Affordable Housing Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

35 Woodfin St Meeting Room
April 21st, 2026 1:00-2:30 P.M.

The meeting was held in person, with the public invited to attend in person or virtually. The public was able to view the meeting via engage.buncombecounty.org.

Attendants

Subcommittee members: Resident Member Meaghan Austin, Commissioner Ball, Resident Member Joe DeCredico, Chairwoman Amanda Edwards,

County Staff Present: Matthew Cable, Matthew Card, Jake Ekberg, Curt Euler, William High, Jonathon Jones, Jay Shih, Nancy Williams .

Call to Order & Welcome

- Chairwoman Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:02

Public Comment

See below for details on how to submit comment before or during the meeting.***

Meeting Minutes

- Resident Member DeCredico made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 31th, 2026 subcommittee meeting. Resident Member Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

FY2027 AHSP Funding Recommendations

- Chairwoman Edwards called the meeting to recess at 1:29 P.M.
- Chairwoman Edwards resumed the meeting from recess at 1:36 P.M.
- Resident member DeCredico motioned to recommend the following slate of projects with the corresponding funding amounts to the full Buncombe County Board of Commissioners:
    - Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity – Construction to Downpayment Assistance - $500,000
    - Asheville Buncombe Community Land Trust - Down Payment Assistance - $30,000
    - Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity - Emergency Home Repair - $600,000

  - Colaborativa La Milpa - Emergency Repair - $264,650
  - Mountain Housing Opportunities – Emergency Repair - $400,000
  - Council on Aging – Emergency Home Repair - $75,000
  - Energy Savers Network Emergency Home Repair - $50,000
  - The ARC of Buncombe County - Tenant Based Rental Assistance - $25,000
  - Eblen Charities - Tenant Based Rental Assistance - $200,000
  - Safe Shelter - Construction Grant - $167,100
- Resident Member Austin seconded the motion to recommend the proposed slate of projects and their corresponding funding amounts to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously

Presentations

Announcements

Adjourn

- Commissioner Ball motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:41. Resident Member DeCredico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents
Draft Minutes (March 31, 2026)

*** Public comment will be taken in person and via electronic means. Public comment can be provided in advance of the meeting. The following criteria for comment will apply to public comment submitted in advance of the meeting: (1) any public comment must be sent between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. the day before an Affordable Housing Committee Meeting to jake.ekberg@buncombecounty.org or by leaving a message at (828) 250-4834; and (2) must be no more than 350 words. When the meeting begins, it will appear on the Affordable Housing Committee page at engage.buncombecounty.org, the comment feature will be active on Public Input and you can provide information to the committee through the comment section or through voicemail.