

FY 24 AHSP Application Staff Summary: Homeward Bound of WNC – AHOPE Coordinated Entry Program

85 Persons Served	\$941 AHSP Request Per Person	\$1.00 : \$0.86 Leverage Ratio AHSP \$: Other Non-County \$	<80% AMI Target	100% % Admin Cost
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Project Description: Homeward Bound of WNC (Homeward Bound) submitted an **Administrative Support Program Grant** application requesting **\$80,000** to support its AHOPE Coordinated Entry (AHOPE) Program.

AHSP Goal: Support activities that achieve functional zero Homelessness

Summary: Homeward Bound’s request (\$80,000) is intended to support one (1) new AHOPE Program case manager position and associated supplies (computer and software) which will focus on housing eligibility, placement, and quality of services for houseless individuals. The request will support an overall project budget of \$300,000 which includes \$34,000 (City of Asheville) and \$150,000 (Buncombe County). The maximum AHSP award amount allowed under the Administrative Support Program is \$50,000.

The AHOPE Program is in Homeward Bound’s AHOPE Day Center. The AHOPE Program is a houseless service delivery system that assesses houseless individuals’ vulnerabilities and barriers to housing and identifies resources to provide housing stability through a housing plan.

The AHOPE is anticipated to serve 1,200 houseless individuals in FY 24. A total of eight (8) staff currently administers the coordinate entry program. AHSP funding will support the addition of a single position which will directly serve 85 houseless individuals. Should funding not be available, the position will not be added, and the maximum number of houseless individuals served will be 1,115.

County Funding Source Options: Buncombe County General Fund and AHSP Program Income.

Finance Department Assessment of Audits and Financial Position: Homeward Bound of WNC Financials are from 2021. An audit from 2022 was not available currently. There were findings in their 2021 audit, but nothing of concern at this time as they are being addressed. As of June 30, 2021, Homeward Bound financials show a healthy financial position.

Recommendation: Community Development Division staff reviewed the project, confirm it adheres to the requirements of the FY24 AHSP (except for the requested amount which exceeds the maximum), and confirm it appears eligible for funding (up to the maximum amount). The project appears ready for implementation July 1, 2023. Consideration of award up to the AHSP maximum allowed (\$50,000) may be considered.

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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET		Y/N
Project Description/Narrative		
Clearly affordable housing focused		Y
Aligns with all components of the application		Y
Aligns with all guidelines of the AHSP program		N
Aligns with the selected strategic goal		Y
Designed to Serve Households with AMI		
<80%		Y
<50%		Y
<30%		Y
Designed to Serve		
General populous eligible for the program		Y
Individuals who are age 55 or older		Y
Individuals with a disability		Y
Individuals who are hard to house		Y
Individuals who are homeless		Y
Individuals who are BIPOC		Y
Individuals who are justice involved		Y
Individuals who have vouchers		Y
Budget of Expenses		
Complete		Y
Reasonable		Y
Budget of Revenues		
Complete		Y
Reasonable		Y
Includes leveraging additional investment (non-AHSP funds)		N
Project Team		
Relevant experience and qualifications to complete the project		Y
Project History		
Indicates success in completing projects in the program category		Y
Applicant		
Has timely audits free of qualifications and findings which would adversely indicate ability to manage an AHSP allocation		Y
Shows a healthy financial position		Y
Is a non-profit applicant		Y