



Community & Economic Development

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The **Community Development Division** administers HUD-funded programs for Asheville and for a four-county consortium consisting of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania and Madison Counties. These programs provide affordable housing, economic opportunities and other benefits for low-income residents.

The focus of the City of Asheville **Office of Economic Development** is to promote the City's economic development policies through linked and collaborative initiatives that leverage resources to create a vibrant and robust Asheville economy. It is the policy of the City of Asheville to provide economic development grants for companies and industries seeking to relocate and expand business. The Economic Development Incentives Policy is designed to stimulate private sector investment, economic growth and job creation in the City by offering grants consistent with this policy and availability of funds.

Here is what we purchase and contract for over the course of the fiscal year:

- Printing
- Office supplies
- Car rental
- Construction for infrastructure projects
- Land appraisals
- Signage
- Deed recording (law firms)
- Lot cleanup/junk removal
- Catering
- Graphic Design
- Consultants
- Communications consulting

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