



HELENE RELATED AMENDMENTS TO AHSP GUIDELINES

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March 4, 2025: Committee recommends the Board amend the Affordable Housing Services Program (AHSP) Guidelines so that additional funding could be available for emergency repairs for homes damaged by Hurricane Helene.



CONSIDERATIONS

Where a home has Helene-related damages and needs repair:

Emergency Repair Program Maximums

- Increasing Maximum Assistance from \$25,000 to \$50,000

Emergency Repair Program Forgivable Loan (Lien) Securement Options

- Grant/No forgivable loan required (Committee Recommendation)
- Forgivable loan requirement threshold
- Diminishing lien schedule



CONSIDERATIONS

Requirement	Existing AHSP	Helene Related Damage
Lien Threshold	\$15,000	\$15,000
Maximum Assistance	\$25,000	\$50,000
Lien Forgiveness	\$15,000 year 1 \$5,000 year 2 \$5,000 year 3	\$30,000 year 1 \$10,000 year 2 \$10,000 year 3



CONTRACTS TO ADDRESS DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS

Contract scope will address requirements for additional documentation on:

- Helene damage cost estimates
- Private support (insurance proceeds, etc.)
- Nonprofit support (repair donations, assistance, etc.)
- Public support (local/state/federal funds/grants, etc.)



QUESTIONS



RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve an amendment to Buncombe County's Affordable Housing Services Program (AHSP) Emergency Repair Program for assistance to households with Helene-related repair needs as follows:

- (1) to increase the Maximum Assistance to \$50,000 where costs exceed sources of support; and
- (2) to establish a lien requirement where the repair is funded at or above \$15,000 which will reduce by \$30,000 in year 1, \$10,000 in year 2, and \$10,000 in year three.

