FY 27 AHSP Application Staff Summary: Energy Savers Network – Administrative Support

175	$286	$1.00 : $5.40	≤60%	100%
Households Served	AHSP Request Per Household	Leverage Ratio AHSP $: Other Non-County $	AMI Target	% Admin Cost

Project Description: Energy Savers Network (ESN) submitted an **Administrative Support Program Grant** application requesting **$50,000** to support its weatherization, home repair, and energy upgrades programs.

AHSP Goal: Preserve the supply of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH)

AHSP Objective: N/A

Summary: Energy Savers Network's request ($50,000) is intended to provide administrative support to its home repair and weatherization programs. The request will support an overall project budget of $320,000. ESN's services are provided exclusively to households whose gross income is less than or equal to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (roughly equivalent to ≤60% AMI). ESN's programmatic efforts ensure households are not displaced because of high energy burden costs and/or unsafe living conditions.

ESN helps preserve existing housing stock through mobilized weatherization, critical home repairs, advanced energy upgrades, and mold remediation. In calendar year 2025 ESN assisted 83 households with critical home repairs and 164 households with weatherization supported through Duke Energy's grant funding. As of 2026, the funding that traditionally supported these initiatives has become unavailable.

ESN, with the potential support of this grant, plans to expand staffing capacity of the organization to match increasing demand for services. The funds will address personnel needs through the hiring of an entry level position to assist with administrative support, data entry, and client/volunteer outreach. This position will provide capacity for the Director of Operations and the Energy Efficiency Navigator positions to take on additional responsibilities in grant writing, fundraising, and community outreach.

County Funding Source Options: Buncombe County General Fund and AHSP Program Income.

Finance Department Assessment of Audits and Financial Position: Energy Savers Network provided a Management Report showing financial position as of December 31, 2025 and a statement of activities for the period ending December 31, 2025. At this time, there are no concerns.

Recommendation: Community Development Division staff reviewed the project, confirm it adheres to the requirements of the FY27 AHSP, and confirm it appears eligible for funding. The project appears ready for implementation July 1, 2026. A full or partial award may be considered.

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET	Y/N
Project Description/Narrative	
Clearly affordable housing focused	Y
Aligns with all components of the application	Y
Aligns with all guidelines of the AHSP program	Y
Aligns with the selected strategic goal	Y
Aims to impact at least one Social Determinate of Health	Y
Designed to Serve Households with AMI	
<80%	N
<50%	Y
<30%	Y
Designed to Serve	
Income qualified general populous eligible for the program	Y
Individuals who are age 55 or older	Y
Individuals with a disability	Y
Individuals who are hard to house	N
Individuals who are homeless	N
Individuals who are BIPOC	Y
Individuals who are justice involved	N
Individuals who have vouchers	N
Individuals who have been referred by the Continuum of Care	Y
Individuals who have been affected by Helene	Y
Budget of Expenses	
Complete	Y
Reasonable	Y
Budget of Revenues	
Complete	Y
Reasonable	Y
Includes leveraging additional investment (non-AHSP funds)	Y
Project Team	
Relevant experience and qualifications to complete the project	Y
Project History	
Indicates success in completing projects in the program category	Y
Applicant	
Has timely audits free of qualifications and findings which would adversely indicate ability to manage an AHSP allocation	Y
Shows a healthy financial position	Y
Is a non-profit applicant	Y