City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Staff Resources: Nikki Reid, Housing and Economic Development Director, and Emily Ball, Homeless Strategy Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept funding from Destination Home for the Right at Home initiative in the amount of $6,000,000 and approval of an associated budget amendment.

Background:

- The City of Asheville is the designated Lead Agency for the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC oversees homelessness response in Asheville and Buncombe County.
- The CoC has been invited to participate in a 3-year pilot initiative on homelessness prevention called Right at Home. Right at Home is seeking to pilot prevention services (e.g. rental assistance, case management) in 10 communities across the country and has selected Asheville-Buncombe for inclusion in the pilot.
- The CoC Board unanimously approved this opportunity at its May 8, 2025 meeting and City Council subsequently approved submission of a Planning Grant which was awarded in June 2026.
- The resulting 3-year implementation plan was approved by the CoC Board on June 11, 2026.
- Right at Home has approved the CoC's plan and will provide $6M over 3 years for implementation to prevent homelessness for at least 1,000 households.
- The City of Asheville will administer the $6M implementation grant in its capacity as the designated Lead Agency for the CoC and will manage agreements with service providers as approved by the CoC Board.
- Right at Home is a national initiative led by Destination Home which is a 501(c)3 organization administering implementation grants with all pilot communities.

Vendor Outreach: N/A

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- Quality Affordable Housing

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- People
- Housing

Committee(s):

- Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care Board Approval - June 11, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- $6,000,000 in funding from Destination Home for the Right at Home initiative will be added via budget amendment.
- There is no required local match. The pilot will not require any General Fund resources.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept funding from Destination Home for the Right at Home initiative in the amount of $6,000,000 and approval of an associated budget amendment.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment Ordinance

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept funding from Destination Home for the Right at Home initiative

Whereas,, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-171 to apply for and receive grants and to enter into contracts for said grants in order to perform any function which the city may be authorized by general law to provide or perform; and

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 has been invited to participate in a 3-year pilot initiative on homelessness prevention called Right at Home as one of 10 selected communities; and

Whereas, the CoC Board unanimously approved this opportunity at its May 8, 2025 meeting and City Council subsequently approved submission of a Planning Grant which was awarded in June 2026 with the resulting 3-year implementation plan approved by the CoC Board on June 11, 2026; and

Whereas, Right at Home has approved the CoC's plan and will provide $6M over 3 years for implementation to prevent homelessness for at least 1,000 households; and

Whereas, the City of Asheville will administer the $6M implementation grant in its capacity as the designated Lead Agency for the CoC and will manage agreements with service providers as approved by the CoC Board; and

Whereas, Right at Home is a national initiative led by Destination Home which is a 501(c)3 organization administering implementation grants with all pilot communities and wishes to enter into an agreement with the City of Asheville for this purpose; and

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

The City Manager is authorized to accept funding from Destination Home for the Right at Home initiative in the amount of $6,000,000.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of October, 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 $6,000,000 to the Special Revenue Fund for the Right at Home initiative as follows:

Special Revenue Fund

Revenues:

Restricted Private Grants - Destination Home - $6,000,000

Expenditures:

Right At Home Program - $6,000,000

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

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of October, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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