

**Minutes of the August 11, 2025
Regular Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 6:00 pm in the Yancey County Courtroom
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville North Carolina**

Present at the meeting held August 11, 2025, were Chairman Jeff Whitson, Vice Chairman Mark Ledford, Commissioner David Grindstaff, Commissioner Sandi Norton, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Attorney Donny Laws, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and Clerk to the Board Morgan West. Members of the media and the general public attended the meeting. Commissioner Stacey McEntyre Greene was absent from the meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Whitson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Grindstaff delivered the invocation. Commissioner Ledford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Grindstaff made the motion to approve the agenda, with Commissioner Ledford seconding the motion. By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved. (Attachment A)

Consent Agenda

Chairman Whitson read through the items on the consent agenda, which included the following items, and asked for a motion to approve:

- a. Approval of the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the July 25, 2025 Closed Session Minutes
- c. Approval of the July 25, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- d. Approval of Tax Release/Adjustments 2025 (Attachment B)

On the motion duly made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Norton the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Department Update

David Davis, Cooperative Extension Director provided an update on departmental activities and accomplishments. (Attachment C)

Three vacancies on the Yancey County Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board required appointment. Recommendations from Mr. Davis included Willie Jobe, Justin Wilson, and Roger Young in their respective districts. Chairman Whitson asked if there were any other nominations or discussion. Commissioner Ledford made the motion to approve all three recommendations made by Mr. Davis. Commissioner Grindstaff seconded the motion, unanimously the motion carried.

Tax Refunds-Releases/Late Applications

Interim Tax Administrator, Danny McIntosh presented property tax refunds, release, or exemption situations that would require approval from the Board. (Attachment D)

Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to approve all requests presented. Commissioner Norton made the motion, with Commissioner Grindstaff seconding. Unanimously the motion carried.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Austin gave updates regarding several project that are ongoing, including FEMA, Ray-Cort Park, etc.

County Manager Austin asked Project Manager Morgan West to provide the opioid settlement funding recommendations as related to the report. (Attachment E)

Six proposals were presented from five organizations in Yancey County requesting allocation of opioid settlement funds by the RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF YANCEY TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS (Attachment F) reflecting those recommendations for the Board's final approval. Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to approve all funding recommendations as made by Mrs. West to the respective organizations. Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion, with Commissioner Ledford seconding. Unanimously the motion carried.

County Commissioners Report

None.

County Attorney's Report

None.

Public Comments

One speaker detailed concern regarding debris removal in the Cattail area of Pensacola, and Danny McIntosh spoke about a member of the community who had passed away.

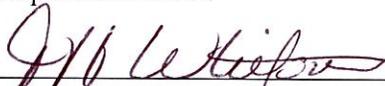
Closed Session

Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC Gen. Stat § 143-318.11(a)(3). Commissioner Ledford made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Grindstaff seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Board entered closed session. Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion to leave closed session and reenter open session. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Board reentered open session. No action was taken during closed session.

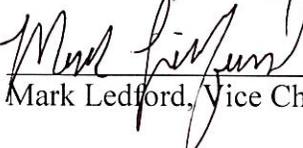
Adjournment

Having no further business, Commissioner Ledford made the motion to adjourn with Commissioner Norton seconding the motion. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn.

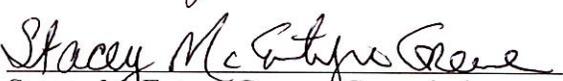
Approved and authenticated this the 8th day of September 2025.



Jeff Whitson, Chairman



Mark Ledford, Vice Chairman



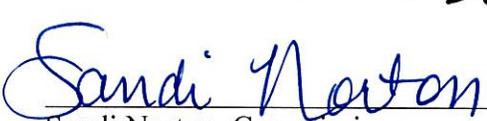
Stacey McEntyre Greene, Commissioner



David Grindstaff, Commissioner



Morgan West, Clerk to the Board



Sandi Norton, Commissioner





**AGENDA
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2025
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Jeff Whitson**
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. Consent Agenda**
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 - d. Approval of Tax Release/Adjustments 2025**
- V. Department Updates**
 - a. David Davis – Cooperative Extension**
 - i. Voluntary Ag District Board Appointment (3)**
- VI. Danny McIntosh – Interim Tax Administrator**
 - a. Tax Refund/Releases/Late Applications**
- VII. County Manager’s Report – Lynn Austin**
 - a. Opioid Settlement Funding Recommendations**
- VIII. County Commissioners’ Report**
- IX. County Attorney’s Report – Donny Laws**
- X. Public Comments**
- XI. Closed Session § 142-318.11 (a)(3)**
- XII. Adjourn**

Release/Adjustment Detail Report

Yancey County Tax Office Tax

Bill ID: 202536698

08-04-2025
10:41 AM

Date	Description	Bill #	TaxYear	TaxPayer Name	Release/Adj	County	District	Other	Total
08/04/2025	8/4/25 RMVD BOTH PP ITEMS DUE TO 2025 PP LF RECEIVED AND NOTED FRM 2024 THAT BOTH ITEMS WERE SLD OUT OF CNTY/AW for Fire Levy	202536698	2025	GRAVITT JOYCE F & DEAN BROWN	Adjustment	\$-104.10	\$-16.02	\$-12.01	\$-132.13
				Totals:		\$-104.10	\$-16.02	\$-12.01	\$-132.13

Bill 8-11-2025

Release/Adjustment Detail Report

Yancey County Tax Office Tax

Bill ID: 202536472

08-04-2025
10:13 AM

Date	Description	Bill #	TaxYear	TaxPayer Name	Release/Adj	County	District	Other	Total
08/04/2025	8-4-25 RELEASE 197.90 TO CORRECT ACREAGE TO .58A & DWELLING AFTER DEEDING OUT ACREAGE TO MICHELLE GILLEY VIA DB 926-147/DW for General Levy	202536472	2025	DALE, DANNY & RETA	Release	\$-197.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-197.90
Totals:						\$-197.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-197.90

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Release/Adjustment Detail Report

Yancey County Tax Office Tax

Bill ID: 202536455

08-04-2025
10:40 AM

Date	Description	Bill #	TaxYear	TaxPayer Name	Release/Adj	County	District	Other	Total
08/04/2025	8-4-25 RELEASE DUE TO NEW SURVEY MB4@746 SHOWING 1.11A NOT THE 2.25A BILLED/DW for General Levy	202536455	2025	GILLESPIE, DAWN M	Release	\$-67.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-67.85
Totals:						\$-67.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-67.85

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Release/Adjustment Detail Report

Yancey County Tax Office Tax

Bill ID: 202500550

07-23-2025
4:36 PM

Date	Description	Bill #	TaxYear	TaxPayer Name	Release/Adj	County	District	Other	Total
07/23/2025	7/23/25 TP STATED HAS NOT OWNED 1985 CLAYTON MH. IT WAS NEVER REG TO HER, VIN#773206173001189/AW for Fire Levy	202500550	2025	ATKINS ANDREA A & DUSTIN C	Release	\$-6.50	\$-0.50	\$0.00	\$-7.00
Totals:						\$-6.50	\$-0.50	\$0.00	\$-7.00

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N.C Cooperative Extension of Yancey County

AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

-1,246 phone calls, emails, or farm visits to assist 3,155 livestock producers
-847 phone calls, emails, or office visits to assist 985 vegetable/nursery producers
-14 Workshops to assist agricultural producers

Overview:

Agriculture programming efforts were originally planned to be focused on livestock, vegetable and nursery production in the 2024-2025 program year. However, when Hurricane Helene impacted the area in September, all efforts pivoted toward assistance and recovery for farmers and residents in Yancey County. This began with an extensive agricultural supply distribution, taking place between October 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025. NC Cooperative Extension has also undertaken numerous efforts (such as applying for grants), utilizing existing and new partnerships and collaborations, and completing a tremendous workload to offer visits, meetings, and workshops to assist Yancey County residents and farmers with Hurricane Helene Recovery Efforts

Funding and Assistance Programs

- WNC Communities Helene Disaster Response Grant Programs
- Stay-Tuff Fencing Assistance Program
- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Conservation Reserve Program (ECP)
- USDA FSA Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)
- USDA FSA Emergency Restoration Program (EFRP)
- NC Forest Service Fire Wise Program
- Yancey County Extension Pasture and Hayfield Restoration Program (funded by CFWNC)
- NC State Extension Aerial Frost Seeding (a USDA Hurricane Helene Rapid Response Grant Funded Program)
- NC Department of Agriculture Disaster Crop Loss and Infrastructure Program
- NC Farm Bureau Helen Assistance Fund (applied for)
- Compost, Soil, Mulch, Biochar, and other Soil Amendment Efforts

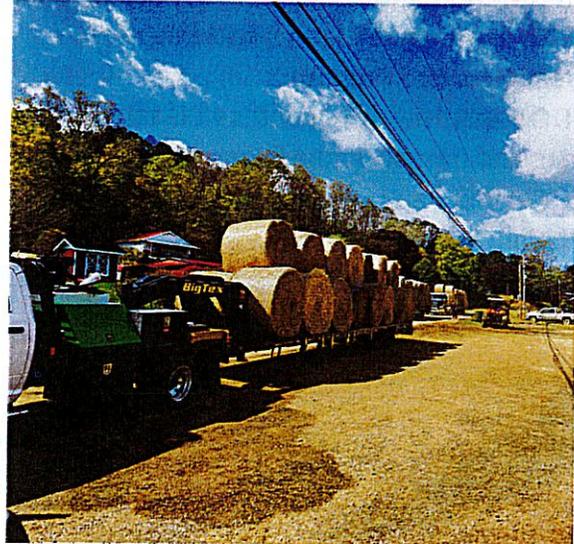
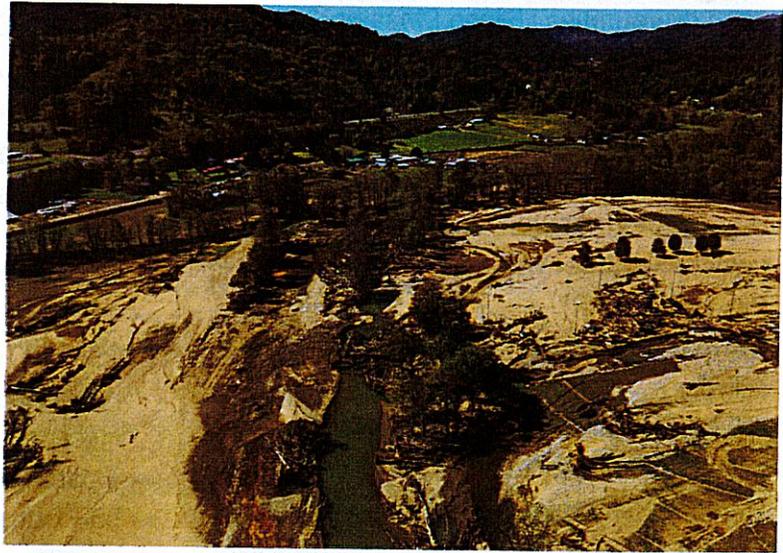
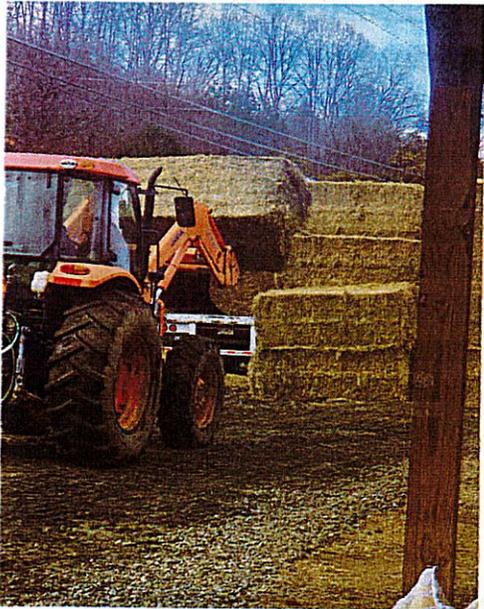
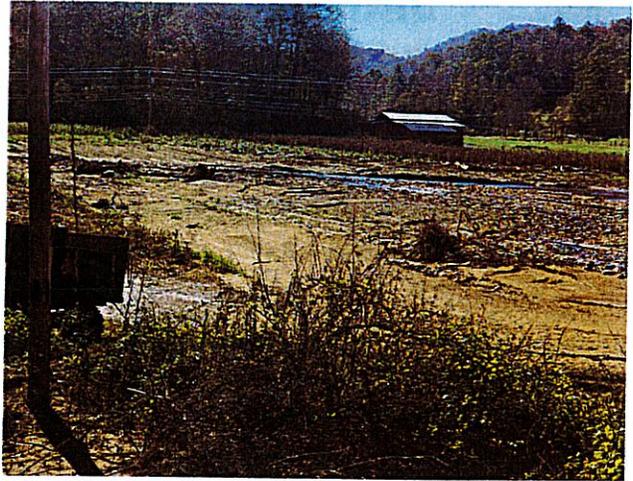
Emergency Livestock Supplies Distribution Efforts

- 6000+ Rolls/Large Square Bales Hay
- 45 Ton livestock Feed
- Coordinated \$5,000 donations for purchase of agricultural supplies
- 10,000+ T-posts
- 7,000+ Small Square Bales Hay
- 4,000+ Small Square Bales Straw
- \$8,500 Gift Card Donations distributed to residents and producers impacted by Helene
- 7 pallets barbed wire
- 54 Rolls of Woven Wire

Pasture, Hay, and Wildflower Seeding

- Purchased T-50 DJI Agri-Drone and supporting equipment
- \$80,000 grant toward the purchase of seed and equipment; additional seeds and services provided by NC State Extension Rapid Response Grant
- 83 acres crabgrass planted
- 183 acres of clover; 64 acres cool season annuals; 58 acres annual summer annuals
- 132 Acres Perennial Forages to Plant





2024-2025

Year in Review

Strengthening Community Through
Family & Consumer Sciences in
Yancey County



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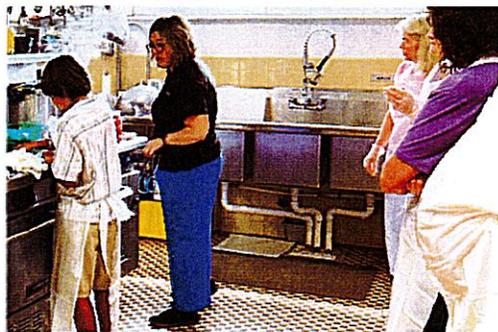
2024 AND 2025 AT A GLANCE

- 73 activities in 2024
- 38 activities (Jan–Jun) in 2025
- 2025 has a higher monthly average than 2024, and is on track to exceed 2024's FCS activities



FUTURE GOALS

- Expand disaster preparedness and food preservation education in the county
- Partner with other agents in the west district to diversify programming
- Get involved with the Farmer's Market to promote and support food entrepreneurs



Canning workshop with North Toe Traditions



HELENE'S IMPACT ON PROGRAMMING

- All programming stopped at the end of September 2024
- FCS efforts shifted to FEMA's Disaster Recovery Center
- MPH culminating experience focused on Extension, specifically FCS's role in disaster preparedness and recovery
- Programming shifted to focus on preparedness, preservation, and resilience
- Presenting at the 2025 Extension Disaster Education Network's (EDEN) annual conference in Portland, Maine.

PARTNERSHIPS AND ROLES

- **Mitchell Yancey Prevention and Recovery Coalition**
 - Advisory Board Member: Built the resource website: mycommunityresources.com
- **Yancey County Health Department**
 - Assisted Morgan Fox with writing the 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA)
 - Work closely with Environmental Health to stay up to date on food establishment inspection requirements (ex., ServSafe Certifications)
- **Yancey County Food Council**
 - Work with partners to increase community access to local foods
- **Yancey County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee**
 - Committee Member: Reviewed RFPs and made recommendations for distributing the 2025-2026 opioid settlement funds
- **Reconciliation House**
 - Commercial kitchen educator: Support local food entrepreneurs by guiding them through safe food handling practices and helping them meet state requirements for selling their products legally
- **North Toe Traditions (based in Green Mountain)**
 - Community educator
- **Yancey County Schools, Genesis Academy**
 - Provide school enrichment and education to students from Pre-K to 12th Grade



N.C. Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.

2025
(to date)

4-H PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORT



Overview:

Yancey 4-H programming efforts originally focused on maintaining clubs, increasing school enrichment opportunities, and increasing special project interest workshops in the 2024-2025 program year. With the resignation of our previous 4-H Agent, the program was led primarily by our 4-H program Assistant, Jazlyn Swain. The NC A&T 4-H Agent position was posted, but due to Hurricane Helene, hiring was not completed until July 1, 2025. Hurricane Helene also shifted programming priorities toward recovery. Primarily addressing youth mental health, providing opportunities to help youth "return to normalcy", and assisting schools with camp and in-school enrichment programming. As of August 2025, our 4-H program is just starting to return to some of our regular programming efforts, but still also trying to meet demanding needs related to recovery from the impacts of Hurricane Helene.

Program Statistics:

- 132 4-H Youth Club Members
- 6 Clubs (Shooting Sports, Sewing, Lego, Robotics, Arts & Crafts, and Horse Club)
- 20 Adult Volunteers
- 12 Workshops, School Enrichment Programs; 42 Sessions attended by a total of 717 youth participants
- 3 State Gold Winners in State Presentations Competition; 7 Youth placed in District Shooting Sports to compete at State Competition.

Spotlight Programs:

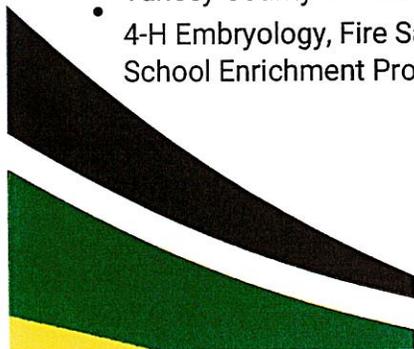
- 6 Summer Day Camps
- County Activity Day
- District Activity Day
- 4-H Summer Camp
- NC 4-H Electric Congress
- Mountain State Fair
- Yancey County 4-H Longshots
- 4-H Embryology, Fire Safety, STEM, and other School Enrichment Programs

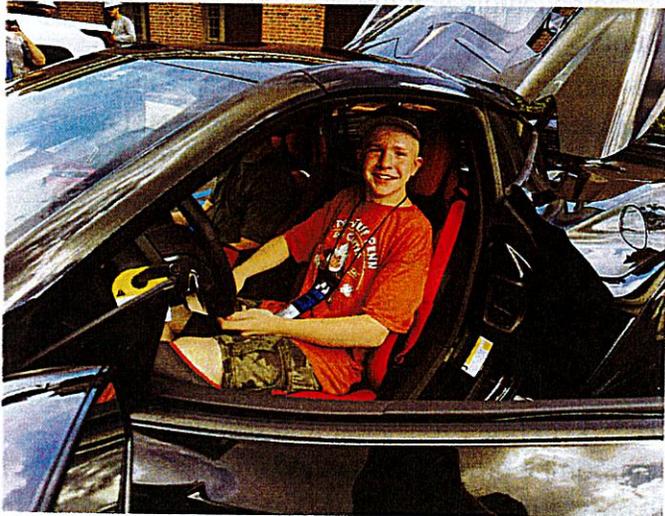
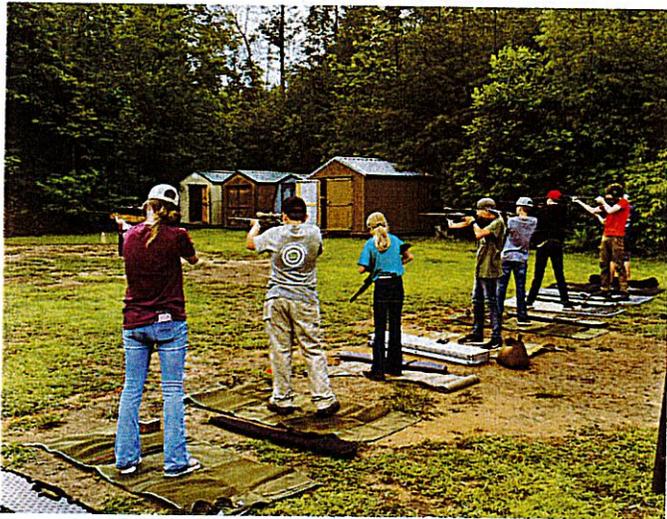
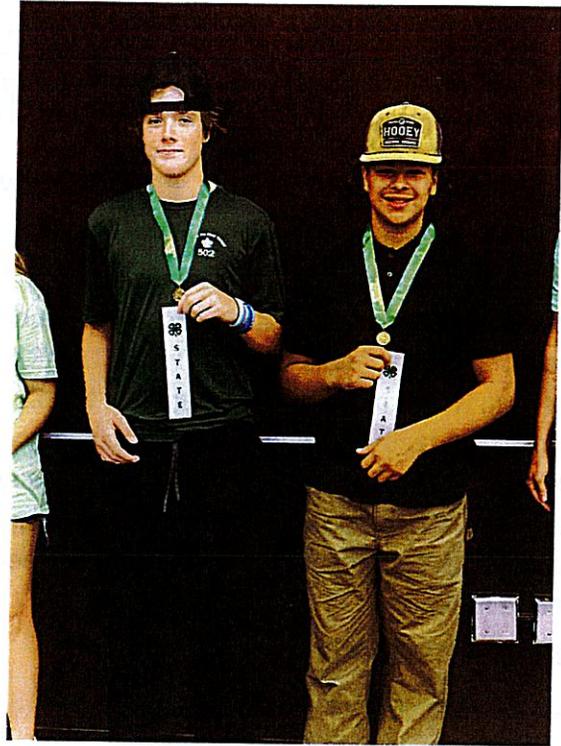
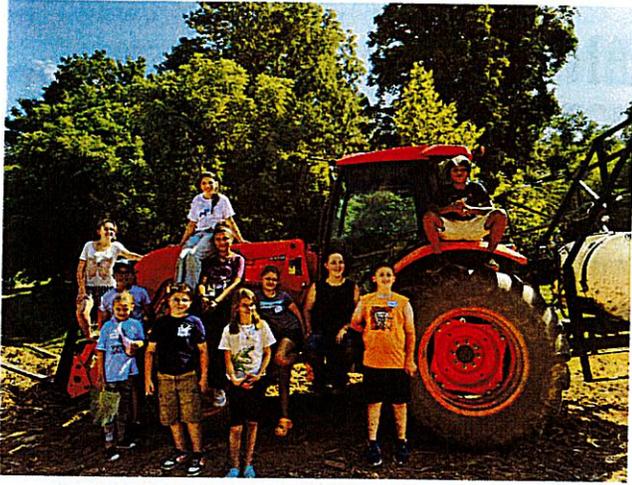
Hurricane Helene Response

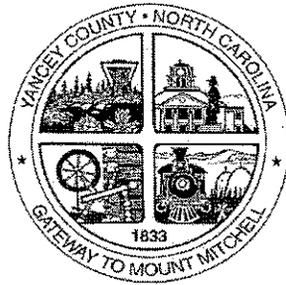
- Assisted with the distribution of human needs supplies at fire departments,
- Assisted in regional program efforts with organizing donations of money, gift cards and Christmas gifts for more than 400 4-H families across WNC.
Assisted with administering grant applications for
- farmers
Assisted clientele at the FEMA Disaster Recovery
- Center
Raised funds to send 6 campers to 4-H Summer
- Camp on full scholarships + donations (total cost per camper was \$545; Raised \$2,800 from outside of NC to support Summer Camps

2025 Goals:

- Increase participation in 4-H Clubs, increase the number of clubs and adult volunteers
- Increase school enrichment program offering
- Hire 4-H Program Assistant to continue supporting program growth
- Increase participation in 4-H regional events and competitions.







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Late application request:

BURNS, JEFFERY & KATHY
1033 PINE SWAMP RD
BURNSVILLE NC 28714

PIN: 081003305556000 1033 PINE SWAMP RD. Please find attached a proposed statement of good cause as to why the applicant for the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion should be approved for the 2025 tax year.

BOCC action: approved denied continued

Part 6. Affirmation and Signature

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT – Under penalties prescribed by law, I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information furnished by me in connection with this application is true and complete. Furthermore, I understand that if I participate in the Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment Program, liens for the deferred taxes will exist on my property, and that when a disqualifying event occurs, the taxes for the year of the disqualifying event will be fully taxed and the last three years of deferred taxes prior to the disqualifying event will become due and payable, with all applicable interest.

JEFFREY C. BURNS *[Signature]* 6/24/25
 Applicant's Name (please print) Applicant's Signature Date
 Kathryn A. Burns *[Signature]* 6/24/2025
 Spouse's Name (please print) Spouse's Signature Date

Refer to the Instructions on Page 1 for filing information and filing location.*

Office Use Only

Approved: Y / N Elderly/Disabled Disabled Veteran Circuit Breaker: 4% 5%

Date: _____ / _____ / _____ By: _____ Comments: _____

AV-9A Received: _____ / _____ / _____ NCDVA-9 Received: _____ / _____ / _____

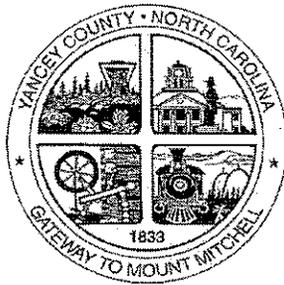
FITR Received: _____ / _____ / _____ Income: \$ _____

All applications must be submitted by June 1 to be timely filed.

Late Applications: Upon a showing of good cause by the applicant for failure to make a timely application, an application for exemption or exclusion filed after the due date may be approved by the Department of Revenue, the board of equalization and review, the board of county commissioners, or the governing body of a municipality, as appropriate. An untimely application for exemption or exclusion approved under this subsection applies only to property taxes levied by the county or municipality in the calendar year in which the untimely application is filed. [N.C.G.S. 105-282.1(a1)]

LATE FILING DUE, TO
 NOT AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM
 UNTILL RECENTLY. I AM 80+ MY WIFE
 72 AND DONT KEEP UP ON CURRENT
 FINANCIAL SITUATIONS IN THE COUNTY.
 THIS WOULD REALLY HELP IF ACCEPTED
 THIS YEAR, OUR SINCERE THANKS

Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment Program. The SSN is not required for verification of the program.



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MCPHEE, LILLIE
195 BANJO BRANCH RD
BURNSVILLE NC 28714

PIN: 074700860838000 195 BANJO BRANCH RD. Please find attached a proposed statement of good cause as to why the applicant for the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion should be approved for the 2025 tax year.

BOCC action: approved denied continued

July 24, 2025

To Whom it may concern.

Re: Late Request for Real Property Tax reduction for a 77-year-old senior citizen of Yancey County North Carolina.

I received my Loan Care statement confirming my on-time July 2025 payment of \$843.63, along with details of a new payment due in August 2025 in the amount of \$937.60, showing a \$1213.13 escrow shortage including property taxes and home insurance. I have included a copy of the statement for your review. This is overwhelming for me.

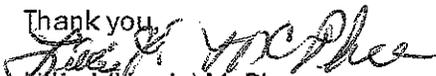
I have enclosed a copy of my Social Security Benefits letter, showing my monthly amount of income of \$1483.00. This amount is extremely hard for me to meet all my needs.

I have enclosed a copy of my Deed for the .77 acres more or less in the South Toe Township on Parcel Id: 074700860838000, also known as 195 Banjo Branch Road, Burnsville, NC 28714-6630. This property is less than one full acre and some of that is not used for anything else.

My husband passed away April 15, 2020, leaving me with a lot of debt. There is a Clause in my mortgage documents that states that in the event of my death the outstanding mortgage balance will be all due and payable. I was advised to add my son to the deed so he could pay off the mortgage, sell the property or make payments. That is why I added him as a joint tenet with the right to survivorship. My son did not apply for the mortgage, his name is not on any of the mortgage documents, and he does not make any payments.

I am a cancer survivor and will be 78 years old on July 27, 2025. I appreciate you time and reviewing my situation. Please cont me if you have any questions.

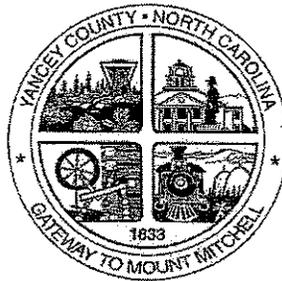
Thank you,


Lillie J. (Harris) McPhee

828 208 4735 or email mcpheelillie@gmail.com

195 Banjo Branch Road

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EDWARDS, LIZABETH ANN
PO BOX 523
MICAVILLE

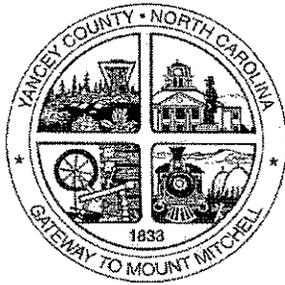
PIN: 080100704486000 68 CHASING DREAMS DR. Please find attached a proposed statement of good cause as to why the applicant for the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion should be approved for the 2025 tax year.

BOCC action: approved denied continued

To whom it may concern,

Please accept my late application for elderly exemption. I have had a lot going on and it slipped my mind to apply. I was reminded recently through a friend about the program.

Thank You
Regalith Edwards



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Refund/release request:

BOBBE, PETER & DOROTHY
390 IVY THICKETT CIRCLE
BURNSVILLE NC 28714

PIN: 075700108945000 390 IVY THICKET CIRCLE. Property owner found that the property assessment for 2024 indicated twice the actual square footage of the residence. This condition was created during the mass appraisal as part of the full list and count process. Property owner did request in writing that the 2024 excess tax collected and the 2025 excess tax billed be refunded and released. The result of the overstatement of value and tax collected for 2024 and 2025:

2024 Excess tax collected (refund)	\$ 582.28
2025 Excess tax billed (release)	\$ 554.00

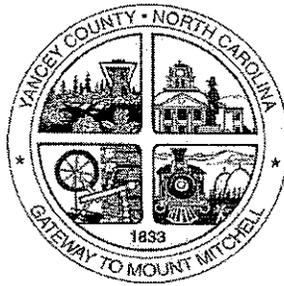
Assessor's opinion: Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-381 release is indicated and recommended in the amount of \$ 554.00.

Assessor's opinion: Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-381 refund is indicated and recommended in the amount of \$ 582.28.

BOCC action: approved denied continued

Refund check request: by _____ Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Please mail check to the property owner.



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Release request:

JARRETT, CHRISTOPHER & ANDREA

545 RICE RD

BURNSVILLE NC 28714

PIN: 083003340361000 5.7 ACRES 28 MERCY ST. Property owner requested a review pursuant to a value change notice within thirty days. Review indicated a structure classification change effective for the 2025 year. This occurred after the data had been closed for the construction of the 2025 tax bills. This request is to approve the value change and subsequent tax release.

Total excess tax billed for 2025: \$2745.00

Assessor's opinion: Pursuant to NCGS 105-381a release is indicated and is recommended in the amount of \$2745.00.

BOCC action: ___ approved ___ denied ___ continued

August 11, 2025

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RE: Yancey County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee FY25-26 Grant Application
Recommendations

Commissioners:

This memo summarizes the review process and funding recommendations of the Yancey County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee for FY25-26 funding requests. It contains a brief overview of the total funding the County is set to receive, the planning efforts, and a summary of the grant applications received following the Request for Proposals (RFP) process; also, details on the review process of the Advisory Committee. The memo concludes with the funding recommendations of the Advisory Committee, which totals \$128,035 across five (5) applicant agencies. Funding recommendations are for programming commencing September 1, 2025 and concluding June 30, 2026. The Yancey County Board of Commissioners is ultimately responsible for determining which agencies receive funding and in what amount.

Opioid Settlement Fund Background

As of the date of this memo, Yancey County government is set to receive a total of \$4,613,743 through 2038 as part of several substantial national opioid settlements and bankruptcies. Beginning in July 2021 the first major settlement was announced with three large drug distributors including McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and manufacturer Johnson & Johnson and Purdue Pharma. The second large settlement, released in 2022 against drug distributors CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Allergan and Teva. Yancey County will also receive funding as a third settlement that was announced in 2024 with Kroger Co. For more information on payout totals for Yancey County and further information on settlements, visit the Community Opioid Resources Engine for North Carolina or CORE-NC website (<https://ncopioidsettlement.org/>).

Opioid Settlement Fund Planning Efforts

Throughout FY2023-2024, Yancey County authorized the expenditure of \$32,000 to one non-profit organization, Freedom Life-Yancey. This funding was provided in accordance with the [*Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\) Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation*](#). Yancey County has held a public input session annually to make every effort to be as inclusive as possible and to allow community members the opportunity to participate, in addition to the information and “share back” sessions and reports held in 2022 through 2024 at great length with the broader community involved.

This year, the County’s Board of Commissioners decided to solicit proposals from qualified external agencies to carry out projects within the County to carry out prevention and rehabilitation efforts.

A competitive grant application and selection process was created to ensure agencies were sufficiently qualified, that proposals met eligibility requirements, and that funds were leveraged for worthwhile projects. A five-member Advisory Committee made up of subject matter experts were selected to review proposals from external agencies and provide funding recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

The following individuals were selected to serve on the Yancey County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee:

- Niki Maness, Yancey County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences
- Evan Carroll – Yancey County Community Paramedic
- Cynthia McIntosh – Yancey County Department of Social Services
- Aprel Wilson – Yancey County Public Information Officer/Red Cross Employee
- Morgan West- Yancey County Project Manager/Clerk to the Board

Proposal and Scoring Process

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was developed in accordance with the MOA and was released on May 2, 2025, and the window to accept proposals closed June 13, 2025. The Advisory Committee held their meeting on July 22, 2025 to review the six applications that were received, from five different agencies. The applications were scored by the Advisory Committee according to the following framework:

- Project Description: 50 points
- Implementation Plan: 20 points
- Evidence-Based Practices: 10 points
- Results Evaluation: 10 points
- Project Partners: 10 points
- **TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE: 100 points**

In addition to the members listed above of the Advisory Committee, Jeff Whitson, Chairman, and Sandi Norton, Commissioner, of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were also in attendance, but did not participate or contribute to the official application scoring of the Advisory Committee; this was for informational and listening purposes only.

During the meeting of the Advisory Committee, each Committee member was asked to independently grade each component of the scoring framework for each application received. Following each independent thorough application review and discussion, each Committee members' scores were recorded. Committee members were able to amend their scores after reviewing any supplemental information discussed or reviewed through the meeting. Final scoring of each application reflected below is a composite final average of all voting members of the Advisory Committee.

Summary of Proposals and Advisory Committee Scoring

The Advisory Committee meeting attendees utilized a checklist adapted from the application requirements to score each application individually. Each application was scored independently of the other applications. The results of the Advisory Committees' evaluations and a summary of each organizations strategies are as follows:

APPLICANT: **Mountain Community Health Partnership (MCHP)**
 AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$50,000
 STRATEGIES: Evidence-based addiction treatment, Recovery support services

Mountain Community Health Partnership (MCHP) is seeking funding to expand the scope, frequency, and diversity of evidence-based group therapy offerings already in place within the Yancey County Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) program. These services include a combination of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and integrated behavioral health services, expanding into offerings of more services at the Burnsville site. This expanded service model addresses both the clinical and logistical barriers to care that individuals living in this community are faced with. MCHP intends to continue investing in staff training and professional development for implementing multiple evidence-based treatment models that are trauma-informed ensuring staff are well-equipped to deliver structured, consistent therapeutic approaches across all services that align with client needs.

Advisory Committee Consensus Scoring	
Scoring Criteria	Applicant Score
Project Description (50 possible points)	45.6
Implementation Plan (20 possible points)	14.8
Evidence-Based Practices (10 possible points)	9.6
Results Evaluation (10 possible points)	7.2
Project Partners (10 possible points)	7
TOTAL	84.2/100

APPLICANT: **Yancey County Schools**
 AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$46,000
 STRATEGIES: Early intervention, collaborative strategic planning

Yancey County Schools is seeking funding to build a comprehensive, school-centered prevention strategy to reduce youth substance use, with a particular focus on opioid misuse. In partnership with Yancey County Schools (YCS), the MY Prevention and Recovery Coalition (MYPRC), and Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH), the initiative strengthens the local prevention network through shared data, coordinated action, and evidence-based strategies. Key activities include administering and analyzing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to identify trends, implementing a youth-led Red Ribbon Week campaign to promote prevention messaging, and planning for the adoption of an evidence-based prevention curriculum for grades 5–9. This effort addresses rising rates of youth mental health challenges and substance misuse—exacerbated by Hurricane Helene’s impact—by engaging schools, community partners, and students in a unified, long-term approach to opioid misuse prevention.

Advisory Committee Consensus Scoring	
Scoring Criteria	Applicant Score
Project Description (50 possible points)	44.4
Implementation Plan (20 possible points)	13.4
Evidence-Based Practices (10 possible points)	7
Results Evaluation (10 possible points)	7.4
Project Partners (10 possible points)	8.8
TOTAL	81/100

APPLICANT: **Freedom Life Yancey**

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$39,320

STRATEGIES: Collaborative strategic planning, Reentry programs

Freedom Life Yancey is seeking funding to continue to provide critical reentry engagement and program supportive services for pre and post release clients within Yancey County. Also, expanding the effectiveness of the Freedom Life Yancey Reentry Executive Team and full Council that develop goals and strategic objectives around the following areas of need: housing, transportation, employment, substance use/mental health, family wellness, legal needs, and community advocacy, networking, education and engagement.

Advisory Committee Consensus Scoring	
Scoring Criteria	Applicant Score
Project Description (50 possible points)	40.4
Implementation Plan (20 possible points)	11.8
Evidence-Based Practices (10 possible points)	7
Results Evaluation (10 possible points)	6
Project Partners (10 possible points)	7.4
TOTAL	72.6/100

APPLICANT: **Live Like Megan for Meg's Place – Yancey County**

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$24,000

STRATEGIES: Recovery housing support, Early intervention

Live Like Megan is seeking funding to support an implementation of Meg's Place in Yancey County, a program that provides a nurturing, comfortable, and private environment for children entering foster care who have no immediate placement. Frequently, these children are removed from their homes impacted by Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and may otherwise spend nights in the social services office - which can be deeply traumatic for the child and challenging for agency staff. Meg's Place seeks to bridge this critical gap by offering basic needs, stability, and emotional support that is trauma-informed. A portion of these requested funds would go toward housing support and creating this space, as well as resources and supplies that meet the needs of the children, foster families, and staff who care for them.

Advisory Committee Consensus Scoring	
Scoring Criteria	Applicant Score
Project Description (50 possible points)	43.8
Implementation Plan (20 possible points)	13
Evidence-Based Practices (10 possible points)	7
Results Evaluation (10 possible points)	7.2
Project Partners (10 possible points)	7.4
TOTAL	78.4/100

APPLICANT: **Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH)**

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$50,000

STRATEGIES: Early intervention

Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) is seeking funding to support two prevention focused afterschool programs: Appalachian Youth to Youth (Y2Y) for middle school students and Cougar Fit Club (CFC) for high school students. Both programs utilize peer-led, strength-based, and trauma-informed approaches to provide early intervention for youth. Through weekly afterschool sessions participants engage in prevention education, the development of healthy coping mechanisms, community service projects, and youth-driven advocacy campaigns. These activities are facilitated and supported by PATH staff and are opportunities for reducing risk factors associated with substance use. These funds would support staff capacity, ensure safe transportation of students for activities, and provide the supplies needed to sustain high-quality programming.

Advisory Committee Consensus Scoring	
Scoring Criteria	Applicant Score
Project Description (50 possible points)	47.2
Implementation Plan (20 possible points)	18.4
Evidence-Based Practices (10 possible points)	8.6
Results Evaluation (10 possible points)	8.2
Project Partners (10 possible points)	9.6
TOTAL	92/100

APPLICANT: **Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) – MY Prevention and Recovery Coalition (MYPRC)**

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$50,000

STRATEGIES: Collaborative strategic planning

Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) as the fiscal agent supporting the MY Prevention and Recovery Coalition (MYPRC), is seeking funding to support collaborative, evidence-based strategic planning to address opioid use and its impacts on Yancey County. MYPRC is a coalition of multi-sector community stakeholders working together to coordinate resources and implement a comprehensive five-part strategy focused on prevention, early intervention, and harm reduction. Funding would primarily support the coalition coordinator and initiatives such as a Youth Advisory Group, community engagement events, the development of local access and awareness resources, and a Community Narcan Education Program (CNEP) that will train at least 200 individuals to effectively respond to opioid overdoses.

Advisory Committee Consensus Scoring	
Scoring Criteria	Applicant Score
Project Description (50 possible points)	47
Implementation Plan (20 possible points)	19
Evidence-Based Practices (10 possible points)	7
Results Evaluation (10 possible points)	7.8
Project Partners (10 possible points)	9.4
TOTAL	90.2/100

Funding Recommendations

After the final scoring of each application, the Advisory Committee discussed which organizations to recommend for funding, and for how much. Below is the final funding recommendation of the Advisory Committee and justification for funding for each organization.

1. Mountain Community Health Partnership (MCHP): \$16,000 (agency requested \$50,000)

The Advisory Committee is supportive of the work of MCHP's Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) program and recognizes the ongoing need to expand these services and programming into Yancey County, as they are currently offered primarily at the Mitchell County office locations. Committee members expressed significant interest in prioritizing funding that would allow personnel to extend OBOT services to the Celo and Burnsville office locations, ensuring greater accessibility for Yancey County residents. Based on this need, the Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$16,000 in total, with \$10,000 designated for personnel, and \$6,000 for staff training and for materials and supplies to support client engagement, which may include workbooks, therapeutic journals, and printed handouts. It is the expectation of the Advisory Committee to see significant progress made in the number of services and programs offered locally at the Yancey County locations.

2. Yancey County Schools: \$22,000 (agency requested \$46,000)

The Advisory Committee is supportive of the proposed project by Yancey County Schools to develop a comprehensive early intervention strategy that addresses youth substance use, particularly opioid misuse, within the school system. This initiative will focus on building system readiness through planning, training, curriculum development, and student engagement. The Committee expressed interest in providing funding with PATH serving as the contractual services provider to carry out this effort, with recommendations tailored to specific, actionable strategies. It was agreed upon by the Advisory Committee to recommend allocating \$22,000 in total, with \$13,000 tailored to salaries for contractual services, \$2,000 for educator training on selected prevention model, \$5,000 for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data and analysis, and \$2,000 for supporting Red Ribbon Week. The Advisory Committee is hopeful this will lay the groundwork for sustainable prevention that engages youth and builds capacity.

3. Freedom Life Ministries: \$10,000 (agency requested \$39,320)

The Advisory Committee is supportive of the work that Freedom Life has been conducting in Yancey County and the ongoing development of a Reentry Program. There is general support for and a recognition of the need for reentry programming in the County. The Advisory Committee noted the need to incorporate a Yancey County representative on the Executive Board of Freedom Life Ministries and to include more detailed information about services provided and client needs in future reporting that highlight specifics to Yancey County. It was agreed upon by the Advisory Committee to recommend \$10,000 in total, with \$7,000 specific to salaries of Yancey staff, and \$3,000 for client support services. It is the expectation of the Advisory Committee to see significant progress made in the next year to enhance the Reentry Program services and outreach in the community.

4. **Live Like Megan for Meg's Place – Yancey County: \$20,000** (*agency requested \$24,000*)

The Advisory Committee is supportive of the proposed project, Meg's Place by the Live Like Megan Organization in Yancey County, and is encouraged that this opportunity can be implemented in coordination with the Yancey County Department of Social Services (DSS). This project addresses an unmet need for one of the most vulnerable populations impacted by Substance Use Disorder (SUD). The Advisory Committee believes this to be a largely impactful project for Yancey County and agreed to recommend funding in the amount of \$20,000 total for housing support and early intervention. The Advisory Committee is hopeful that progress made in the coming year will serve multiple needs for children, foster families and the staff who care for them.

5. **Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH): \$30,000** (*agency requested \$50,000*)

The Advisory Committee is supportive of the work that PATH is conducting in Yancey County and looks forward to continued program expansion and focus for addressing the ongoing needs in early intervention programs like Appalachian Youth to Youth (Y2Y) for middle school students and Cougar Fit Club (CFC) for high school students centered around youth wellness and mental health needs with a strategy specific to substance use prevention education. PATH supports a wide range of efforts in Yancey County and it was agreed upon by the Advisory Committee to recommend funding in the amount of \$30,000 total, with \$20,000 specific to salaries for staff who support these efforts, and \$10,00 for all other expenses related to programming needs including safe transportation of students, snacks, and fees. It is the expectation of the Advisory Committee to see youth engagement retained and project partners increase to ensure students stay connected to broader systems of purpose.

6. **Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) – MY Prevention and Recovery Coalition (MYPRC): \$30,200** (*agency requested \$50,000*)

The Advisory Committee is supportive of the work that MYPRC is conducting in Yancey County for collaborative strategic planning, particularly as the priorities are directly informed by the Community-Guided Learning Process around Substance Use in Mitchell and Yancey Counties were conducted in 2022 and 2024. MYPRC, with PATH serving as fiscal agent will implement a coordinated five-part strategy including implementing the Community Narcan Education Program (CNEP) and other initiatives targeted specifically to Yancey County. The Advisory Committee recommends funding in the amount of \$30,200 total, with \$20,000 designated for salaries for the coalition coordinator, and remaining funds supporting advertising, printing/copying, food, supplies, and indirect staff costs for mileage, etc. The Advisory Committee is hopeful that data driven metrics on participation and training demonstrate increased awareness and inspire further community action among community partners.

In total, the Yancey County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee is recommending **\$128,035** split across the (5) following strategies:

- Collaborative strategic planning
- Evidence-based addiction treatment
- Early intervention
- Reentry programs
- Recovery housing support

See Exhibit A for a copy of the completed checklist from the Advisory Committee meetings.

Since no funding decisions have been made by the Commissioners yet, applicant organizations have not been consulted regarding their ability or willingness to accept partial or funding that was less than their minimum request as recommended by the Advisory Committee. As such, it is possible the organizations may decline the award or need to amend the scope of work of their proposed project. Following a funding decision by the Yancey County Board of Commissioners, I will coordinate with each awarded organization to ensure proper budget and scope of work amended may be accommodated. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Yancey County and each funded organization will be signed prior to distribution of grant funding. If the Commissioners wish, I am happy to share the Advisory Committee's recommended funding scenario with the applicant organizations and gather feedback on their continued interest or changes to their project budget or scope of work to better inform the Commissioner's decision-making.

Please contact me if I can answer any further questions about the content of this memo, the Advisory Committee's scoring process and recommendations, or the eligible uses and reporting requirements related to Opioid Settlement Funds.

Respectfully,

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Exhibit A

Yancey County

Opioid Settlement Fund FY 25-26 Grant Application Review

DATE ISSUED: May 2, 2025

RESPONSE DUE DATE: June 13, 2025

Applications Received:

- 1. Mountain Community Health Partnership (MCHP)**
 - a. Requested amount: \$50,000
 - b. Strategy options: Evidence-based addiction treatment, Recovery support services
- 2. Yancey County Schools**
 - a. Requested amount: \$46,000
 - b. Strategy options: Early intervention, Collaborative strategic planning
- 3. Freedom Life – Yancey**
 - a. Requested amount: \$39,320
 - b. Strategy options: Collaborative strategic planning, Reentry programs
- 4. Live Like Megan for Meg’s Place – Yancey County**
 - a. Requested amount: \$24,000
 - b. Strategy options: Recovery housing support, Early intervention
- 5. Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH)**
 - a. Requested amount: \$50,000
 - b. Strategy options: Early intervention
- 6. Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) – MY Prevention and Recovery Coalition (MYPRC)**
 - a. Requested amount: \$50,000
 - b. Strategy options: Collaborative strategic planning

Requirements for Funded Organizations:

1. Organizations must anticipate providing a to date Narrative and Financial Progress Report at a meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners around the halfway point of the grant award.
2. Organizations must provide a brief program overview at the annual public input meeting that is set to be scheduled in Spring 2026. Dates will be scheduled in consultation with funded organizations.
3. Organizations must provide a final annual Program Performance Report detailing use of the opioid settlement funds and the accomplishments of the program at the end of the funding period. This report must be presented at a regular meeting of the Yancey County Commissioners within 60 days of the conclusion of the grant.

Review Process:

1. Funding requests will be reviewed by an impartial five-member committee comprised of members not affiliated with any non-profit groups, organizations or departments within the County Government that are receiving or anticipated to receive opioid funding.
2. Funding recommendations on behalf of the committee will be presented at a meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners.
3. Yancey County Board of Commissioners may award the entire amount, any portion of, or none of the funds requested in any application.
4. Applicant agencies should not anticipate that funding will be made available in future years and should not plan annual budgets that depend on funding from the opioid settlement, as that funding may not be possible.
5. Letters will be sent to applicants notifying them of the outcome of their requests within 30 days of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners approval.
6. Responses will be evaluated according to the following factors:
 - a. Project Description: 50 points
 - b. Implementation Plan: 20 points
 - c. Evidence-Based Practices and Expertise: 10 points
 - d. Results Evaluation: 10 points
 - e. Project Partners: 10 points
 - f. Total Possible Score: 100 points**

Organization Name: Mountain Community Health Partnership (MCHP)

Who May Apply

✓	Is this organization a registered 501(c)(3) organization? (Evidence provided)
N/A	Is this organization a start-up? (If yes, Budget & Plan of Operation provided)
N/A	Is this organization applying under the umbrella of another eligible agency?

Grants May Be Used For

✓	Is this project intended for a public purpose not otherwise provided by the County or that augments what is offered by the County? Does it follow the goals set forth in Option A?
✓	Does this pursue the goals of 1) Prevention, 2) Rehabilitation, or some combination of both?
✓	Is this service or program reasonably available to all people located in Yancey County?

Organization Overview

✓	Did the organization provide a copy of their Articles of Incorporation?
✓	Is the organizations' Mission Statement along with Goals and Objectives provided?
✓	Is an organization chart and board roster included?
✓	Is the organizations' non-discrimination statement provided?

Financial Information

✓	Has the organization provided the prior year's independent financial audit?
✓	Is the organizations' current year operating budget provided with the application?
✓	Has the organization provided information on fundraising activities or other funding sources pursued in the last year?
✓	Has the organization detailed all other external revenue sources for the proposed program or project? Is it clear if these are ongoing or new sources of revenue?
N/A	Has the organization provided an IRS Form 990?

Qualifications & Strategies

✓	<p>Did the application include a narrative that detailed the organization's history and qualifications to accomplish the proposed scope of work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should include the project teams' expertise and experience managing grant funding or similar projects or programming This should be limited to 5 pages
✓	<p>Did the organization provide specific examples of collaborative efforts with outside agencies to accomplish or enhance the results of the program(s) to be funded?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should be limited to 3 pages

✓	<p>Did the application include a Strategy Narrative that explains how funds will be used to achieve one or more goals from Option A?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should include outcome-based goals, an implementation plan, and a estimated timeline for achieving stated goals • The Strategy Narrative should include the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project description ○ Implementation plan ○ Evidenced-based practices ○ Methods for evaluating results ○ Project partners ○ Budget and budget narrative • This should be limited to 20 pages
N/A	<p>Organizations who have previously received funding through Yancey County opioid settlement funds should provide a narrative that details activities undertaken in previous funding cycle and a plan as to how future funding augments or expands those activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be limited to 5 pages

General Information

✓	Was the application received on time?6/9/25 1:50PM
✓	Is the application complete?

Notes:

FINAL EVALUATION:

Project Description: 50 possible points	45.6
Implementation Plan: 20 possible points	14.8
Evidence-Based Practices: 10 possible points	9.6
Results Evaluation: 10 possible points	7.2
Project Partners: 10 possible points	7
Total Possible Score: 100 points	84.2/100

Organization Name: Yancey County Schools

Who May Apply

✓	Is this organization a registered 501(c)(3) organization? (Evidence provided)
N/A	Is this organization a start-up? (If yes, Budget & Plan of Operation provided)
N/A	Is this organization applying under the umbrella of another eligible agency?

Grants May Be Used For

✓	Is this project intended for a public purpose not otherwise provided by the County or that augments what is offered by the County? Does it follow the goals set forth in Option A?
✓	Does this pursue the goals of 1) Prevention, 2) Rehabilitation, or some combination of both?
✓	Is this service or program reasonably available to all people located in Yancey County?

Organization Overview

N/A	Did the organization provide a copy of their Articles of Incorporation?
✓	Is the organizations' Mission Statement along with Goals and Objectives provided?
✓	Is an organization chart and board roster included?
✓	Is the organizations' non-discrimination statement provided?

Financial Information

✓	Has the organization provided the prior year's independent financial audit?
N/A	Is the organizations' current year operating budget provided with the application?
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N/A	Has the organization provided an IRS Form 990?

Qualifications & Strategies

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General Information

✓	Was the application received on time?6/11/25 2:07PM
✓	Is the application complete?

Notes:

FINAL EVALUATION:

Project Description: 50 possible points	44.4
Implementation Plan: 20 possible points	13.4
Evidence-Based Practices: 10 possible points	7
Results Evaluation: 10 possible points	7.4
Project Partners: 10 possible points	8.8
Total Possible Score: 100 points	81/100

Organization Name: Freedom Life - Yancey

Who May Apply

✓	Is this organization a registered 501(c)(3) organization? (Evidence provided)
N/A	Is this organization a start-up? (If yes, Budget & Plan of Operation provided)
N/A	Is this organization applying under the umbrella of another eligible agency?

Grants May Be Used For

✓	Is this project intended for a public purpose not otherwise provided by the County or that augments what is offered by the County? Does it follow the goals set forth in Option A?
✓	Does this pursue the goals of 1) Prevention, 2) Rehabilitation, or some combination of both?
✓	Is this service or program reasonably available to all people located in Yancey County?

Organization Overview

✓	Did the organization provide a copy of their Articles of Incorporation?
✓	Is the organizations' Mission Statement along with Goals and Objectives provided?
✓	Is an organization chart and board roster included?
✓	Is the organizations' non-discrimination statement provided?

Financial Information

N	Has the organization provided the prior year's independent financial audit?
✓	Is the organizations' current year operating budget provided with the application?
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Qualifications & Strategies

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General Information

✓	Was the application received on time?6/12/25 7:32PM
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Notes:

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Project Description: 50 possible points	40.4
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Evidence-Based Practices: 10 possible points	7
Results Evaluation: 10 possible points	6
Project Partners: 10 possible points	7.4
Total Possible Score: 100 points	72.6/100

Organization Name: Live Like Megan - Meg's Place Yancey County

Who May Apply

✓	Is this organization a registered 501(c)(3) organization? (Evidence provided)
N/A	Is this organization a start-up? (If yes, Budget & Plan of Operation provided)
N/A	Is this organization applying under the umbrella of another eligible agency?

Grants May Be Used For

✓	Is this project intended for a public purpose not otherwise provided by the County or that augments what is offered by the County? Does it follow the goals set forth in Option A?
✓	Does this pursue the goals of 1) Prevention, 2) Rehabilitation, or some combination of both?
✓	Is this service or program reasonably available to all people located in Yancey County?

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✓	Is the organizations' non-discrimination statement provided?

Financial Information

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Qualifications & Strategies

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General Information

✓	Was the application received on time? 6/12/25 1:44PM
✓	Is the application complete?

Notes:

FINAL EVALUATION:

Project Description: 50 possible points	43.8
Implementation Plan: 20 possible points	13
Evidence-Based Practices: 10 possible points	7
Results Evaluation: 10 possible points	7.2
Project Partners: 10 possible points	7.4
Total Possible Score: 100 points	78.4/100

Organization Name: PATH

Who May Apply

✓	Is this organization a registered 501(c)(3) organization? (Evidence provided)
N/A	Is this organization a start-up? (If yes, Budget & Plan of Operation provided)
N/A	Is this organization applying under the umbrella of another eligible agency?

Grants May Be Used For

✓	Is this project intended for a public purpose not otherwise provided by the County or that augments what is offered by the County? Does it follow the goals set forth in Option A?
✓	Does this pursue the goals of 1) Prevention, 2) Rehabilitation, or some combination of both?
✓	Is this service or program reasonably available to all people located in Yancey County?

Organization Overview

✓	Did the organization provide a copy of their Articles of Incorporation?
✓	Is the organizations' Mission Statement along with Goals and Objectives provided?
✓	Is an organization chart and board roster included?
✓	Is the organizations' non-discrimination statement provided?

Financial Information

✓	Has the organization provided the prior year's independent financial audit?
✓	Is the organizations' current year operating budget provided with the application?
✓	Has the organization provided information on fundraising activities or other funding sources pursued in the last year?
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General Information

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✓	Is the application complete?

Notes:

FINAL EVALUATION:

Project Description: 50 possible points	47.2
Implementation Plan: 20 possible points	18.4
Evidence-Based Practices: 10 possible points	8.6
Results Evaluation: 10 possible points	8.2
Project Partners: 10 possible points	9.6
Total Possible Score: 100 points	92/100

Organization Name: PATH (MYPRC)

Who May Apply

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✓	Is this organization applying under the umbrella of another eligible agency?

Grants May Be Used For

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General Information

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✓	Is the application complete?

Notes:

FINAL EVALUATION:

Project Description: 50 possible points	47
Implementation Plan: 20 possible points	19
Evidence-Based Practices: 10 possible points	7
Results Evaluation: 10 possible points	7.8
Project Partners: 10 possible points	9.4
Total Possible Score: 100 points	90.2/100

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF YANCEY
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Yancey County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”) and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”);

WHEREAS Yancey County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- i. indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, Yancey County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Evidence-based addiction treatment, Recovery Support Services
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 2, 3
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$16,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date September 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support evidence-based addiction treatment, and funding evidence-based recovery support services.
- g. Provider: Mountain Community Health Partnership (MCHP)

2. Second strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Early intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 6
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$22,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date September 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund programs, services, or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children and adolescents.
- g. Provider: Yancey County Schools (YCS)

3. Third strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Reentry programs
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 12
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$10,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date September 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support programs that connect incarcerated persons to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need.
- g. Provider: Freedom Life

4. Fourth strategy authorized

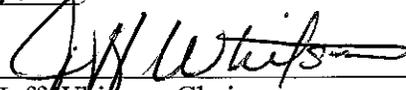
- a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 6
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$20,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date September 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund programs, services or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents.
- g. Provider: Live Like Megan for Meg's Place – Yancey County

5. Fifth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Collaborative strategic planning, Early intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 1, 6
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$60,200
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date September 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2026
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support collaborative strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose or related issues; and programs and services, also training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents.
- g. Provider: Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH)

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$128,035.

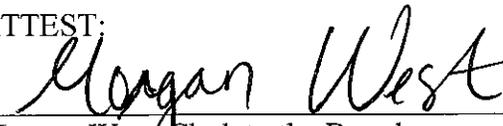
Adopted this the 11th day of August, 2025.



Jeff Whitson, Chair

Yancey County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Morgan West, Clerk to the Board