FY 27 AHSP Application Staff Summary: Energy Savers Network: Emergency Repair

75	$4,000	$1.00 : $0.00	≤60%	9%
Households Served	AHSP Request Per Household	Leverage Ratio AHSP $: Other Non-County $	AMI Target	% Admin Cost

Project Description: Energy Savers Network (ESN) submitted an **Emergency Repair Program Grant** application requesting **$300,000** to provide health and safety home repair services for low-income homeowners.

Affordable Housing Goal: Preserve the supply of naturally occurring affordable housing.

Affordable Housing Objective: Impact 1,000 repair units for households at <80% AMI by 2030.

Summary: ESN's request ($300,000) is intended to repair health and safety issues in 75 homes (25 units at 31%-60% AMI, and 50 units at ≤30% AMI) for households with incomes ≤200% of the federal poverty level (approximately ≤60% AMI). This request is the sole source of funding proposed for the program and will continue ESN's emergency repair program through FY27. The requested AHSP funds include a 9% ($27,000) allocation to support administrative activities including personnel costs, office space costs, professional services, and IT services, among other costs.

ESN primarily plans to fund traditional repair projects with AHSP funds. ESN does not have other sources of funding to support its repair program. ESN estimates that 32% of their work will be disaster related repairs. AHSP funds may also be used to address homes damaged by Tropical Storm Helene.

ESN currently has 76 approved households on the emergency repair waiting list. By June 30, 2026, it is anticipated that an additional 40 households will apply for home repair and may be added to the wait list. ESN's in-house staff will perform intake, conduct site visits, and supervise engaged contractors performing repairs.

In-house staff triage the waiting list, using a custom ranking system to prioritize projects based on urgency, household need, and feasibility. Repairs may include flooring, walls, porches, roof patching, gutter repairs, electrical repairs, HVAC repairs, remediation of mold or other air quality hazards, the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and more. ESN's program also provides customers with weatherization upgrades to their home bolstering energy efficiency. AHSP funds would only address the health and safety repair components of this program.

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 and confirm it adheres to AHSP requirements and appears eligible for funding. The project appears ready for implementation July 1, 2026. Consideration of full or partial award is recommended.

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%	Y
<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 affected by Helene	Y
Project Expenses	
Complete	Y
Reasonable	Y
Project Uses	
Complete	Y
Reasonable	Y
Includes leveraging additional investment (non-AHSP funds)	N
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