CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATE

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CODE PURPLE

FY 27 CODE PURPLE OVERVIEW

Code Purple: Overnight sheltering primarily during cold weather events

Upcoming Season: November 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027

Weather Parameters:

- <32° forecast temp or wind chill
- 33-40° with precipitation forecast
- Other extreme weather events (contingent upon provider capacity when events occur)

Capacity Considerations: Winter shelter and steady state beds have been reduced (↓105 beds). Code Purple beds are anticipated to increase (↑44 beds).

Budget Increase: County and City doubled their annual commitment such that, together with other funding changes, there is a 24% increase in funds.

Per Diem Rate Increase: Providers proposed a rate they indicate better reflects actual costs and supports long-term financial sustainability; additional data has been requested regarding actual costs.

FY 27 CODE PURPLE PROCESS

CoC leads Cope Purple planning on an annual basis; this year delegating that responsibility to it's System Planning & Implementation Committee

Process to date:

- Funding Committee recommended per diem funding structure (Spring 2026)
- Lead Agency issued the FY 27 Code Purple RFP (June 17, 2026)
- CoC Board approved a per diem funding rate (October 8, 2026)
- Code Purple Provider Cohort works to expand providers, locations, populations, and bed capacity (In process)

Remaining to complete:

- CoC Board to approve Code Purple plan or manual (date TBD*)

*CoC Board's next meeting is November 12, 2026, after the anticipated start of Code Purple season.

FY 27 CODE PURPLE BUDGET: $376,353

↑$73,353 from FY 26 Budget

- Buncombe County: $100,000
- City of Asheville: $100,000
- City of Asheville ARPA: $83,408
- Mission HCA: $84,551
- City of Asheville Carryforward: $8,394

↑$195,368 from FY 26 Actuals

FY 26 Budget: $303,000

- Buncombe County $50,000
- City of Asheville $50,000
- City of Asheville (ARPA): $128,000
- Mission HCA: $75,000
- City of Asheville Carryforward: $0

FY 26 Actuals: $180,985

- Buncombe County: $41,606
- City of Asheville: $41,606
- Other Sources: $97,773

FY 27 CODE PURPLE BED NIGHTS

FY 27 Budget

- Per Diem Bed Night Rate: $75.00 (↑$35.85)
- Bed Nights Budget: $376,353 (↑$79,620)
- Bed Night Capacity: 5,018 (↑592 Actual Bed Nights Used, ↓2,561 Capacity)

FY 26 Budget:

- Per Diem Bed Night Rate: $39.15
- Bed Nights Budget: $296,733
- Bed Night Capacity: 7,579

FY 26 Actuals:

- Expended on Bed Nights: $149,866
- Actual Bed Nights Used: 4,426 (3,828 purchased, 598 donated)

Note: Some providers may accept less than the CoC Board approved rate.

CoC GRANTS & FUNDING

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Submitted Funding Applications:

- Emergency Solutions Grant
- HUD CoC Program
- HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YDHP)

Funds Received and in Process:

- Right at Home
- Dogwood Health Trust

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FY27

Annual funds for emergency response & housing stability activities for CoC

CoC Funding Committee Recommendation for ESG FY27-27 Application			
Applicant	Project	Request	Recommendation
Helpmate	Emergency Shelter Operations	$50,000	$48,498
	Homelessness Prevention	$77,800	$21,520
	HMIS/Comparable Database	$2,200	$2,200
Homeward Bound	Rapid Rehousing	$60,000	$58,498
	Rapid Rehousing	$20,000	$0
	Total	**$210,000**	**$130,446**

HUD CoC PROGRAM FUNDING UPDATE

Annual funds for housing and planning support for the CoC

FY24 (January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026):

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RR)

FY25 (January 1, 2027-December 31, 2027):

- Rescinded due to litigation

FY26 (January 1, 2027-December 31, 2027)

- Priorities: Transitional housing, supportive services, & required treatment programming

Significant Changes

- New National Priorities from HUD
- Funding Structure
- HUD's Application and Selection Process

CoC Board approved consolidated application September 23, 2026

FY26 PRIORITY LISTING- TIER 1 (RENEWAL PROJECTS)

Applicant	Project	Project Type	Recommended Funding
City of Asheville	NC-501 HMIS FY2026	HMIS	$71,796
Homeward Bound	Bridge To Recovery	PSH	$485,979
Helpmate	DV Survivors Renewal Housing Supports	RR	$84,986
Homeward Bound	Shelter Plus Care	PSH	$501,140
		Total	**$1,143,901**

Note: PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing), RR (Rapid Rehousing)

FY26 PRIORITY LISTING- TIER 2 (NEW PROJECTS)

Applicant	Project	Project Type	Recommended Funding
Haywood Street Respite	The Well House in Haywood St. Respite	TH	$163,154
ABCCM	Transformation Village TH	TH	$500,000
Helpmate	DV Survivors New Housing Supports (Expansion)	RR	$180,720
Helpmate	DV Survivors New Housing Supports SSO	SS	$72,968
Western Carolina Rescue Ministries	WCRM Recovery Programs	TH	$450,000
Eliada Homes	ESTA Transitional Housing	TH	$76,479
		Total	**1,443,321**

Note: TH (Transitional Housing), RR (Rapid Rehousing), SS (Supportive Services)

HUD YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (YDHP)

Annual funds for youth homelessness system improvements

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released June 12, 2026
- CoC eligible to apply for Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement (YHSI) grant
- CoC Board approved submitting $1M application for project management for developing youth components of service system

RIGHT AT HOME HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Funds for direct financial assistance to prevent homelessness

- CoC will receive at least $6M to serve at least 1,000 households over 3 years
- City of Asheville to manage national initiative and provider funding agreements
- Implementation expected to begin by end of CY26

Provider	Households Served	Estimated Financial Assistance
Homeward Bound	75	$262,500
ABCCM	125	$437,500
	50*	$175,000
Operation Gateway	50*	Managed by ABCCM
Pisgah Legal Services	25+	$102,726
	Total	**$977,726**

**contingent upon MOU execution*

DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST

Funds for CoC Development

CoC Development Funds

- CoC Board approved $20,000 to be used for contracted fund development
- CoC Board approved $25,000 to be used for strategic communications strategy

CoC GRANTS & FUNDING REVIEW

Submitted Funding Applications:

- Emergency Solutions Grant: CoC applied for full funding amount available.
- HUD CoC Program: CoC applied for full funding amount available; due to Tier 1 funding change a 25% loss in permanent supportive housing capacity is anticipated.
- HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YDHP): CoC applied for first time $1 million dollar grant.

Funds Received and in Process:

- Right at Home: Providers selected with anticipated implementation by calendar year end.
- Dogwood Health Trust: Allocated funding to specific activities.

ADDITIONAL CoC BOARD ACTIONS

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Approved:

- New Coordinated Entry Assessment Tool and Prioritization Schema
- Additional members for established Committees and Work Groups

Submitted:

- Letter to City Council regarding prioritization of emergency shelter development using CDBG-DR funds

Adopted:

- Data Policy establishing data quality standards for HMIS-participating agencies
- Prohibition of Illicit Drug Enablement Policy (prevents CoC-funded housing projects from engaging in harm reduction activities)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP

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CoC Board

November 12, 2026, 4:00pm

Virtual

CoC Membership

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Location and time to be confirmed

COUNTY REPRESENTATION ON CoC BOARD

Non-Voting Liaison: **Commissioner Drew Ball**

Buncombe County Staff Appointed Seat: **Lacy Hoyle**

QUESTIONS?