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 2023, Buncombe County issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to identify subrecipients of funding to complete the home repair work. Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity was selected to be the subrecipient of CDBG-NR funds through that process. In August 2023, Buncombe County executed an agreement with the subrecipient to perform 40+ repairs using $200,000 in CDBG-NR funds.

Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity was severely impacted by Helene on September 27, 2024. The flooding of the Swannanoa River inundated 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 its focus shifted to emergency recovery repair program and requested termination of the CDBG-NR agreement. The contract terminated February 2025.

Activities in Prior Quarter. Community Development staff continued discussion with the NCDOC REDD about potential uses for the CDBG-NR funding for Helene recovery as the County develops its Helene Recovery Plan. The NCDOC has expressed ongoing support and willingness to assist with Buncombe County's Helene recovery.

Future Activities. Community Development staff will update and seek approval from NCDOC REDD once a proposed project is identified in the Helene Recovery Plan process that aligns with the CDBG-NR program.