City of Asheville Staff Report

City Council Meeting Date: October 27, 2026

Staff Resources: Nikki Reid, Housing and Economic Development Director, and Emily Ball, Homeless Strategy Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer their matching funding for Code Purple emergency shelter in the amount of $100,000 for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 season.

Background:

- Code Purple is a longstanding, lifesaving community initiative to provide additional, highly accessible emergency shelter during cold weather.
- Code Purple is coordinated by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC), which identifies shelter providers and establishes the operational plan each season.
- For FY27, the City and Buncombe County have each budgeted $100,000 to support Code Purple operations via funding agreements with service providers as approved by the CoC Board.
- The City has managed the County's matching funds the past several years in order to streamline funding agreements with service providers.
- Code Purple will be activated, communicated, and managed by the CoC.

Vendor Outreach: N/A

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- Quality Affordable Housing

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- People
- Housing

Committee(s):

- No Committees have responsibility for the interlocal agreement, but the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care is responsible for Code Purple and directing funds to providers.

Fiscal Impact:

- Buncombe County's matching Code Purple funds are included in the City's FY27 budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer their matching funding for Code Purple emergency shelter in the amount of $100,000 for the 26-27 season.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer their matching funding for Code Purple emergency shelter in the amount of $100,000 for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 season.

Whereas, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-461 the City is authorized to enter into interlocal agreements with other units of local government in the State; and

Whereas, Code Purple is a longstanding, lifesaving community initiative to provide additional, highly accessible emergency shelter during cold weather; and

Whereas,Code Purple is coordinated by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC), which identifies shelter providers and establishes the operational plan each season; and

Whereas, for FY27, the City and Buncombe County have each budgeted $100,000 to support Code Purple operations via funding agreements with service providers as approved by the CoC Board; and

Whereas, the City has managed the County's matching funds the past several years in order to streamline funding agreements with service providers; and

Whereas, Code Purple will be activated, communicated, and managed by the CoC;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

The City Manager is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer their matching funding for Code Purple emergency shelter in the amount of $100,000 for the 26-27 season.

Read, approved and adopted this 27th day of October, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk