THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Subject: Renewal of Funding from Buncombe County for Operations of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee

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 renewal funding for operations of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee and authorizing the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement.

Background:

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care program provides federal resources to local communities for homeless and housing programs.
- The Continuum of Care framework designates a specific geography within which homeless populations are identified and responsive services are strategically developed and coordinated. Each Continuum of Care is led by a local governance board and supported by a designated Lead Agency.
- Locally, the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care covers the geography of Buncombe County, is governed by the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC), and the City of Asheville is the designated Lead Agency.
- The Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee is a joint committee of the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.
- City Council and County Commission each appoint 8 members to serve on HIAC.
- City staff in the Homeless Strategy Division support HIAC and fulfill the Continuum of Care Lead Agency responsibilities.
- Buncombe County provides the City with $32,000 annually to support these efforts.

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:

- The revenue associated with this agreement was budgeted in the FY23 Adopted Budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County to accept renewal funding for operations of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee and authorizing the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO ACCEPT RENEWAL FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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

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

WHEREAS, the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee governs the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care, which oversees homeless strategies and resources in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is the designated Lead Agency for the NC-501 Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care and provides staff support to the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County wishes to renew its annual funding to support operations of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee;

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 renewal funding for operations of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee and the City Manager is authorized 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