



## Southwestern Commission

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** County and Town Managers

**FROM:** Caroline LaFrienier, Senior Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Southwestern NC HOME Consortium Board of Directors

Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is a federal grant program through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) providing grant funds on a reimbursable basis to provide decent affordable housing to low-income households, expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers, strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, and leverage private-sector participation.

The Southwestern NC HOME Consortium serves Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, and Graham counties. Haywood County is the lead entity for the consortium, and Southwestern Commission administers the program. The Consortium receives \$542,373 annually and has also received \$1.9 in American Rescue Plan funds to be spent by 2030. The Consortium awards HOME funds based on the Consolidated Plan's identified priorities:

- increase the supply of new rental housing,
- increase the supply of new homes for homeownership,
- preserve and rehabilitate existing housing stock,
- provide homeownership and rent assistance,
- provide homeless housing.

The Consortium Board of directors shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners and shall be comprised of one voting member appointed by each participating local government (member does not have to be an elected official). The appointed member should have the capacity to attend at least quarterly meetings and have an interest in housing in your jurisdiction as well as the region. The appointed member shall serve entirely at the discretion of the local government and the appointed member shall serve until resignation or replacement by the local government.

The Board of Directors will make funding recommendations to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners based on selection criteria and the priorities identified above. Southwestern Commission staff will prepare a report comparing requests for funds to Southwestern NC HOME Consortium's identified priorities, policies, and procedures.

Please submit the name and contact information of your appointed individual (email address and phone number) to Caroline LaFrienier ([caroline@regiona.org](mailto:caroline@regiona.org)) by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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Murphy

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