FY 27 AHSP Application Staff Summary: Wild Abundance: Social Responsibility Fund: Learn, Build, House: 4-Month Carpentry Program – New Start

1	$45,000	$1.00:$0	≤80%	0%
Unit to be Constructed	AHSP Request Per Unit	Leverage Ratio AHSP $: Other Non-County $	AMI Target	% Admin Cost

Project Description: Wild Abundance submitted a **New Start** application requesting grant funds in the amount of **$45,000** to fund the cost of building materials, tools, fixtures, and finishes to complete the construction of a tiny house.

AHSP Goal: Support activities that achieve functional zero Homelessness

Summary: This project integrates workforce education with equitable housing solutions by building and donating a high-quality tiny home through Wild Abundance's 4-month Carpentry Training Program. Students receive hands-on instruction in carpentry and sustainable building while collaboratively constructing a safe, durable home that is donated to a household experiencing housing insecurity.

The New Start grant funding request would cover material costs including tools, lumber, fixtures, and finishes, making it possible to donate the completed home rather than sell it at cost. The applicant plans to construct one home. This model is intended to address urgent housing needs while expanding access to skilled trades education for women and non-binary individuals, strengthening economic stability, community resilience, and neighborhood well-being in Western North Carolina.

Finance Department Assessment of Audits and Financial Position: Wild Abundance Social Responsibility Fund did not provide enough information to determine financial health.

Recommendation: Community Development Division staff reviewed the project. The project does not align with the New Start Program because the project: (1) is construction of units for ownership, and (2) does not represent a new or innovative strategy. There is not a current program under the AHSP that aligns with construction of units for donation. The project does not appear eligible for funding and an award is not recommended to be considered at this time.

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET	Y/N
Project Description/Narrative	
Clearly affordable housing focused	Y
Aligns with all components of the application	N
Aligns with all guidelines of the AHSP program	N
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%	N
<30%	N
Designed to Serve	
Income qualified general populous eligible for the program	Y
Individuals who are age 55 or older	N
Individuals with a disability	N
Individuals who are hard to house	N
Individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Y
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	N
Applicant	
Has timely audits free of qualifications and findings which would adversely indicate ability to manage an AHSP allocation	N
Shows a healthy financial position	N
Is a non-profit applicant	Y