CDBG-NR Quarterly Report

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Background. In January 2023, The North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC) Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) issued a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) award in response to Buncombe County's CDBG-NR funding application to support home repair for low- and moderate-income homeowners. In April and July 2023, Buncombe County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify subrecipients of funding to complete the home repair work. Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity was subsequently selected to be the subrecipient of CDBG-NR funds. In August 2023, Buncombe County executed an agreement with the Subrecipient to perform 40+ repairs using $200,000 in CDBG-NR funds.

Activities in Prior Quarter. The Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity was severely impacted by Hurricane Helene on September 27, 2024. The flooding of the Swannanoa River inundated their construction equipment, facilities, warehouse, and administrative offices. Due to these extenuating circumstances and in response to the emergency home repair recovery needs in Buncombe County, Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity informed Buncombe County that their focus has shifted to emergency recovery repair program and all non-emergency projects are on hold. The Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity CDBG-NR contract is terminated with Buncombe County.

Future Activities. Community Development staff are in discussion with NC Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division about potential uses for the CDBG-NR funding for the Helene recovery process. Commerce has expressed ongoing support and willingness to assist Buncombe County's Helene recovery.

