC6 Mitchell County Senior Center	BAKERSVILLE	MITCHELL	23	3530
DRC7 Blue Ridge Commons	HENDERSONVILLE	HENDERSON	89	9727
DRC9 Regional High Technology Center	WAYNESVILLE	HAYWOOD	25	3754
DRC10 Family Central Parks and Recreation Center	JEFFERSON	ASHE	19	2002
DRC11 Mayland Community College-Avery Campus	NEWLAND	AVERY	18	2237
DRC16 County Annex Facility (Old Ridge Hardware)	BURNSVILLE	YANCEY	64	5430
DRC26 Isothermal Community College	POLK	COLUMBUS	14	553
DRC27 Fairview Public Library	FAIRVIEW	BUNCOMBE	57	102
DRC28 Weaverville Town Hall	WEAVERVILLE	BUNCOMBE	26	43
TOTAL			408	64361

Questions?



Transitional Housing Assistance (TSA)

Resident Households in FEMA TSA: 762 (+61 since January 21)

Resident Households in TSA in Buncombe County: 585

- Households noticed ineligible 1/17 with check out by 2/8: **98**
- Households noticed ineligible 1/31 remaining in TSA with check out by 2/22: **125**
- Households eligible through 3/6: **362**

Resident Households in TSA outside of Buncombe County: 177

- Households noticed ineligible 1/17 with check out by 2/8: **27**
- Households noticed ineligible 1/31 remaining in TSA with check out by 2/22: **43**
- Households eligible through 3/6: **107**



Outreach to FEMA TSA Guests

County Staff (CD/HHS/CAPE) (12/14 - Present)

- Monitoring FEMA program updates
- Coordinating local TSA guest outreach efforts as state/federal partners mobilized
- Conducting direct outreach to hotel managers to interact with TSA guests
- Issuing CodeRed messaging to TSA guests on eligibility deadlines and resources

County Tetra Tech Community Navigators (12/14 - Present)

- Visited hotels and provided TSA guests with guidance and resource information



Outreach to FEMA TSA Guests

Disaster Case Management by NC Emergency Management (12/23 - Present)

- Assessing TSA guest needs and developing personalized recovery plans
- Leading TSA guest case management and referrals to resources

Multi-Agency Shelter Transition Team (MASTT) (1/9 - 1/29)

- Assisting TSA guests determined ineligible
- Assisting TSA guests who were pre-disaster unhoused in locating housing

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) (1/23 - Present)

- Canvassing all hotels in Buncombe County
- Meeting TSA guests in-person at high occupancy (double digit) TSA hotels regarding eligibility/FEMA assistance needs



Housing Recovery Progress

Temporary Housing Progress Since January 21:

- FEMA temporary housing units complete: + 53% (currently 55)
- FEMA rental assistance provided to households: + 17% (currently 769)

Cross-Departmental Staff Team Focusing on Permanence:

- Begin considering permanent housing solutions
- Begin evaluation of funding sources to support permanent housing solutions



Questions?




Permitting

DEVELOPMENT & PERMITS PORTAL

We are pleased to offer our residents, businesses and contractors access to permitting services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With this service you can search permit records and review inspection results.

Contact

Permits & Inspections
Main Line
P: [\(828\) 250-5360](tel:(828)250-5360)

 **Permits & Inspections**
30 Valley Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Buncombe County Permits & Inspections provides building inspections and permitting services for all unincorporated areas of Buncombe County and through contractual agreements, provides these services for the towns of Biltmore Forest, Weaverville and Woodfin.



Non-Helene Residential Permit Activity

October 1 – January 28

Permit Type		Permit Type	% Change	
Residential Addition	42	Residential Addition	36	-16.67%
Residential Addition and Renovation	2	Residential Addition and Renovation	15	86.67%
Residential Detached Accessory	31	Residential Detached Accessory	18	-72.22%
Residential Detached Carport	6	Residential Detached Carport	2	-200.00%
Residential Detached Garage	14	Residential Detached Garage	14	0.00%
Residential HUD Manufactured Home	77	Residential HUD Manufactured Home	84	8.33%
Residential Modular Duplex	25	Residential Modular Duplex	0	-
Residential Modular Home	42	Residential Modular Home	11	-281.82%
Residential New Deck	83	Residential New Deck	59	-40.68%
Residential New Duplex	7	Residential New Duplex	10	30.00%
Residential New Foundation Only	1	Residential New Foundation Only	0	-
Residential New Single Family Site Built Home	243	Residential New Single Family Site Built Home	141	-72.34%
Residential New Townhouse	22	Residential New Townhouse	101	78.22%
Residential Renovation or Remodel	146	Residential Renovation or Remodel	143	-2.10%
Residential Retaining Wall	11	Residential Retaining Wall	6	-83.33%
Residential Solar - Ground-mounted	1	Residential Solar - Ground-mounted	4	75.00%
Residential Solar - Roof-mounted	73	Residential Solar - Roof-mounted	82	10.98%
Residential Structural Repair	38	Residential Structural Repair	89	57.30%
Residential Swimming Pool	15	Residential Swimming Pool	8	-87.50%
Trade	1458	Trade	2009	27.43%
Total	2337	Total	2832	17.48%

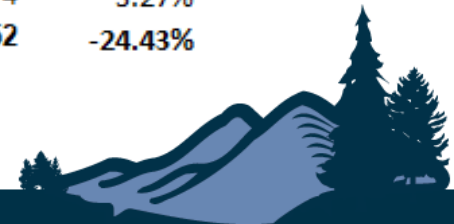
Note: Percent change comparing 10/2023 - 1/2024 to 10/2024 - 1/2025 period



Non-Helene Commercial Permit Activity October 1 – January 28

Permit Type		Permit Type	% Change	
Alcoholic Beverage Control Inspection	0	Alcoholic Beverage Control Inspection	10	100.00%
Commercial Addition	3	Commercial Addition	4	25.00%
Commercial Communications Tower or	0	Commercial Communications Tower or Equipment	7	100.00%
Commercial Deck	4	Commercial Deck	1	-300.00%
Commercial Foundation Only	0	Commercial Foundation Only	1	100.00%
Commercial Interior Alteration	43	Commercial Interior Alteration	47	8.51%
Commercial New Building	52	Commercial New Building	12	-333.33%
Commercial Other	15	Commercial Other	23	34.78%
Commercial Retaining Wall	28	Commercial Retaining Wall	12	-133.33%
Commercial Sign	12	Commercial Sign	9	-33.33%
Commercial Solar - Ground-mounted	1	Commercial Solar - Ground-mounted	0	-
Commercial Solar - Roof-mounted	4	Commercial Solar - Roof-mounted	7	42.86%
Commercial Swimming Pool	3	Commercial Swimming Pool	2	-50.00%
Modular Office or Classroom	8	Daycare Inspection	1	-700.00%
New Multifamily Building	58	New Multifamily Building	2	-2800.00%
Trade	207	Trade	214	3.27%
Total	438	Total	352	-24.43%

Note: Percent change comparing 10/2023 - 1/2024 to 10/2024 - 1/2025 period



Questions?



Debris Management

- Right of Way Collection as of 1/23/2025
 - **814,900.7 cubic yards & 63,390 tons of soil**
- Temporary Debris Management Sites
 - Sites reviewed and approved by NC Department Environment Quality
 - **5 sites** being used by USACE contractor
 - Debris is sorted and processed at sites; include grinding of organic debris into mulch
 - Debris taken to locations outside of Buncombe County for permanent disposal

Temporary Debris Management Site Locations

Beacon - 190 Railroad St, Swannanoa

Cane Creek Pool - 590 Lower Brush Creek, Fairview

Julian Shoals - Julian Shoals Drive, Asheville

Old Landfill - 2495 Riverside Drive, Woodfin

Enka Commerce Park - 264/274 Enka Heritage Parkway, Candler



Private Property Debris Removal

- **2,501 applications** as of 1/29/2025
 - **215 applications for demolition**, 25 are from commercial properties
 - **95 commercial property application** total
 - **1,172 site inspections** have been completed
 - **1,078 completed applications** have been provided to FEMA
- Community canvassing continues with focus on local businesses
- Intake centers are scheduled to remain open through the end of February – locations are in Fairview, Swannanoa, Barnardsville, and Black Mountain
- USACE has awarded contract and debris removal began today





CALL CENTER



INTAKE CENTERS



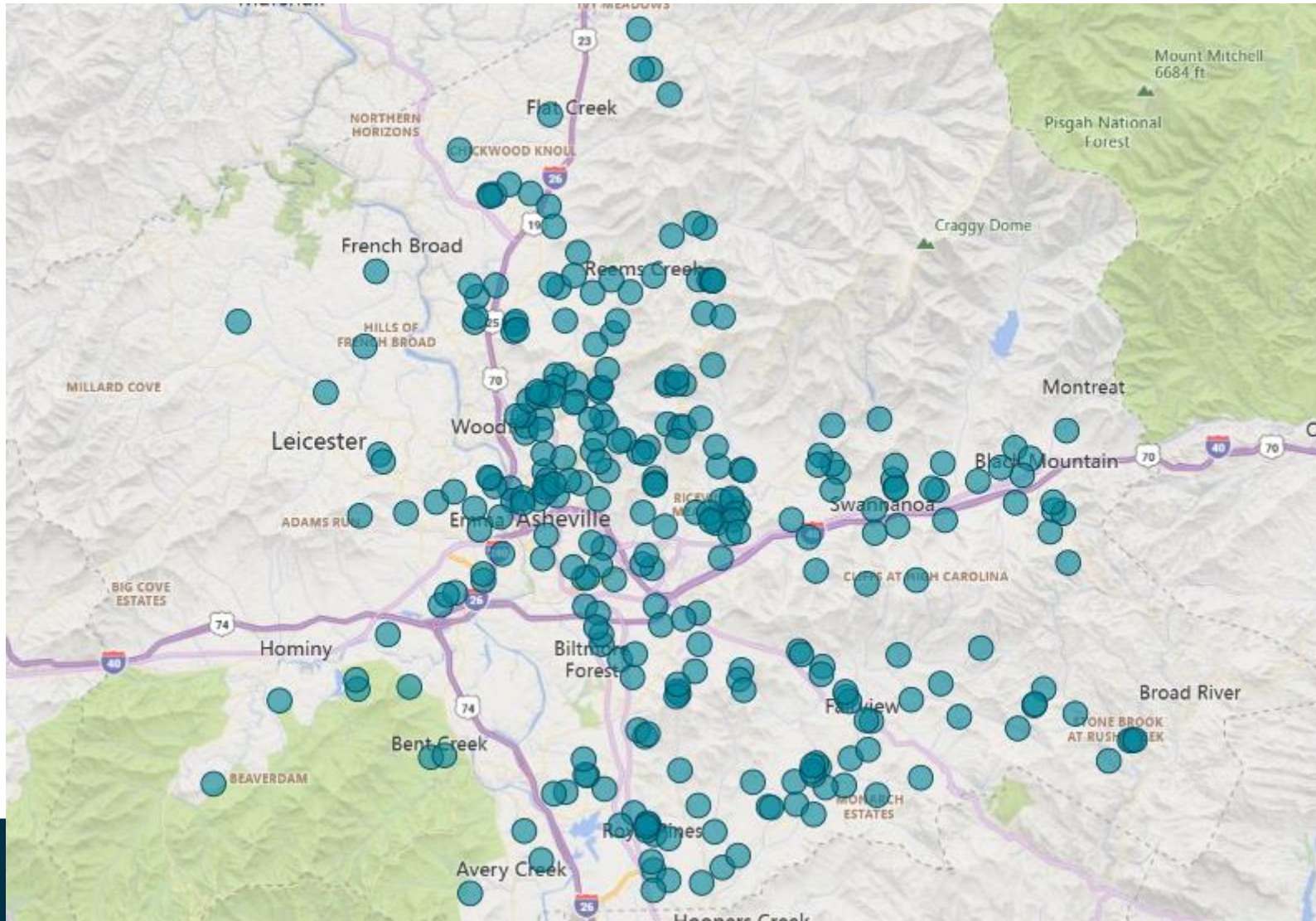
WEBSITE

LOCATION	828-250-6100, option 2	Asheville Mall 3 S. Tunnel Rd	Fairview Library New DRC 1 Taylor Rd	Swannanoa Fire Rescue 510 Bee Tree Rd	Barnardsville Fire Station 100 Dillingham Rd	Black Mountain Library 105 N. Dougherty St.
HOURS	7:00a – 7:00p 7 Days a Week	Closing 1/29	8:00a – 5:00p M-F 9a-2p Sat	8:00a – 5:00p Wed-Sat	8:00a – 5:00p Wed-Sat	8:00a – 5:00p Wed-Sat
DURATION	Open through February 28	Open through January 29	Open through February 28	Open through February 28	Open through February 28	Open through February 28

www.OneBuncombe.org



Locations of PPDR Pickup - 1st Batch of 300



**Private
Property
Debris
Removal
Notification
Form**

APN : _____

ADDRESS : _____

INITIAL SITE ASSESSMENT : _____

TITLED PROPERTY REMOVAL COMPLETE : _____

HHW REMOVAL COMPLETE : _____

DEBRIS REMOVAL COMPLETE : _____

PARCEL CLEARANCE COMPLETE : _____



2,352

Total Applications

72.74%

Percentage of All Unincorporated Applications

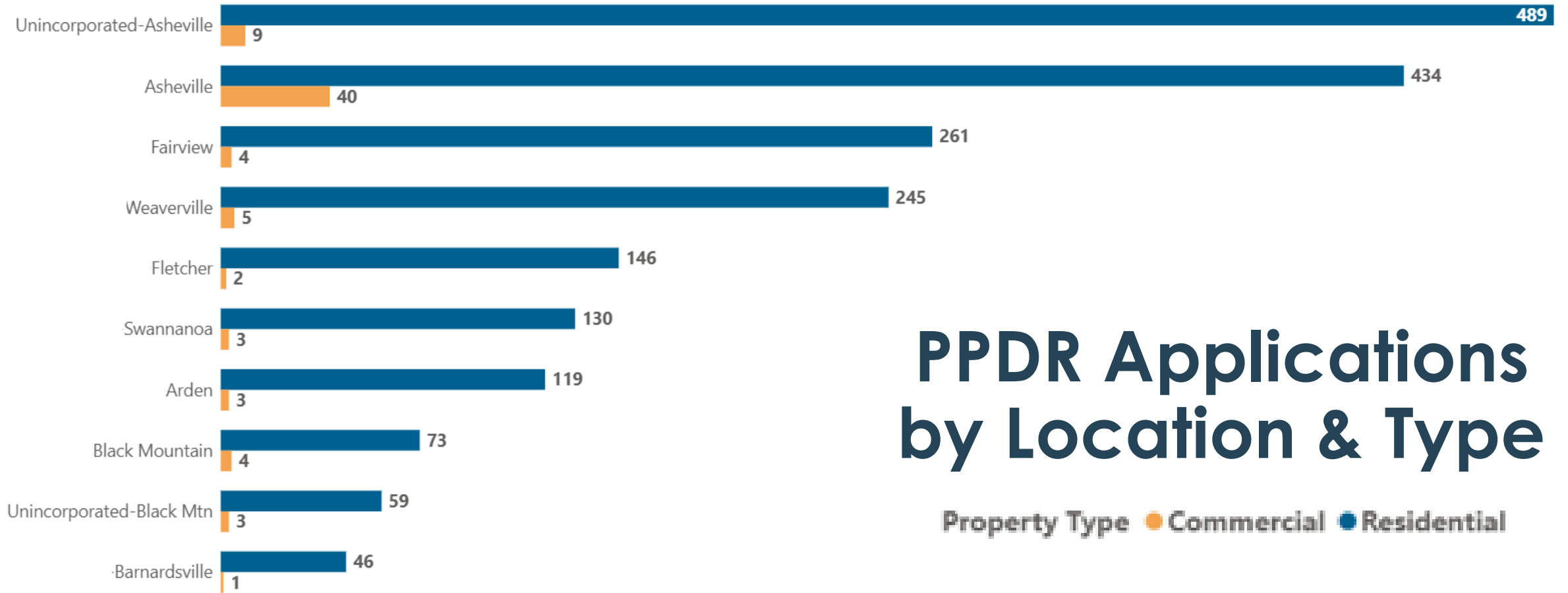
20.13%

Percentage of City of Asheville Applications

3.27%

Percentage of Town of Black Mountain Applications

Top 10 Application Locations (Geolocated Based on Parcel)



PPDR Applications by Location & Type

Property Type ● Commercial ● Residential



Waterway Debris Removal

Waterways debris removal has begun!

- Crews began removing waterway debris in Azalea Park, Buncombe County, North Carolina over the weekend using equipment with environmental protection in mind.
- Each piece of equipment uses biodegradable hydraulic fluids, is fitted with low PSI tires to reduce ground disturbance and is pre-checked to ensure it is clean and free from leaks.



Removal of Title Property

Title Property removal process is underway

- County has contracted with 4 local towing companies to remove storm damaged property such as vehicles & vessels
- Vehicles in the right of way are being tagged in unincorporated areas of county; vehicles can be towed seven days after being tagged
- As of 1/29/25, 9 vehicles have been tagged for removal



Questions?



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- HMGP made available after a Presidential Declaration & Funded by FEMA
- HMGP focus is ensuring effective Governmental actions incorporate critical mitigation measures to reduce risk during post-disaster reconstruction
- Focused on breaking the cycle of damage, reconstruction and repeated damages
- HMGP is competitive with \$1.5 billion to be allocated across North Carolina for Helene
- Specific Focus Areas:
 - Community-wide risk reduction projects
 - Improving resilience of key infrastructure and resource life-lines
 - Encouraging conservation of the floodplain
 - Increasing future mitigation planning



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Specific Programs

- **Acquisition, elevation or reconstruction of private property** within Buncombe County (Priority 1)
- **Landslide stabilization and mitigation** (Priority 2)
- Funding for **government projects to improve resilience and decrease risk** in future storms (Priority 3)
 - Examples include:
 - Making public infrastructure more resilient
 - Wildfire risk mitigation
 - Community-wide projects that increase resilience and reduce risk

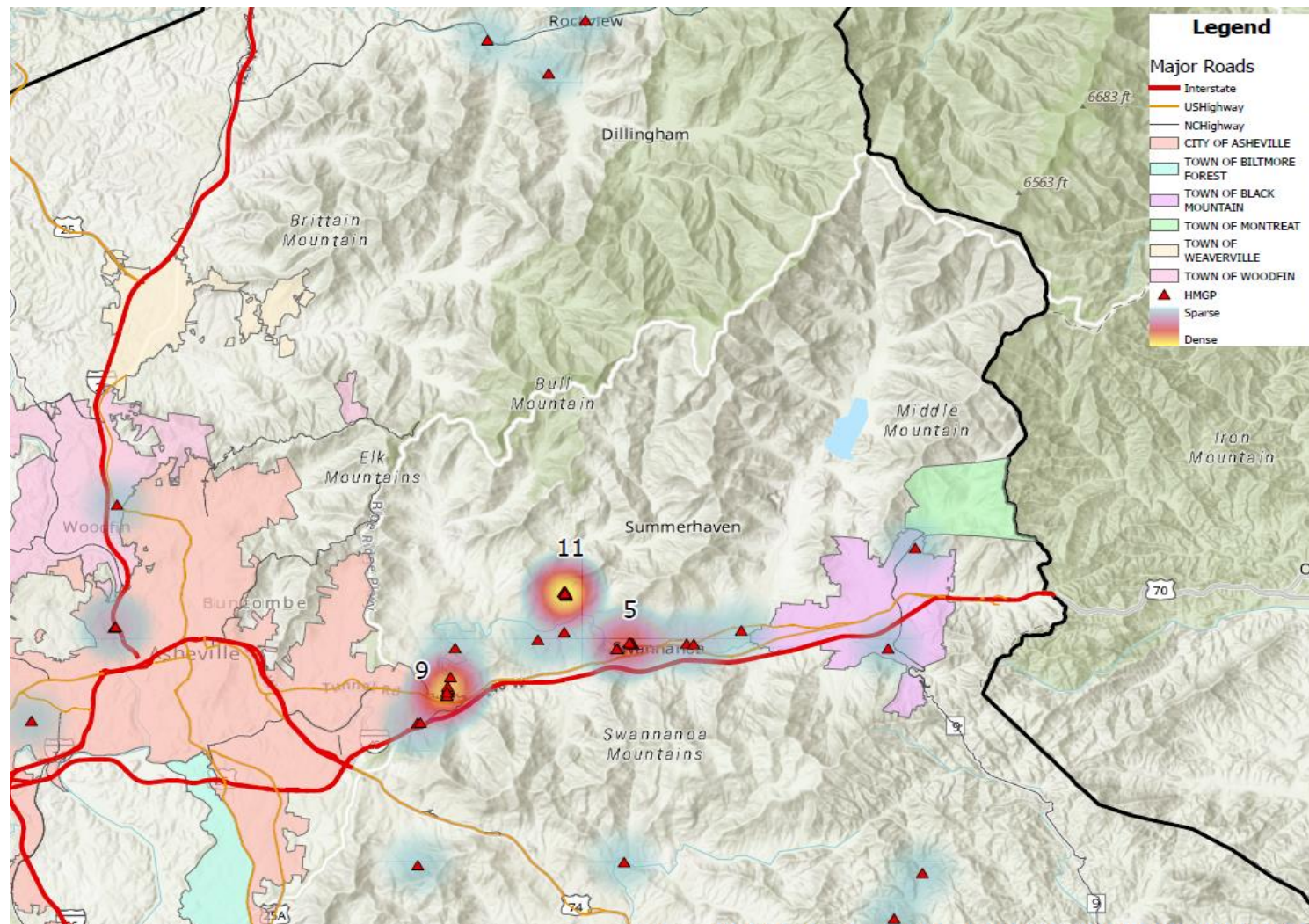


HMGP Private Property Application Summary

Application Type	Buncombe County	City of Asheville	Town of Weaverville	Town of Black Mountain	Total
Acquistion	92	56	8	20	176
Elevation	18	9	2	7	36
Reconstruction	1	1			2
Landslide	3	3	1		7
Total	114	69	11	27	221



Locations of HMGP Applications – 1st batch of 23



HMGP Interlocal Agreements

- Municipalities have been asked to select one of two options for acquisition decision-making
 - Option 1:
 - Utilize the County decision matrix for properties within their limits
 - Option 2:
 - Utilize their own decision-making criteria for properties within their limits
- Each municipality can make its own acquisition decision. If the decision is to deny, the county retains the right to approve the acquisition and retain ownership of the property or exercise the right of refusal



HMGP Current Status

- North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is processing applications in batches, first batch is 23 applications
- NCEM is accepting residential and commercial applications through October 31st, 2025
- Buncombe County promoting program & encouraging property owners to apply for both Private Property Debris Removal and HMGP
- Buncombe County is actively identifying potential public infrastructure projects for HMGP



Upcoming Requests for Board Action

- Delegation of signature authority for HMGP project applications to the County Manager
- Authorization of interlocal agreements with local municipalities regarding HMGP applications within their municipal limits



Questions?





U.S. Small Business
Administration

Overview of the SBA Disaster Loan Program

Lane Davis, David Fierro, and Joevan Palmer

Types of Loans

- **Home Disaster Loans**
 - **Homeowners** – may be eligible for up to \$500K to repair or replace real estate property and up to \$100K to repair or replace personal property, including automobiles.
 - **Renters** – may be eligible for up to \$100K to repair or replace personal property
- **Businesses and Non-Profits (Physical Damages)** – may be eligible for up to \$2 million to repair or replace real estate, business contents, inventory, machinery and equipment
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** - Businesses and Non-Profits – may be eligible for up to \$2 million for **working capital** for ongoing expenses; does not cover loss of income or profits.

Note: Loan amounts are based on the verified loss performed by a Loss Verifier for physical damage and by a Loan Officer for Economic Injury. [Businesses can borrow a total of \$2 million; exceptions can be made for major employers.]



Why Apply For An SBA Disaster Loan?

- No fee to apply
- Low interest rates
- No payments and no interest for the first 12 months**
- No prepayment penalty
- No late fees
- Funds available prior to insurance settlement



- Flexible terms (up to 30 years)
- May apply for mitigation funds
- Loan can be modified
- No obligation to take the loan if approved
- No collateral for loans up to \$50K for homeowners/renters and \$100K for businesses/ non-profits (Presidential)
- Can accept a partial amount
- May be eligible for refinancing existing mortgage or relocation



What is the Process to Apply?

- ❑ Applicants may **apply online** at SBA's secured website: lending.sba.gov - *If you are having technical issues with creating an account, call (833) 572-0502 for assistance.*
- ❑ Applicants may **apply in person** at a Business Recovery Center or Disaster Recovery Center, where an SBA customer service representative will assist you with inputting your application. *SBA center locations can be found by looking up the declaration at <https://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster/> or by calling (800) 659-2955.*
- ❑ **Key Dates and Deadlines:** **March 8, 2025** for physical damage for homes and businesses. **June 30, 2025** for EIDL.



Questions?



RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY

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ONE BUNCOMBE

buncombeready.org | (828) 250-6100

DO YOU NEED HELP TO RECOVER FROM HELENE?

Buncombe County and partners are hosting a series of recovery resource events where you can drop-in and ask questions, apply, and learn more about what support is available.

Barnardsville Fire Station, Barnardsville

100 Dillingham Rd. | Thurs., Feb. 13, 5-7P

Owen High School, Black Mountain

99 State Rd. 2468 | Thurs., Feb. 20, 5-7P

Reynolds High School, Asheville

1 Rocket Dr. | Tues., Feb. 25, 5-7P

Leicester Community Center, Leicester

2979 New Leicester Hwy. | Thurs., Feb. 27, 5-7P

Partners include:

- American Red Cross
- Buncombe County Libraries
- Buncombe County Parks
- Buncombe County Permits
- Buncombe County Planning
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program
- FCC Environmental
- FEMA
- NC Disaster Case Management
- NC Emergency Management (Hazard Mitigation)
- NC Medicaid
- WIC



BUNCOMBE COUNTY



2/4/2025

Recovery Resource Guide

Covers

- Transitional Sheltering Assistance Eligibility
- Housing
- Food & Goods
- Health
- Financial & Legal Help

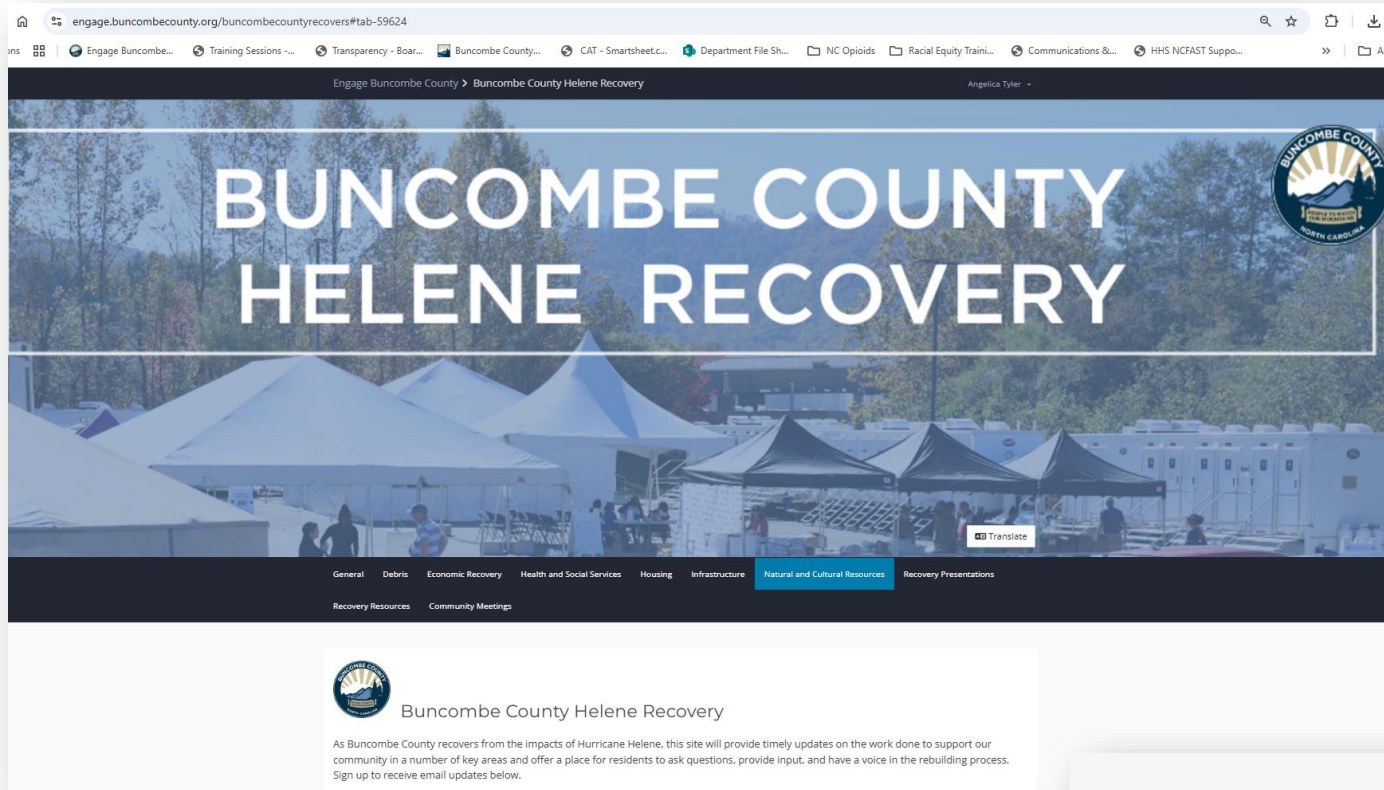
Can also call (828) 250-6100 for One Buncombe Call Center

Online at www.buncombeready.org



Helene Recovery Website

engage.buncombecounty.org/buncomberecovers



Helene recovery-focused site
Engage.buncombecounty.org

- Interactive content & engagement
- Timelines
- Progress Updates
- Calendar of Events
- Live-stream meeting options

Sign up to receive updates on Buncombe County Helene Recovery:



Questions?



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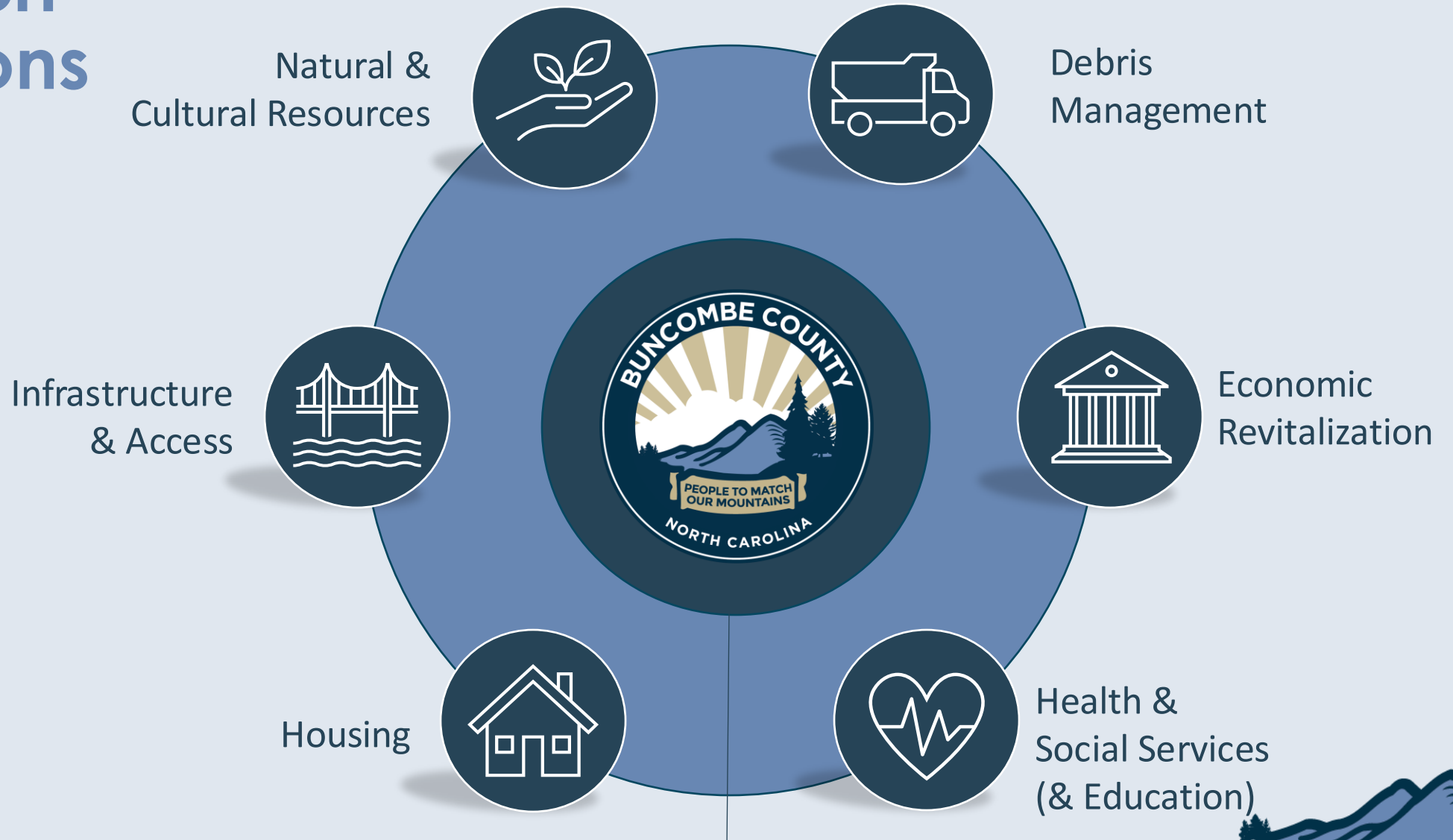


APPENDIX – DATA UPDATES

Reference Data by Recovery Support Function



Recovery Support Functions



Foundational



DEBRIS MANAGEMENT



Focused on storm debris, including solutions for debris removal on public and private property and waterways, managing specialized debris types, evaluating hazardous materials considerations, coordinating disposal, and exploring sustainable re-use of debris.



DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

- Cubic yards of debris collected: 902,508 (20%+ increase over last update)
- Tons of mud, silt and soil collected: 69,612 (22%+ increase over last update)
- PPDR applications received: 2,554 (18%+ increase over last update)
- PPDR applications ready for site inspection: 346 (16%+ decrease from last update)
- PPDR applications delivered to FEMA: 1,078 (87%+ increase over last update)
- PPDR inspections complete: 1,171 (59%+ increase over last update)
- % of applications received on-line: 56%
- % of applications received in-person: 44%
- % of applications requesting debris removal only: 92%
- % of applications requesting debris and demolition: 8%
- % of applications requesting demolition only: 1%



ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION



Focused on stimulating economic recovery, supporting local businesses, responding to workforce needs, and ensuring the long-term economic stability and prosperity of the area with a focus on revitalization of critical economic sectors



ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

- Asheville-Buncombe "Rebuilding Together" Business Grant www.mountainbizworks.org/helene/fund/
 - 843 applications received totaling more than \$18M (no change compared to prior update)
 - Buncombe County Only
 - 137 small businesses awarded grants, totaling \$1,567,480 (no change compared to prior update)



ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Small Business Association Loans

	Home Loans	For Profit Business Loans	Nonprofit Business Loans	Total
Number of Applications	1648	1,955	55	3658
Number of Loan Offers	623	5574	3	1200
Number of Loans Disbursed	400	353	1	754
\$ Amount of Loans Disbursed	\$15,962,349	\$12,768,437	\$13,000	\$28,743,786

Same information as previous update; staff are currently developing a data sharing agreement to receive regular updates from SBA



ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Unemployment Estimates: Revised October 2024 and November 2024

	Reported Oct 2024	Revised Oct 2024	Reported Nov 2024*	Reported Jan 2025
Buncombe County	8.8%	10.4%	7.2%	Not yet reported
Asheville Metro**	7.4%	8.5%	6.1%	Not yet reported

***Asheville Metro includes Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison counties

Helene Impact on County Unemployment Rankings November 2024

County	Labor Force*	Unemployment **	Rate	Rank
Yancey	8,480	522	6.2	96
Avery	7,897	504	6.4	97
Madison	10,328	677	6.6	98
Buncombe	147,359	10,621	7.2	99
Mitchell	6,643	591	8.9	100

*Number of people working in Buncombe County

** Number of people unemployed



HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



Focused on ensuring the health and well-being of residents with attention to the social determinants of health, including consideration of medical, behavioral, educational, and environmental health concerns and social service recovery needs



HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Applications submitted for individual assistance thru Buncombe Co.: 5,827 (no change compared to last update)
- Applications approved for individual assistance: 255 (73%+ increase over prior update)
- Funds approved for individual assistance: \$1,061,619 (91%+ increase over prior update)
- Total loads of laundry at Community Care Sites: 47,522 (8%+ increase over prior update)
- Total number of showers at Community Care Sites: 43,590 (2%+ increase over prior update)
- Number of vaccines provided at Community Care Sites: 1,022 (vaccine administration ended 12/16)
- Mass care meals provided (avg. / day): 1,500 (no change from prior update)
- Current individuals in emergency shelters: Shelter closed as of 13/31
- NC DHHS Disaster Energy Assistance: \$257,268 (out of \$1,259,509 total allocated)
- NC DHHS Disaster Adult Service Assistance: \$2,551 (out of \$157,618 total allocated)
- NC DHHS Disaster Child Welfare Assistance: \$61,325 (out of \$469,011 total allocated)
- NC DHHS Disaster Rental Assistance: \$0 (out of \$199,296 total allocated)



EDUCATION

- The number of homeless (unhoused) students identified under the McKinney-Vento Act in **Asheville City Schools** is currently at 225; the number is 1298 for **Buncombe County School**
 - For **ACS**, **74** of these cases are due to Helene
 - For **BCS**, **883** cases are due to Helene
- *(As of January 8th)* All but 2 of **Buncombe County Schools** sites have resumed normal water usage after receiving lead test results
 - 2 sites still awaiting test results
- All **Asheville City Schools** continue to use bottled water and are awaiting lead testing results



HOUSING



Focused on supporting people in moving toward housing permanence through home repair, removing barriers to temporary housing units, connecting survivors to short- and long-term rental, and coordinating rental and mortgage assistance for survivor households with economic impacts



HOUSING

- Residential units destroyed: 344 (<1%+ increase over prior update)
- Residential units with major damage: 694 (7%+ increase over prior update)
- Residential units with habitability repairs: 9,341 (3%+ increase over prior update)
- Total residential units damaged: 10,379 (3%+ increase over prior update)
- Households currently in TSA: 762 (9%+ increase over prior update)
- Households approved for FEMA direct housing: 92 (12%- decrease from prior update)
- FEMA temporary housing units complete: 55 (53%+ increase over prior update)
- FEMA temporary housing units in-progress: 28 (28%- decrease from prior update)
- Households approved for rental assistance: 769 (17%+ increase over prior update)



INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS



Focused on restoring and enhancing essential public infrastructure and accessibility to private property, including comprehensive damage assessments, coordination of repairs/restoration, and mitigation of future hazards such as floods and landslides



INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS

- 222 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications have been submitted to NCEM (71% increase over last update)
 - 176 for acquisition & 38 for elevation/reconstruction & 7 for landslides
- Helene related building permit apps filed across 1,200+ unique locations (2% increase over last update)
- Helene related building inspections conducted at 800+ unique locations (4% increase over last update)
- 300+ private addresses assessed for bridge damage by Fire Marshall
- 1,000+ landslides occurred in the County with 400+ damaging roads and structures
- 1,400 assessments conducted of properties in flood plain with letters of significant damage being sent
 - County standing up free surveyor program for household appealing significant damage determination



NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES



Focused on the restoration and sustainable management of natural and cultural resources, including capabilities to maintain, conserve, renew, and rehabilitate resources such as parks, farmland, watersheds and streambanks in alignment with environmental and historical preservation laws



NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Emergency watershed protection potential applicants identified: 369 (11% decrease* compared to last update)
 - **this reflects the removal of landslide sites from the list of applicants*
- 7 County parks open to the public (no change compared to prior update)
- 12 County libraries open to the public (1 additional library opened since prior update)





FOUNDATIONAL

Focused on coordinating the resources needed for an effective recovery for and linking recovery with organizational operations –such as grants & funding, data sharing, county property damage, staffing considerations, communications, funding, facilities, fleet, human capital and technology



FOUNDATIONAL

- \$12.01 M expended for Helene; \$12.54 M committed
- 1 Category A* project submitted in FEMA grants portal
 - Submitted: \$68,240,087.00 (no change compared to prior update)
 - Received: \$34,120,044.00 (no change compared to prior update)
 - **expedited funding*
- 28 active staff reassignments being managed by HR
- 100 internal county staffing vacancies (not including BCSO)
- Insurance claim for County-owned assets:
 - Claims submitted: \$1.07 M
 - Claim received: \$128,643
- Recovery-related grant funding:
 - Requested: \$3.4 M
 - Awarded: \$600,000

