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 ratifying submission of renewal Planning and Homeless Management Information System grants through the Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care Program as approved by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care and authorizing the City Manager to accept any funds awarded.

Background:

- The City of Asheville is the designated Lead Agency and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead for the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC oversees homelessness response in Asheville and Buncombe County.
- The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) opened the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition on September 18, 2026 with applications due September 30, 2026. As the designated Lead Agency, the City is responsible for submission of the CoC's application package based on projects approved by the CoC Board. HUD will review all submissions and will contract directly with agencies whose projects are approved.
- The CoC Board approved projects for submission at their September 23, 2026 meeting totalling $2,682,547. Projects include Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Services provided by Homeward Bound, Helpmate, ABCCM, Haywood Street, Eliada Homes, and Western Carolina Rescue Ministries.
- Projects also include two renewal projects for the City of Asheville.
    - As the designated HMIS Lead, the City receives and manages a CoC Program grant to cover the vendor cost for the HMIS used by the CoC. This renewal grant was approved for submission in the amount of $71,796.
    - As the designated Lead Agency, the City receives a Planning Grant to support staff costs in the Homeless Strategy Division. This renewal grant was approved for submission in the amount of $95,325.
- If awarded, both City projects will operate on a grant period of CY28 and will be budgeted through the annual budget process.
- HUD expects to announce awards by December 1, 2026.

Vendor Outreach: The CoC's Funding Committee published the funding opportunity to CoC Member organizations, reviewed and scored all applications received, and made recommendations to the CoC Board which were approved on September 23, 2026.

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- Quality Affordable Housing

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- People
- Housing

Committee(s):

- Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care Board Approval - September 23, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- Awarded funds will be budgeted for CY28 as part of the FY 2027-28 budget process.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution ratifying submission of renewal Planning and Homeless Management Information System grants through the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program as approved by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care and authorizing the City Manager to accept any funds awarded.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution ratifying submission of renewal Planning and Homeless Management Information System grants through the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program as approved by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care and authorizing the City Manager to accept any funds awarded.

Whereas, the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community-based collaborative body responsible for homelessness in Asheville and Buncombe County and has designated the City of Asheville as its Lead Agency and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead; and

Whereas, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) opened the FY2026 CoC Program Competition on September 18, 2026 with applications due September 30, 2026; and

Whereas, the CoC Board approved applications for submission to HUD for FY2026 CoC Program funding on September 23, 2026; and

Whereas, Board-approved projects include an HMIS Grant in the amount of $71,796 and a Planning Grant in the amount of $95,325, both managed by the City of Asheville; and

Whereas, both projects are renewals of existing funding managed by the City and would operate in CY28 if awarded;

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

Submission of renewal Planning and Homeless Management Information System grants through the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program as approved by the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care is ratified and the City Manager is authorized to accept any funds awarded.

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