
CDBG-NR Closeout public hearing

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To Missy Seivers <missy.seivers@ashecountygov.com>

 2 attachments (361 KB)

Closeout Accomplishments Package - Ashe CDBG-NR.pdf; Closeout Public Hearing -Ashe NR #19-C-3123 - 11-18-24.doc;

Missy,

Attached are the closeout documents and my "script" for the CDBG-NR public hearing on the 18th.

There will need to be action to close out the project. The Chair will need to sign the first and last page of the attached "Accomplishments Package".

Please let me know if you need anything else from me. I plan on being at the meeting.

Thanks,

Michelle

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Rural Economic Development Division (REDD)
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

CLOSEOUT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Cover Sheet

Grantee Name: Ashe County Grant Number: 19-C-3123

Grantee Address: 150 Government Circle, Suite 2500, Jefferson, NC 28640

1. Citizens' Written Comments. (Attach the following three items unless each item was previously submitted to REDD, in which case they may be incorporated by reference.)

- a. A copy of each written citizen comment, which was received during the reporting period on the grantee's community development performance under this grant;
- b. The grantee's assessment of the comment; and
- c. A description of any action taken or to be taken in response to the comment as required by 4 NCAC 19L .1002.

2. The grantee's authorized official representative must certify the following:

- a. To the best of his/her knowledge and belief, data in this report is true and correct;
- b. The records described in 4 NCAC 19L .0911 are being maintained and will be made available upon request; and
- c. In accordance with Section 101(c)(9) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the assistance made available under this CDBG grant is not substantially reducing, below the level of support prior to start-up of the CDBG grant reported here, the amount of local financial support for community development activities.

Todd McNeill

Typed Name of Chief Elected Official/Authorized Representative

Chairman

Title

November 18, 2024

Signature of Chief Elected Official/Authorized Representative

Date

Preparer Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) *CDBG Closeout Forms*

Grantee	Ashe County
Grantee Address	150 Government Circle, Suite 2500, Jefferson, NC 28640
Grant Number	19-C-3123
Project Name	Ashe County CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization
1st Project Number	C-1
2nd Project Number	
3rd Project Number	
Period	March 2021 - November 2024
Authorized Representative	
Name	Todd McNeill
Title	Chairman
Preparer of Information	
Name	Michelle Ball, High Country Council of Governments
Address	468 New Market Blvd, Boone, NC 28607
Telephone Number	828-265-5434
Email Address	mball@hccog.org
Property acquired with CDBG funds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PROPERTY DISPOSITION REPORT

[illegible]

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CDBG FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

GRANT NO. 19-C-3123

PROJECT NO. C-1 **Period:** March 2021 - October 2024

USE OF PROGRAM INCOME PAGE

1 Anticipated Program Income	2 Actual Program Income Received	3 Program Income Expended	4 Expended On Activity Name	5 Expended On Activity Code
No Program Income collected through this project.				

Will grantee exceed \$25,000 in Program Income during the next 12 months? YES ____ NO ____

What is the approximate date for exceeding \$25,000 in Program Income?

Grantee	Ashe County	Activity Name	Administration
Grant Number	19-C-3123	Project:	Ashe County CDBG-Neighborhood
Acct Number	1060		C1 X
Activity Code	13		L1
Budgeted	\$71,500.00	Expended	\$42,868.09

	Proposed	Actual
Linear Feet		
Properties		
Units, Dwelling		
Households by percentage of HUD Median Family Income Levels		
Above Moderate Income Households > 80%		
Moderate Income Households 51-80%		
Low Income Households 30-50%		
Very Low Income Households <30%		
Total Households	0	0
Persons by percentage of HUD Median Family Income Levels		
Above Moderate Income Households > 80%		
Moderate Income Households 51-80%		
Low Income Households 30-50%		
Very Low Income Households <30%		
Total Persons	0	0
Jobs		
Micro Enterprise		
Female Head of Household		
Hispanic		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & White		
Asian & White		
Black or African American & White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & Black or African American		
Other Multi-Racial		
Non-Hispanic		
American Indian or Alaska native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & White		
Asian & White		
Black or African American & White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & Black or African American		
Other Multi-Racial		

Grantee	Ashe County	Activity Name	Planning
Grant Number	19-C-3123	Project:	Ashe County CDBG-Neighborhood
Acct Number	1058	C1	X
Activity Code	12	L1	
Budgeted	\$3,500.00	Expended	\$3,500.00

	Proposed	Actual
Linear Feet		
Properties		
Units, Dwelling		
Households by percentage of HUD Median Family Income Levels		
Above Moderate Income Households > 80%		
Moderate Income Households 51-80%		
Low Income Households 30-50%		
Very Low Income Households <30%		
Total Households	0	0
Persons by percentage of HUD Median Family Income Levels		
Above Moderate Income Households > 80%		
Moderate Income Households 51-80%		
Low Income Households 30-50%		
Very Low Income Households <30%		
Total Persons	0	0
Jobs		
Micro Enterprise		
Female Head of Household		
Hispanic		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & White		
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American Indian or Alaska native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & White		
Asian & White		
Black or African American & White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & Black or African American		
Other Multi-Racial		

Grantee	Ashe County	Activity Name	Rehabilitation, Private
Grant Number	19-C-3123	Project:	Ashe County CDBG-Neighborhood
Acct Number	1042	C1	X
Activity Code	9A	L1	
Budgeted	\$675,000.00	Expended	\$529,331.57

	Proposed	Actual
Linear Feet		
Properties		
Units, Dwelling	24	3
Households by percentage of HUD Median Family Income Levels		
Above Moderate Income Households > 80%		
Moderate Income Households 51-80%	9	0
Low Income Households 30-50%	6	0
Very Low Income Households <30%	9	3
Total Households	24	3
Persons by percentage of HUD Median Family Income Levels		
Above Moderate Income Households > 80%		
Moderate Income Households 51-80%	9	0
Low Income Households 30-50%	9	0
Very Low Income Households <30%	15	12
Total Persons	33	12
Jobs		
Micro Enterprise		
Female Head of Household		
Hispanic		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White	5	0
American Indian or Alaska Native & White		
Asian & White		
Black or African American & White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & Black or African American		
Other Multi-Racial		
Non-Hispanic		
American Indian or Alaska native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White	33	12
American Indian or Alaska Native & White		
Asian & White		
Black or African American & White		
American Indian or Alaska Native & Black or African American		
Other Multi-Racial		

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

1. Grantee: Ashe County
 3. Project Name: Ashe County CDBG-Neighborhood Revi

2. Grant Number: 19-C-3123
 4. Project Number: C-1

5. Final Statement of Costs				
Program Activity Categories (a)	To Be Completed by Recipient		Total Costs (Col. b + c) (d)	To Be Completed by DOC
	Paid Costs (b)	Unpaid Costs (c)		Approved Total Costs (e)
a. Acquisition			\$0.00	
b. Disposition			\$0.00	
c. Public facilities and improvements				
(1) Senior and handicapped centers			\$0.00	
(2) Parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities			\$0.00	
(3) Neighborhood facilities			\$0.00	
(4) Solid waste disposal facilities			\$0.00	
(5) Fire protection facilities and equipment			\$0.00	
(6) Parking facilities			\$0.00	
(7) Street improvements			\$0.00	
(8) Flood and drainage improvements			\$0.00	
(9) Pedestrian improvements			\$0.00	
(10) Other public facilities			\$0.00	
(11) Sewer improvements			\$0.00	
(12) Water improvements			\$0.00	
d. Clearance activities			\$0.00	
e. Public services			\$0.00	
f. Relocation assistance			\$0.00	
g. Construction, rehab. and preservation activities				
(1) Construction or rehab. of com. & indust. bldgs.			\$0.00	
(2) Rehabilitation of privately owned buildings	\$529,331.57		\$529,331.57	
(3) Rehabilitation of publicly owned buildings			\$0.00	
(4) Code enforcement			\$0.00	
(5) Historic preservation			\$0.00	
h. Development financing				
(1) Working capital			\$0.00	
(2) Machinery and equipment			\$0.00	
i. Removal of architectural barriers			\$0.00	
j. Other activities			\$0.00	
k. Subtotal	\$529,331.57		\$529,331.57	
l. Planning	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	
m. Administration	\$42,868.09		\$42,868.09	
n. Total	\$575,699.66		\$575,699.66	
o. Less: Program Income Applied to Program Costs	\$0.00		\$0.00	
p. Equal: Grant Amount Applied to Program Costs	\$575,699.66		\$575,699.66	

6. Computation of Grant Balance		
Description (a)	To Be Completed By Recipient	To Be Completed By DOC
	Amount (b)	Approved Amount (c)
(1) Grant Amount Applied To Program Costs (From Line p)	\$575,699.66	
(2) Estimated Amount For Unsettled Third - Party Claims	\$ -	
(3) Subtotal	\$575,699.66	
(4) Grant Amount Per Grant Agreement	\$ 750,000.00	
(5) Unutilized Grant To Be Canceled (Line 4 Minus Line 3)	\$ 174,300.34	
(6) Grant Funds Received	\$ 575,699.66	
(7) Balance of Grant Payable (Line 3 Minus Line 6)*		
* If Line 6 exceeds Line 3, enter the amount of the excess on Line 7 as a negative amount. This amount shall be repaid to DOC by check, unless DOC has previously approved use of these funds.		

7. Program Income	
a) Amount of existing program income:	<u>\$0.00</u>
b) Amount of anticipated program income:	<u>\$0.00</u>
c) If program income exists or is anticipated, describe the proposed application(s):	

8. Unpaid Costs and Unsettled Third Party Claims	
Are there any unpaid costs or unsettled third party claims against the recipient's grant? Type "yes" or "no."	<u>no</u>
If yes, in the box below describe the circumstances and amounts involved.	

9. Remarks (For REDD Use Only)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please note that all financial records, supporting documents and other records pertinent to the community development program must be retained for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of this letter.
<input type="checkbox"/>	This grant is closed pending receipt and approval of your final audit by the Rural Economic Development Division (REDD).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town
<input type="checkbox"/>	City
<input type="checkbox"/>	County

10. Certification of Recipient		
It is hereby certified that all activities undertaken by the Recipient with funds provided under the grant agreement identified on page 1 hereof, have, to the best of my knowledge, been carried out in accordance with the grant agreement; that proper provisions have been made by the Recipient for the payment of all unpaid costs and unsettled third party claims identified on page 1 hereof; that the State of North Carolina is under no obligation to make any further payment to the Recipient under the grant agreement in excess of the amount identified on Line 7 hereof; and that every other statement and amount set forth in this instrument is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct as of this date.		
Date	Typed Name and Title of Recipient's Authorized Representative	Signature of Recipient's Authorized Representative
<u>November 18, 2024</u>	<u>Todd McNeill</u> (Name)	√ _____
	<u>Chairman</u> (Title)	

11. DOC Approval		
This Certification of Completion is hereby approved. Therefore, I authorize cancellation of the unutilized contract commitment and related funds reservation and obligation of \$ _____, less \$ _____ previously authorized for cancellation (from Section 6, line 6, page 1).		
Date	Typed Name and Title of DOC Authorized Representative	Signature of DOC's Authorized Representative
<u> </u>	<u>Iris Payne</u> Director	√ _____

Ashe County CDBG-NRP Grant 19-C-3123 Closeout Hearing November 18, 2024

The purpose of this public hearing is to give the opportunity for citizen input concerning the closeout of the Ashe County CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program #19-C-3123. The County was awarded \$750,000 in November 2020 to provide housing repair assistance to very low- and low-income residents within Ashe County.

A total of 3 homes were treated with program funds; all 3 homes were replaced through CDBG reconstruction and clearance assistance.

Homes assisted on the program were located at:

Shortcut Road, Crumpler
Three Top Road, Todd
Jack Jones Road, Lansing

Ashe County received \$750,000 for the 3 ½ year program and the following was expended during this cycle of the program:

- \$529,331.57 for reconstruction activities (average of \$176,443.85 per house which included clearing the old home, a new manufactured home, set up, grading, wells, and septic systems as needed),
- \$46,368.09 for planning and administration.

Unexpended grant funds in the amount of \$174,300.34 will be deobligated (or returned to the NC Department of Commerce) to be used for other CDBG funded programs.

Originally 4 homes were selected for the program along with three alternates. One homeowner passed away and the spouse did not have legal rights to the house after their death. Of the alternates, one wanted repairs done to sell the home; another had 4 years of back taxes due; and the third was a manufactured home (put in through a 2006 CDBG program) that needed more than \$20,000 of work (all that is allowed on a mobile home).

The program was given two extensions to complete the three homes. The main reason for the extensions was a mobile home dealership's lack of progress. All of the home replacements were bid out to local dealerships. The low bidder on two of the homes did no work for almost 8 months. They claimed to have applied and received permits (building and water/sewer) but had not even done that. It took going through the company headquarters and the County Attorney to get out of the contract. The County then had to negotiate with the 2nd lowest bidders on the projects to proceed. The second extension was necessary because of the lack of well drillers in the area, the two homes that needed wells to receive a certificate of occupancy had to wait months after the home was installed and one required a road to be built before being drilled.

It may have been possible to add one more home to the project, but the process to do so would have required another application process, amendment to the program (including a public hearing), and an environmental review which can take up to 90 days to complete. Time the grant did not have and it would be unlikely that a 3rd extension would be granted.