

RESOLUTION # 25-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPROVE HAZARD MITIGATION  
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

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WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 315 declaring a statewide State of Emergency and on September 26, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden approved a federal disaster declaration for Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, on or about September 27-28, 2024, Tropical Storm Helene (“storm”) devastated portions of Buncombe County and the incorporated municipalities;

WHEREAS, FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (“HMGP”) provides funding to state and local governments after a federally declared disaster, to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, the Town of Black Mountain, the Town of Woodfin, the Town of Weaverville, and their respective residents, intend to apply for HMGP assistance; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is administering HMGP applications for County residents and has agreed to administer applications for the City of Asheville, the Town of Black Mountain, the Town of Weaverville, and the Town of Woodfin.

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

1. Buncombe County is a public entity duly organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Board of Commissioners is the governing board for Buncombe County.
2. The County Manager is hereby designated as the Primary Agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and as such, is authorized to execute all required forms and documents for the purposes of obtaining financial assistance for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended).
3. The County Manager is further authorized to represent and act for Buncombe County in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters related to such assistance by the grant agreements and required applicant assurances.

4. This Resolution shall apply to all HMGP applications submitted by Buncombe County and all municipal partners and shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 4th<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Sarah Gross, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Edwards, Chairm

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney