CODE PURPLE & WINTER SHELTER UPDATE

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CODE PURPLE & WINTER SHELTERING ROLES

- City of Asheville:
  - Leads Code Purple/Winter Shelter
  - Contracts with Code Purple and Winter Shelter Provider(s)
- Continuum of Care:
  - Develops Code Purple Plan (which recommended Winter Sheltering) and informs City of provider responses
- Partners:
  - Respond to Code Purple and Winter Shelter RFP with proposed levels of services
  - Provide Code Purple and Winter Shelter Services under contract with and direction from City
- Buncombe County:
  - Enters interlocal agreement with City to partially fund Code Purple

FY 2025-2026 CODE PURPLE

- **Funding: $303,000**
  - Buncombe County $50,000 (partnership match)
  - City of Asheville $50,000 (partnership match)
  - City of Asheville (ARPA) $128,000
  - Mission HCA $75,000
- **Funding Structure**
  - Per Diem rate based on bed utilization
  - Partial Operations Coordinator costs
- **Period Covered:** November 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
- **Type of Shelter**
  - Emergency Nighttime Shelter when Code Purple Parameters are met
- **New This Year**:
  - Multiple Providers
  - Operations Coordinator Role

Code Purple Parameters

- <32° forecasted temp or wind chill
- 33° - 40° & forecasted precipitation
- Other extreme weather events

FY 2025-2026 CODE PURPLE BEDS

Provider	Location	Population	Bed Capacity
ABCCM-Transformation Village	30 Olin Haven Way	Women, Women with Children	35
Salvation Army	204 Haywood St	Men	16
Homeward Bound-AHOPE	19 N. Ann St	Couples, People with Pets	20
		Total Code Purple Beds	**71**

- Limited overflow capacity operated by Safe Shelter
  - First Presbyterian Church: 20 beds added mid-January due to ongoing need
  - Trinity United Methodist Church: 50 beds for Winter Storm Gianna
- Exceed bed capacity on a regular basis (including overflow capacity)
- Total Bed Stays at above locations January 1 through January 19, 2026: 500

FY 2025-2026 NIGHTLY WINTER SHELTER

- **Period Covered:** November 1, 2025 to March 30, 2026
- **Funding:**
  - City of Asheville (CDBG-DDRF) $250,000
  - Flat rate which includes covering portion of Operations Coordinator costs
- **Type of Shelter**
  - Emergency Nighttime Shelter (Regardless of Weather)

FY 2025-2026 NIGHTLY WINTER SHELTER BEDS

Provider	Location	Population	Bed Capacity
Safe Shelter	91 New Leicester Hwy	Men	40
Safe Shelter	27 Balm Grove	Women	10
		Total Nightly Winter Shelter Beds	**50**

- Exceed bed capacity on a regular basis
- Total Bed Stays through January 1 through January 11, 2026: 745

FY 2025-2026 CODE PURPLE & WINTER SHELTER DURING WINTER STORMS

- **Winter Storm Fern:**
  - ABCCM-Transformation Village able to remain open during daytime hours
  - Safe Shelter Women's shelter able to remain open during daytime hours
  - Salvation Army extended hours but did ultimately discharge later in the morning
  - AHOPE unable to remain open or extend hours
  - Safe Shelter Men's unable to remain open or extend hours
- **Winter Storm Gianna:**
  - All shelters determined they would be able to remain open during daytime hours Saturday & Sunday with funding support for staff daytime hours supported by City & County

CODE PURPLE & WINTER SHELTER: CURRENT & FUTURE FISCAL YEARS

- **Potential Considerations:**
  - Expand nightly winter sheltering hours and number of beds
  - Establish parameters that would trigger expanded hours
  - Establish parameters that would trigger daytime hours sheltering
  - Funding/costs with parameter expansions
  - Providers ability to respond to expansion requests
- **Process:**
  - City and County budget considerations
  - City and County interlocal agreement modifications
  - City Code Purple contract modifications
  - Any changes must be authorized by the City of Asheville as the contract holder

Questions?