FY 27 AHSP Application Staff Summary: Pisgah Legal Services – Homelessness Prevention Program: Administrative Support

30	$1,666	$1.00 : $27.94	≤80%	100%
Households Served	AHSP Request Per Household	Leverage Ratio AHSP $: Other Non-County $	AMI Target	% Admin Cost

Project Description: Pisgah Legal Services (PLS) submitted an **Administrative Support Program Grant** application requesting **$50,000** to provide free legal assistance to help low-income residents avoid homelessness by preventing evictions.

AHSP Goal: Support activities that achieve functional zero Homelessness

AHSP Objective: N/A

Summary: Pisgah Legal Service's (PLS) request ($50,000) is intended to provide administrative support for its Homelessness Prevention program, which provides free legal assistance to qualifying households to delay evictions and foreclosures; stabilize households in units they can afford; and address the quality of housing conditions. Attorneys and staff also support households in accessing rental assistance and other resources to avoid homelessness. PLS reports it prioritizes disproportionately affected communities and households with children. The program receives referrals in a variety of ways, including monitoring eviction dockets and offering on site legal services at the Buncombe County Courthouse, collaboration with local nonprofit partners and service providers, word of mouth, and walk-ins to the program offices. The request will support an overall project budget of $1,446,976.

PLS also supports low-income homeowners facing foreclosure due to medical crises or other hardships, helping preserve their homes and hard-earned equity.

PLS plans to use grant funds to sustain existing positions and the addition of an attorney hired in March 2025 to support housing stability and disaster recovery. Specific costs include salary, insurance, and other personnel-related costs of attorneys, support staff, and management.

For transparency, PLS identified Commissioner Martin Moore as a member of the organization's board of directors.

Finance Department Assessment of Audits and Financial Position: PLS provided a timely audit free of qualifications and findings. As of December 31, 2024, PLS's financials show a reasonably healthy financial position.

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 homeless	Y
Individuals who are BIPOC	Y
Individuals who are justice involved	N
Individuals who have vouchers	Y
Individuals who have been referred by the Continuum of Care	N
Individuals who have been displaced 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