THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Subject: Funding from Buncombe County for Code Purple Emergency Shelter Agreements

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Community and Economic Development Director
Emily Ball, Homeless Strategy Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution approving an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept funding for Code Purple Emergency Shelter Agreements and authorizing the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement; and adoption of the accompanying budget amendment in the amount of $50,000.

Background:

- Code Purple is an emergency overflow shelter with fewer requirements than traditional shelters that is activated when the temperature is 32 degrees or below, in order to ensure survival for people experiencing homelessness.
- Code Purple is a longstanding community initiative operated by a variety of service providers each year.
- During the pandemic, the City and County provided significant funding for Code Purple, since operations were complicated by COVID protocols.
- This fiscal year, for the first time, both the City and County have budgeted $50,000 to fund Code Purple shelter.
- The City is administering the full $100,000, and this agenda item is requesting approval to accept the County's portion of $50,000.
- City staff issued community notice inviting funding requests for Code Purple activities, and the Finance Workgroup of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) reviewed requests received.
- The Finance Workgroup made recommendations to HIAC who voted on funding awards at their October 28, 2022 meeting.
- City staff shared funding recommendations during the City Manager's report at City Council on November 15, 2022.
- The recommendations included some funding for Winter Shelter, an initiative to provide shelter throughout the cold winter months regardless of temperature.
- To accommodate this recommendation, County funding will be directed to Code Purple only and City funds will be utilized for both Code Purple and Winter Shelter.
- City staff will initiate funding agreements with providers based on HIAC's awards, as the agreements are within the City Manager's authorization to execute.

Council Goal(s):

- Houselessness Strategies

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- Provides funding from key partner to facilitate community work to end homelessness

Con(s):

- None identified

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for the City's portion of this program ($50,000) is available in the Community & Economic Development Department's operating budget.

- This will be augmented by an additional $50,000 from Buncombe County.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept funding for Code Purple Emergency Shelter Agreements and authorizing the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement; and adoption of the accompanying budget amendment in the amount of $50,000.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Ordinance

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY FOR CODE PURPLE EMERGENCY SHELTER AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CIT MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to NCGS §160A-17.1, to accept grants from other governments for performing any function which the city is authorized by general law to provide or perform; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville and Buncombe County collaborate on homelessness strategies; and

WHEREAS, the community's Code Purple Emergency Shelter initiative is essential for survival of people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville and Buncombe County mutually wish to provide funding for Code Purple and each has budgeted $50,000.00 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville serves as the administrator of Code Purple funding agreements on behalf of Buncombe County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The interlocal agreement with Buncombe County is hereby approved to accept funding for Code Purple Emergency Shelter Agreements and authorizing the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of December, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That Section 1 of the City of Asheville Annual Operating Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $50,000 to accept funding from Buncombe County for Code Purple emergency shelter agreements as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Revenues:

Intergovernmental County Participation	$50,000

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$50,000

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of December, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney