City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

Staff Resources: Nikki Reid and Emily Ball, Homeless Strategy Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funding for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of $173,839 and approval of an associated budget amendment and to ratify submission of the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement application and accept any funds awarded.

Background:

- The Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community-based collaborative body responsible for homelessness in Asheville and Buncombe County.
- The CoC has designated the City of Asheville as its Lead Agency and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead. The CoC Board has approved by vote the below activities.
- CoCs are eligible to apply for Federal funds for homelessness response through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program.
- In our capacity as Lead Agency, the City is eligible for admin funds to offset staff costs through a Planning Grant. In our capacity as HMIS Lead, the City administers the HMIS Grant on the CoC's behalf to cover the community's cost to use the HMIS.
- HUD typically opens a national competition for CoC Program funds annually. However, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 funds, HUD non-competitively renewed all awards from FY2024, including the City's Planning and HMIS Grants. This requested action will accept those already awarded and budgeted funds in the amounts of $102,043 (Planning) and $71,796 (HMIS) for a performance period of 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2027.
- HUD has also opened a Youth Homelessness funding opportunity, and the CoC Board has approved a City application for Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement. If awarded, this will add project management capacity in the Homeless Strategy Division for Lead Agency work to support the CoC's development of its system to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. Applications were due August 10, 2026 and staff have submitted following CoC Board direction. This requested action ratifies the application and authorizes acceptance if awarded.

Vendor Outreach: N/A

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- Quality Affordable Housing

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- Housing

Committee(s):

- Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care approval - July 9, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- The FY2025 CoC program award was originally budgeted in the Special Revenue Fund for $169,387, based on initial estimates. The final award is $173,839. This requires a budget amendment of $4,452 to fully fund the award, which is attached to this staff report.
- CoC Program awards require a 25% cash match to be met using City of Asheville general funds for staff positions in the Homeless Strategy Division allocated in the regular annual budget process. Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement awards do not require matching funds.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funding for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of $173,839 and approve an associated budget amendment and to ratify submission of the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement application and accept any funds awarded.

Attachment(s):

- Resolutions
- Budget Amendment Ordinance

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funding for Fiscal Year 2025

Whereas, the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community-based collaborative body responsible for homelessness in Asheville and Buncombe County and has designated the City of Asheville as its Lead Agency; and

Whereas, the CoC Board has authorized the City of Asheville in its capacity as Lead Agency to administer CoC Program funding for Fiscal Year 2025; and

Whereas, the City has been awarded Fiscal Year 2025 CoC Program funding for Planning and Homeless Management Information System Grants in the amount of $173,839; and

Whereas, CoC Program awards require a 25% cash match (approximately $45,000) to be met using City of Asheville general funds for staff positions in the Homeless Strategy Division allocated in the regular annual budget process;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is authorized to accept U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funding for Fiscal Year 2025.

Read, approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to ratify submission of the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement application and accept any funds awarded

Whereas, the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community-based collaborative body responsible for homelessness in Asheville and Buncombe County and has designated the City of Asheville as its Lead Agency; and

Whereas, the CoC Board has authorized the City of Asheville in its capacity as Lead Agency to apply for and administer Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement funding; and

Whereas, the City was eligible to apply for Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement by August 10, 2026 in the amount of $995,795; and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is authorized to ratify the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement application submission and accept any funds awarded.

Read, approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk

City of Asheville Budget Amendment Ordinance Number ____

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Asheville:

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Annual Operating Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $4,452 to the Special Revenue Fund for the FY2025 Continuum of Care Program as follows:

Special Revenue Fund

Revenues:

Restricted Intergovernmental Federal Grants - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - $4,452

Expenditures:

Contracted services - $4,452

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 25th day of August, 2026.

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