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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Epley, Burke County Manager

FROM: Sarah Evitt, Area Agency on Aging Director SE

DATE: May 20, 2026

RE: **Recommendations to the Commissioners**
Home and Community Care Block Grant SFY 2026-2027

Background: The Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) and related funding is granted to Burke County for the provision of services to persons over the age of 60. The Burke County Commissioners appointed the Burke County Council on Aging as the planning committee and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments as lead agency for planning, to bring recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning use of the funds.

I. County Funding Allocations SFY 2026-2027

The Burke County HCCBG allocations and related funding are:

Funding	**Fed/State Amount**	**Local Match***
HCCBG	$660,477	$73,386

***Please note that all funding requires a 10% local match. The following agencies provide the match for services that they provide: Blue Ridge Community Action, Catawba Valley Medical Services, Foothills Service Project, and Greenway.**

County agencies (Burke Senior Center) provide the match from their department/agency budgets.

II. Service Allocation Recommendations

The Home and Community Block Grant funding can support a variety of services, as specified by the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services. The Burke County Council on Aging has chosen to recommend funding for nine services for Burke County for SFY 2026-2027.

Burke County will receive $660,477 for HCCBG Services for the service period of July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027.

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Please accept the attached budget summary as the recommendation of the Burke Council on Aging and WPCOG Area Agency on Aging concerning service/funding allocations for the Home and Community Care Block Grant for SFY 2026-2027.

III. Service Provider Designation

The Burke County Council on Aging recommends the following services and provider designations for SFY 2026-2027:

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Service	**Agency**
Adult Day Care	Blue Ridge Community Action
Congregate Meals	Burke County Senior Services
Home Delivered Meals	Burke County Senior Services
Senior Center Operations	Burke County Senior Services
Housing and Home Improvement	Foothills Service Project, Inc.
In-Home Aide Level II	Catawba Valley Medical Services
In-Home Aide Level III	Catawba Valley Medical Services
Medical Transportation	Greenway Transit
General Transportation	Greenway Transit

Action Requested
Commissioner's Approval of Home and Community Care Block Grant SFY 2026-2027 Recommendations (Services funded, Service Allocations and Provider Designation) from the Burke County Council on Aging.