Buncombe County Affordable Housing Subcommittee

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North Carolina Housing Finance Agency
Attn: Tara Meredith
3508 Bush Street
Raleigh, NC 27609

Subject: 2027 Qualified Allocation Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Meredith,

As Chair of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and the Buncombe County Affordable Housing Subcommittee, I am submitting a single, specific recommendation for the 2027 Qualified Allocation Plan on behalf of Buncombe County.

Buncombe County was severely impacted by Tropical Storm Helene with over 30% of the damaged and destroyed homes reported across North Carolina being located within Buncombe County. Buncombe County is part of the Metro region and will not benefit from additional credits allocated to the West region, which we understand remains in an effort to assist in recovery for Tropical Storm Helene impacted counties. Buncombe County is still in active recovery from this catastrophic event and requests continued Disaster Recovery provisions be made available to help replace lost units.

Specifically, Buncombe County recommends preserving the following language from the 2026 QAP to support our ongoing recovery:

> "If necessary, the Agency will adjust the awards under the Plan to ensure the overall allocation results in no less than one award for Buncombe County in the Metro region. The initial maximum under II(F)(1)(b) will not apply to Buncombe County should that county be eligible for a second new construction award."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Edwards
Chair, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners