Buncombe County NC - Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda
Date: Wednesday 1/28/2025
Time: 3:30 to 5:00 pm
Location: Land of Sky Regional Council
339 New Leicester Hwy., Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806 and ZOOM

Invitees		
Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Taylor Foisie
Melissa Harmon	Eileen McMinn	Deborah Oldt
Susan Schiemer	Greg Zornes	
Alison Banzhoff	Billie Breeden	Zack Schmitt

I. Welcome
   a. Approve or Revise Agenda
   b. Approve or Revise Meeting Minute

II. Review of Expenditure Reports
   a. Units of Service
   b. Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds (BCSAF)

III. Presentation by William High, Lead Transportation Planner, who oversees the operations and programs related to transportation including Mountain Mobility.
   a. This presentation is depended on the storm's impact on personnel demands.

IV. Determine Action Items and Next Steps

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Billie,

Thank you for confirming that Buncombe County Community Development will not need to fill out an application for Mountain Mobility transportation services. I do understand the question surrounding the recurring allocation $500,000. Please see my responses below to the HCCBG Advisory Committee questions:

1. if you can locate written documentation of the agreement that MM will always get $500K.

There is no written documentation/agreement establishing a recurring commitment of $500,000. That decision was made when Jen Teague was still at Buncombe County and leading the allocation efforts. My recollection from that time is that the County, during the budgeting process, was considering reducing its local commitment to HCCBG from $500,000 to the minimum required match (a significant reduction). During the budget process, I explained that the Transportation Fund relied on a sizable allocation of HCCBG funding and that reducing the local commitment to HCCBG would essentially reduce the grant funds to the Transportation and require the County to: (1) increase local funding to the Transportation fund to offset reduced HCCBG funds, and/or (2) reduce Mountain Mobility HCCBG transportation services given less funding support. Again, as I recall, Jen Teague felt that advocating to preserve the full local commitment while also preserving a regular allocation to Mountain Mobility meant that we (Mountain Mobility) would not be entering into direct competition for an ultimately reduced total pot of funds.

2. if there is documentation stating that the amount of BCSAF funding would be what MM would be provided in HCCBG funds.

There is no written documentation/agreement stating that BCSAF funding would be provided or in what amounts.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Thanks,
Matt

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