Appalachian Mountain Health

Building Reuse Grant and Public Notices for Economic Development Agreement

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting October 6th, 2026

Background

- Appalachian Mountain Health (AMH) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides affordable healthcare services in Buncombe County
- AMH purchased and is renovating a medical facility in East Buncombe County
- Awarded a **$480,000 Building Reuse Grant** from NC Commerce for job creation and building investment activities
  - Building Reuse Grant requires Board authorization to proceed
  - Require 5% match provided by local philanthropic organization
    - Project will be at no cost to the County
- **Building Reuse Project:**
  - **Eligible Construction Costs:** $2.5M
  - **Jobs:** 48
  - **Wages:** $39.81/hour average

Requested Action Items

Requested Board Action, with two motions:

1. Accept the Building Reuse Grant Agreement with N.C. Commerce and Appalachian Mountain Health and approve the budget amendment.
2. Approve Economic Development Agreement between Appalachian Mountain Health and Buncombe County
   - Does not include County incentive dollars, Agreement is for grant management purposes only

Appalachian Mountain Health

Who We Are

Appalachian Mountain Health
Who we are

18,799

unique patients cared for in 2025

65,236

patient visits across four counties in 2025

Federally Qualified Health Center
Healthcare for all, regardless of ability to pay

Buncombe, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson
Urban Asheville and rural mountain communities

Serving Western NC since 2015
PCMH-accredited primary care

Passion - Integrity - Results - Partnership

Appalachian Mountain Health
Service lines

- **Primary care**
- **Pediatrics**
- **Women's health**
- **Behavioral health**
- **Dental**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Mobile medical and dental**
- **School-based and telehealth**

Four pharmacies, a ten-seat dental clinic in Asheville, May's Care Center, and Asheville High School.

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Building Reuse Grant

Appalachian Mountain Health Building Reuse Grant Award

- As part of their $14 million total investment, AMH will **invest $2.5 million in renovations** to their new Black Mountain-Swannanoa facility
- To make these investments and hire 48 full-time positions, the Rural Economic Development Division of NC Commerce has awarded this project a **$480,000 Building Reuse grant**
- Partnership between Buncombe County, Appalachian Mountain Health and N.C. Commerce
- Buncombe County is the applicant and required direct recipient
  - Pass through of funds will be structured with an Economic Development Agreement with AMH
- Requires a **5% match ($24,000)** to enable this investment
  - Match will be provided by Dogwood Health Trust
  - This project will be at no cost to the County

Request to enter a public hearing in accordance with NCGS § 158-7.1, which directs local governments to hold a public hearing in advance of any appropriation or expenditure for economic development purposes.

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