



# CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

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ARP APPROPRIATIONS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

# APPLICANT SUMMARY



Agency Name	Funding Request
Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc.	\$ 330,093
Blue Ridge Literacy Council	\$ 38,000
Children & Family Resource Center	\$ 260,000
Flat Rock Playhouse	\$ 500,000
Hendersonville Theatre	\$ 112,596
Housing Assistance Corporation - Apple Ridge	\$ 1,674,315
Housing Assistance Corporation - Home Repair	\$ 250,000
Interfaith Assistance Ministry	\$ 393,784
Joseph's Outreach Ministries - Connections Center	\$ 1,500,000
Latino Advocacy Coalition - El Centro	\$ 500,000
Mills River Partnership	\$ 90,000
Pisgah Legal Services	\$ 320,000
Safelight - Phoenix Project (SANE)	\$ 1,024,830
Safelight - Job Training Program	\$ 20,000
Safelight - New Facility	\$ 1,306,015
Team ECCO	\$ 67,580
True Ridge	\$ 50,000
Western North Carolina Air Museum	\$ 30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,467,213</b>

# Blue Ridge Community Health Services

Funding Request: \$330,093

## Program Summary:

A partnership with Henderson County Public Schools to hire a Crisis Counselor for Hendersonville public schools to provide ACE and trauma-informed training to school personnel and community members. The program will strengthen behavioral health support for youth in the City and train individuals to recognize and support those with behavioral health concerns. Trainings provided in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) will be incentivized via a \$120 stipend for professional development. Participants will also be provided a \$50 gift card as a reduction to transportation barrier in participation in training. This project will create opportunities to improve the mental health of an entire generation of City youth.

# Blue Ridge Literacy Council

Funding Request: \$38,000

## Program Summary:

The digital literacy program for which funds are requested will provide targeted digital literacy instruction to participants. The program will also include a “train the trainer” module to provide facilitators and other organizations capacity to expand services to their own clients. The program will impact 64-80 total participants with 32-40 being within City limits. Instruction on the use of new technological resources may assist workers in jobs who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19 by providing skills to continue working, or changing career paths. Many who lost jobs were disproportionately young, low educated, migrants, ethnic minorities, and employed in low-paid occupations.

# Children and Family Resource Center

Funding Request: \$260,000

## Program Summary:

Grow, Lean, Outreach (GLO) Mobile. The GLO Mobile will remove transportation, availability of care, and expense barriers for children and family not currently enrolled in preschool settings. The GLO Mobile will include screenings for developmental delays, age-appropriate books, coordinated activities/curriculum, bilingual early learning specialists, opportunities to connect with other children and parents, promotion of equity across socioeconomic areas of Henderson County, and access to community resources (food pantries, diapers, formula, etc.).

# Flat Rock Playhouse

Funding Request: \$500,000

## Program Summary:

Funding for necessary 1. facility maintenance/upgrades to ensure the theater remains operational and innovative for 70 years, 2. increased community programming, and 3. protection of arts, regardless of socioeconomic status. Funding prevents Flat Rock Playhouse from reducing its season and reducing staff. Hendersonville residents represent 20-25% of Flat Rock Playhouse participants. Funding alleviates the impacts of an estimated \$5.0M revenue loss during the ~2-year COVID-19 pandemic.

# Hendersonville Theater

Funding Request: \$112,596

## Program Summary:

Funding will provide affordable, quality entertainment and education to the residents of Hendersonville by supporting operations and allowing the theater to “keep our doors open with continued decreased attendance and local supporters and limited government funding.” Overall operating budget, including programming, education, and necessary maintenance needed for reopening will be supported.

# Housing Assistance Corporation – Apple Ridge

Funding Request: \$1,674,315

## Program Summary:

A request to support infrastructure for the Apple Ridge affordable housing development, located in a qualified census tract. The project would construct 60 multi-family units and 20 single-family homes. Funding would be used specifically for water and sewer infrastructure as an acceptable expenditure identified by the State & Local Fiscal Relief Fund Final Rule.



# Housing Assistance Corporation – Home Repair

Funding Request: \$250,000

## Program Summary:

A request to support land acquisition and infrastructure related to a single-family development program offered by HAC and support for a home repair program. The project(s) will preserve and increase the stock of affordable housing in our area and will improve quality of living conditions for Hendersonville's residents. Access to safe and affordable housing remains a key health issue identified in Henderson County.

# Interfaith Assistance Ministry

Funding Request: \$393,784

## Program Summary:

Food insecurity increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and continued during the cost-of-living crisis of 2022. This program addresses food insecurity in the community by constructing an addition to IAM's food pantry in addition to the procurement of food storing, needed equipment, and support for fuel and food programs offered as part of the IAM mobile market. IAM will provide a week of free groceries to residents in financial crisis (e.g. homeless and vulnerable populations). Coupled with crisis services, IAM will sustainably address increasing needs of our neighbors.

# Joseph's Outreach Ministries – Connections Center

Funding Request: \$1,500,000

## Program Summary:

The “Connections Center” project involves 14 non-profit and government agencies working to serve the most vulnerable residents of Henderson County. The Connections Center will provide services including group classes, access to personal care, showers, laundry, storage, healthy foods, and mail; internet access and job services; substance abuse recovery support, and peer living space. The Connections Center is a holistic facility addressing vulnerable populations of Henderson County.

# Latino Advocacy Coalition – El Centro

Funding Request: \$500,000

## Program Summary:

A project specialist/director will be hired to oversee a project to build trust, support, and systems of accountability between community members and community support organizations. Participants in the proposed resource navigation program are members of the Latinx community, who will be empowered to live a holistic and healthy lifestyle via access to services not previously accessible. Indicators of success will be qualitative and quantitative data showing improved lifestyle, employment status, testimonies, and evaluations of participants.

# Mills River Partnership

Funding Request: \$90,000

## Program Summary:

Mills River Partnership will provide clean water, outdoor recreation, educational opportunity, and flood resilience by implementing a natural stream channel design and restoration. The project will stabilize riverbanks and supplant vegetation to make the Mills River ecosystem clean, safe, and ecologically diverse. The Mills River Partnership will also use funds to work with farmers to review and install agricultural best practices to minimize pollutants which impact drinking water. The project aims to mitigate 500 tons of sediment per year from reaching Hendersonville's water treatment facility.

# Pisgah Legal Services

Funding Request: \$320,000

## Program Summary:

Funding is requested to address the needs of low-income clients in Hendersonville as other pandemic-related support mechanisms (i.e. SNAP, Medicaid, and other benefits) cease. Pisgah Legal Services will provide civil legal services and screenings to address legal issues for low-income residents to help participants rise out of poverty – particularly the most vulnerable such as survivors of abuse, people with disabilities, fixed-income individuals, immigrants, and people with limited English proficiency.

# Safelight – Phoenix Project (SANE)

Funding Request: \$1,024,830

## Program Summary:

Safelight and partnering organizations (The Free Clinics, AdventHealth, and Pardee UNC Health) will complete a project to effectively support survivors of interpersonal violence. The project will connect survivors with appropriate medical care and follow-up. The project will additionally add more trained sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) to emergency departments to bolster a gap in community services – currently there is a lack of rooms available, and professionals trained to provide a community-based options for forensic medical exams. The project team will coordinate efforts of experts in medicine, victim advocacy, mental health, and other related disciplines to help survivors and help the family healing process.

# Safelight – Job Training Program

Funding Request: \$20,000

## Program Summary:

The Job Training Program by Safelight will strengthen interpersonal violence survivors' access to jobs/careers and ultimately bolster economic empowerment and self-sufficiency. Participants will be provided a safe environment for job training, resume building, and future job connections. The program communicates to participants the importance of budgeting, finance, personal responsibility, teamwork, organization, and time management. On-site experiences will be offered to participants via Dandelion Café and the Resale Store.



# Safelight – New Facility

Funding Request: \$1,306,015

## Program Summary:

Safelight has strengthened efforts to reduce interpersonal violence and abuse by beginning the relocation of all programs to a central facility, reducing barriers to programs. The central location offers support and care in a safer and expedited fashion for survivors. In August 2021, Safelight purchased and renovated a building to house a counseling center, family justice center, child advocacy center, and outreach programs. The new facility will allow for a higher-level service provision within two blocks of Safelight's emergency shelter and on-site job training programs.

# Team ECCO

Funding Request: \$67,580

## Program Summary:

Team ECCO's project will support educational programming to students, who lost program and instruction as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The partnership will include creating and implementing a curriculum for students and teachers of Henderson County. The aquarium provides opportunity for residents and visitors of all ages to engage with and learn about the ocean's ecosystem. Childcare/after-school space will be provided to students to pursue sciences at age-appropriate levels. Funding will be used to recover lost revenue generated by previously mandated shutdowns.

# True Ridge

Funding Request: \$50,000

## Program Summary:

Hispanic/Latinx community connections will be made by offering enhanced bilingual services to the residents and visitors of Hendersonville. The project will provide linguistically appropriate services and create partnerships among non-profit organizations in Hendersonville that have not been able to secure professionally trained bilingual staff to complete necessary outreach and case management work. The lack of bilingual services is a major barrier to underserved populations, which prevents or minimizes access to basic health and human services for many. The program is designed for historically marginalized populations to receive assistance in healthcare, housing assistance, legal assistance, and mental health services.

# Western North Carolina Air Museum

Funding Request: \$30,000

## Program Summary:

WNC Air Museum requests funding to continue developing new and interesting educational exhibits and programs based on NC's aviation history and beyond. The program has evolved and serves local students, groups, and visitors. WNC Air Museum's programs will generate interest and make the facility a sought-after destination to attract visitors to our community. Funding would restore the museum to the high-standard the visiting public has come to expect and attract visitors to our area.