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May 17, 2018

Mr Don Adams, County Manager
Jackson County Justice Building
401 Grindstaff Cove Road
Sylva, North Carolina 28779

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend and present information about Homeless Activities in Jackson County at the County Commissioners' Budget Work Session on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an additional \$30,183.00 to support our work for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. As we discussed with you in February, 2018, we acknowledged early in the year, that the current allocation would not meet the need for services.

As Marilyn Chamberlin and I stated in our presentation, Jackson County experienced an increase in the number of adults, children and families who experienced homeless issues and needed assistance this year. Our numbers served increased from 74 in the 2016-17 year to 104 in the 2017-18 shelter year. Several factors impacted this increase in service requests: primarily, a colder season, which also arrived sooner than expected and additional adults needing services. Also, as we indicated in our presentation, much work was done in our community to move the county forward in making decisions about permanent solutions for homeless services. The County Task Force was very active and we cultivated several additional community agencies who offered resources to assist with providing services to our homeless population. We are committed to the ideas of case management and prevention as we move forward in development of homeless services.

Thank you for your willingness to consider additional funding. Southwestern Child Development values this partnership with Jackson County Government and we appreciate your commitment to services for homeless families.

Cordially,

Sheila Hoyle, Executive Director

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