# CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATE

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Board of Commissioners Briefing

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# CODE PURPLE FY26 CLOSE OUT

- **Funding Committed/Actual: $303,000/$179,224**
  - Buncombe County $50,000/$41,606
  - City of Asheville $50,000/$41,606
  - City of Asheville (ARPA) $128,000/$42,830
  - Mission HCA $75,000/$53,182
- **Funding Structure**
  - Per diem rate based on bed utilization
  - Partial Operations Coordinator Costs
- **Period Covered:** November 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

**Code Purple Parameters**

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

**Code Purple Nights**

- Code Purple Nights: 80
- Average Per Night: 48
- Maximum Use on a Single Night: 133

| 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** |

# CODE PURPLE EMERGENCY FUNDING

- **Need:** Daytime Code Purple capacity due to extremely cold temperatures during Winter Storm Gianna (1/30/26 - 2/2/26)
- **Request:** Support for staffing for Code Purple shelters to remain open during daytime hours to ensure safety of unhoused population (note that 133 beds were used the night of January 31)
- **Cost:** $8,753.28
  - Buncombe County: $4,376.64
  - City of Asheville: $4,376.64

# CODE PURPLE FY27 PLANNING

- System Planning and Implementation Committee will lead planning
- RFP Process to identify providers
  - Committee will collaborate with identified provider cohort
- Funding Committee recommends per diem funding structure
- Plan and updated manual to be presented to CoC Board August 2026
- Confirmed Available Funding:
  - Buncombe County: $100,000 (match with City General Funds)
  - City of Asheville: $108,394
  - City of Asheville ARPA: $85,170

# HUD CoC PROGRAM FUNDING UPDATE

- Annual funding providing housing and planning support for the CoC
- FY 2024 (January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026): Permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing
- FY 2025 (January 1, 2027-December 31, 2027): rescinded due to litigation
- FY 2026 (January 1, 2027-December 31, 2027):  NOFO released June 1, 2026
  - Application Due: August 26, 2026
  - Priorities: Transitional housing, supportive services, & required treatment programming
- Significant Changes
  - New National Priorities from HUD
  - Funding Structure
  - HUD's Application and Selection Process

# ADDITIONAL FUNDING UPDATES

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

- Annual funding for emergency response and housing stability activities
- Available Funds: $130,446 (CY 2027)
- Applications Due: August 24, 2026
- Notification of Award(s): Fall 2026

**Right at Home Homelessness Prevention Partnership**

- Funding for direct financial assistance to prevent homelessness
- Asheville Region Awarded additional $1M
- Project Charter, Draft Operations Manual approved June 2026
- RFA released to CoC, applications due: August 14, 2026
- Anticipated Program Launch: November 2026

**CDBG-DR Planning Grant**

- Award Amount: $242,500
- City Council approved for emergency shelter planning
- Contract for project management capacity and fund professional services as needed

# SALVATION ARMY UPDATE

- Center of Hope Shelter (204 Haywood St) to pause operations beginning November 1, 2026
  - 65 shelter beds offline
- Intent to reopen within 6 months, contingent upon securing operational funding
- Annual Operating Budget: $1.2M
- CoC leading conversation with Salvation Army on solutions
  - Funding Committee, System Planning and Implementation Committee Chairs have met with Lead Agency Staff and Salvation Army leadership
  - Exploring opportunities for partnership during 2026-2027 Code Purple season
  - CoC Board has requested regular updates and materials to share for awareness and support

# CoC BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved implementation of plan for Compensation for People with Lived Experience
- Adopted Funding Policy—defines processes for Funding Committee activity
- Approved “Moving On” Preference with HACA
- Approved addition of Board Seat: Elected Official from the Criminal/Legal System
- Approved additional members for established Committees and Work Groups

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**CoC Membership**

- Tunnel Road Community Cleanup: Thursday, July 23, 2026

**CoC Board**

- Special Called Virtual Meeting: August 10, 2026, 4:00pm
- Regular Monthly Board Meeting: August 13, 2026, 4:00pm
  Harrah's Cherokee Center Banquet Hall

**County Representatives to the CoC Board**

- Commissioner Jennifer Horton, Non-Voting Liaison
- Lacy Hoyle, Homelessness Program Manager
  Buncombe County Staff Appointed Seat

# QUESTIONS?