Buncombe County Affordable Housing Subcommittee

Amanda Edwards	Parker Sloan	Drew Ball	Meaghan Austin	Joe Decredico
Chair	*Commissioner*	*Commissioner*	*Member*	*Member*

October 6, 2026

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency
Attn: Tara Meredith
3508 Bush Street
Raleigh, NC 27609

Subject: 2027 Qualified Allocation Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Meredith,

As Chair of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and the Buncombe County Affordable Housing Subcommittee, I am submitting a single, specific recommendation for the 2027 Qualified Allocation Plan on behalf of Buncombe County.

Tropical Storm Helene devastated Buncombe County. FEMA data show 11,867 residences suffered damage and 372 homes were destroyed in our county. In total, over 30% of the housing devastation reported in North Carolina occurred in our county. To overcome such a severe impact, we are pursuing every resource available to repair damaged homes and replace destroyed homes.

We appreciate that NCHFA has continued to include the provision to allow the West region to receive a 12% credit increase and understand that this provision remains in order to assist Tropical Storme Helene impacted counties continue to recover. Unfortunately, Buncombe County, which suffered the most housing devastation, is not a part of the West region and will not benefit from those additional credits. We are still in active recovery from this catastrophic event and are submitting comments to NCHFA to request additional Disaster Recovery provisions continue to be included to help our county rebuild affordable homes.

Specifically, we request NCHFA preserve the following language from the 2026 QAP to support ongoing recovery:

> "If necessary, the Agency will adjust the awards under the Plan to ensure the overall allocation results in no less than one award for Buncombe County in the Metro region. The initial maximum under II(F)(1)(b) will not apply to Buncombe County should that county be eligible for a second new construction award."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Edwards
Chair, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners