## Community Development Block Grant

## Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2026

Buncombe County leverages external sources of funding in support of local projects, initiatives and goals. External grants come with a variety of terms and conditions, including reporting requirements.

One type of external funding utilized by Buncombe County is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a federal assistance program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that supports housing, infrastructure, and economic development for low- and moderate-income residents.

Buncombe County's CDBG awards are passed through from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. One of the award requirements is that "*Administrators of the project will give written status reports to the elected board at a minimum quarterly*."

This consolidated report has been compiled by Strategic Partnerships, a county department with responsibility for overseeing incoming grants from state, federal, and private funders to ensure resources are stewarded effectively and responsibly.

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## CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization (NR)

Project Name: Buncombe County Home Repair Program

Award Number: 21-C-4009

Funder: North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division (REDD), with federal funds under Assistance Listing 14.228

Award Amount: $400,000

Period of Performance: January 2023 – June 2026

Administering Department: Planning & Development

Primary Contact: Nancy Williams, Community Development Program Manager

Project Description: Funding initially awarded to support home repairs assisting low- and moderate-income homeowners. In process of modifying to a new Public Infrastructure activity to support sidewalks in Swannanoa.

Summary of Previous Activity: After Buncombe County received this award to support home repair for low-and-moderate income homeowners. 2023 & 2024 were spent launching the home repair program by identifying and contracting a subrecipient, establishing procedures, and selecting homes for repair. The program paused in Fall 2024 due to Tropical Storm Helene. CDBG-NR is no longer a priority for home repair partners given disaster recovery needs & funding sources. No funds have been spent on the award.

Activity from the Past Quarter: Rather than cancelling the award upon conclusion of the period of performance as of June 30, 2026, the Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) offered Buncombe County the opportunity to modify both: the Scope of Work to a different eligible activity; and the Award Amount if more than $400,000 is needed. The period of performance can be extended until August 2028. Staff reviewed the CDBG-NR guidelines and County-adopted plans and identified Swannanoa Sidewalks as a proposed project.

Next Steps: At the start of the next quarter (on October 6, 2026) the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing submission of grant modification documents. The modification documents were compiled, and a request was submitted to REDD on date proposing an increase to $719,400 for Swannanoa Sidewalks. Upon approval, next steps will include a budget amendment and Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to carry out the project.

Budget to Actual: As of September 30, 2026, no funds have been spent on this award.

## CDBG-Recovery Housing Program (RHP)

Project Name: C1 Pathways to Recovery

Award Number: 21-T-4140

Funder: North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division (REDD), with federal funds under Assistance Listing 14.228

Award Amount: $3,502,123

Period of Performance: July 2024 – February 2027

Administering Department: Health and Human Services

Primary Contact: Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health Manager

Project Description: Funding to support Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries (ABCCM) in expanding Transformation Village by constructing a 4 story, 64-unit building with 32-units dedicated to women and mothers with children in recovery from substance use and are households with income below 80% or less than area median income (AMI).

Summary of Previous Activity: Initially granted at $1,000,000, the award was increased in January 2025. Federally-compliant Environmental Review was completed in December 2025. The project was delayed significantly as a result of impacts from Tropical Storm Helene. On May 7, 2026, Buncombe County received a High Risk Notification from REDD urging the County to take steps to prevent further delay to the project schedule.

Activity from the Past Quarter: The Master Plan was reviewed by the Buncombe County Board of Adjustment in July 2026, and a Special Use Permit was approved. ABCCM opened a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a General Contractor, and construction start was targeted for this past August or September. However, compliance concerns were identified in ABCCM's procurement process, specifically the absence of completed and stamped construction drawings. In response, Buncombe County took corrective actions to terminate a 3rd party Grant Management agreement to allow the County to work directly with ABCCM on the project. On September 30, ABCCM released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural & engineering services. Buncombe County requested a grant extension of the Obligation deadline from October 4, 2026 to February 21, 2027.

Next Steps: At the start of the next quarter (on October 5, 2026), REDD approved the extension request. Responses to the RFQ are due October 29, 2026.

Budget to Actual: As of September 30, 2026, $33,475 has been spent (.01% of total award) for administrative costs.