



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

#### New Business

**Department:** Planning

**Presenter(s):** Jonathon Jones

**Contact(s):** Jonathon Jones

**Subject:** Helene Related Amendments to Affordable Housing Services Program Guidelines

#### Brief Summary:

Buncombe County's Affordable Housing Services Program (AHSP) Emergency Repair Program provides repair assistance up to \$25,000 per household which is secured by a lien for any repairs funded at or above \$15,000 (which reduces by \$15,000 in year one, \$5,000 in year 2, and \$5,000 in year three). Given the number of homes in Buncombe County with Helene damage and repair needs, non-profit partners receiving Buncombe County AHSP Emergency Home Repair funds requested AHSP changes for homes with Helene-related repair needs. The request was: (1) to increase the maximum per household repair assistance from \$25,000 to \$50,000; and (2) to eliminate lien requirements for Helene-related repairs. The Affordable Housing Committee supported the changes as requested and recommended such to the Board of Commissioners.

#### Recommended Motion & Requested 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.

#### County Manager's Comments & Recommendations:

County Manager recommends as presented.