City Council Staff Report

Council Meeting Date

- April 28, 2026

Subject

- Code Purple Emergency Funding

Staff Resource(s)

- Nikki Reid, Community and Economic Development Director
- Emily Ball, Homeless Strategy Division Manager

Action Requested

- Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer matching County funds for Code Purple emergency operations

Background

- The Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) coordinated the plan, providers, and budgets for Code Purple and Winter Shelter this season.
- The City of Asheville and Buncombe County each provided $50,000 in budgeted funds to support Code Purple. City staff administer all funds through contracts with service providers based on the CoC's plan.
- In response to Winter Storm Gianna, Code Purple providers collaborated to stay open during the day due to life-threatening temperatures.
- City and County management have agreed to support operational costs for service providers for daytime operations February 1 and 2, 2026, which total $8,753.29.
- Staff are seeking Council action to accept $4,376.64 from Buncombe County for this purpose. Matching City funds will be provided through available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A

Council Vision 2036 Focus Area(s):

- Quality Affordable Housing

Council Priority Recovery Area(s):

- People

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s)

- Provide resources to make lifesaving space available during critical emergency conditions due to Winter Storm Gianna

Con(s)

- None noted

Fiscal Impact

- Accept $4,376.64 from Buncombe County and match with $4,376.65 in available American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover cost of daytime Code Purple operations on February 1 - 2, 2026

Suggested Motion

- Motion authorizing a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer matching County funds for Code Purple emergency operations

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

City of Asheville Resolution Number 26-___

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County to accept and administer matching County funds for Code Purple emergency operations

Whereas, the Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (CoC) coordinated the plan, providers, and budgets for Code Purple and Winter Shelter this season; and

Whereas, the City of Asheville and Buncombe County each provided $50,000 in budgeted funds to support Code Purple. City staff administer all funds through contracts with service providers based on the CoC's plan; and

Whereas, in response to Winter Storm Gianna, Code Purple providers collaborated to stay open during the day due to life-threatening temperatures; and

Whereas, City and County management have agreed to support operational costs for service providers for daytime operations February 1 and 2, 2026, which total $8,753.29; and

Whereas, the City wishes to accept $4,376.64 from Buncombe County for this purpose and to match funds with available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Asheville that:

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of April, 2026.

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Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor

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Brad Branham, City Attorney

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Magdalen Burleson, City Clerk