

## BeLoved Village Application Cover Sheet

BeLoved Asheville is a local, grassroots non-profit organization bringing people together from all walks of life to create home, health, equity, and opportunity for all in our community. We are dedicated to providing deeply affordable homes in a community environment.

BeLoved Village is a community where people thrive together, where social connections and equity lead to better health, more opportunities, and long-term stability. It consists of homes ranging in size from 440-625 square feet. Each home contains all major appliances including stove, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, and washer/dryer. The neighborhood is just off Tunnel Rd. in East Asheville.

## Mail completed applications to:

BeLoved Asheville, PO Box 6386, Asheville, NC 28816 or

Email applications to: belovedvillagesavl@gmail.com

In person at: 32 Old Charlotte Highway Asheville, NC 28803 If we are not open, you may drop it in the mail slot in the front door.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3RD AT MIDNIGHT.

THERE IS NO APPLICATION FEE.

### APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet **ONE OR MORE** of the following criteria to be eligible:

#### • Have a demonstrated need for decent, stable, and deeply affordable housing:

- $\circ$  Live in a home that is in disrepair or is otherwise substandard
- o Are houseless or living in a shelter or transitional housing program
- Pay too much income on rent (more than 30% of gross income on rent)
- Live in a home that is overcrowded or living doubled up with another family
- Living in temporary housing, public housing, or other subsidized housing
- $\circ$  Are at risk of losing your home or being gentrified from the community

#### • Be a Buncombe County resident

#### • Be willing and able to:

oPerform activities of daily living independently or with a caregiver;

• Participate in regular community meetings

 $\circ$  Contribute 10 hours per month toward the maintenance, management, and upkeep of the Village (community gatherings, property, etc.) within your ability

• Uphold the Community Agreement created by residents with BeLoved Asheville

A community agreement outlines a basic code of conduct that all residents must abide

by, and requires that each resident participate in helping to manage the village.

 $\circ$  Sign a one-year lease;

• Not smoke inside homes;

 $\circ$  Open and maintain a personal savings or checking account and place payments on automatic draft.

#### • Have a monthly pre-tax income between 15-50 percent of Area Median Income:

One person: \$743.75-\$2,479

Two people: \$850-\$2,833

Three people: \$956.25-\$3187.50

Four people: \$1062.50-\$3,500

#### AFFORDABILITY

Monthly rent rates are on a sliding scale and do not exceed 25% of a household's monthly income plus utilities (homes are built in a very energy efficient way to lower utility costs). An annual review of income will reset the rental rate for each household.

#### **ESCROW**

A portion of each on-time monthly rent payment will go toward an equity-building deposit held in escrow for the tenant to use as a cushion in emergencies, for opportunities to move forward in life, or to transition to their next home.

## **OUR HOMES**

The homes range from 440-625 square feet each and are designed to provide affordable housing for single adults and small families depending upon the size of the home. The homes have all major kitchen appliances, a full bath, and a washer and dryer; there is minimal space for storage. Many individuals enjoy living in an efficient space and appreciate the benefits of smaller monthly rent and utility bills as compared to larger homes.

### LIVING IN THE BELOVED VILLAGE COMMUNITY

BeLoved places a large emphasis on community and mutual support and employs a thoughtful tenant selection process reflecting these values. Tenants are expected to keep the community a safe and healthy space, attend regular Village community meetings, build healthy relationships with neighbors, respect and support those in recovery, and proactively address issues or concerns.

## LOCATION

Our first BeLoved Village is located in East Asheville just off Tunnel Road. It is on a very active public transit line and close to grocery and retail stores, healthcare, schools, and job opportunities.

## WAITLIST PROCESS

If we do not have any available units at the time of your application, we will keep your application on file for a year from the date of submission. We may periodically contact you to confirm you are still interested in living in one of our homes and confirm you still meet eligibility requirements. When a home becomes available, we will reach out to qualified applicants by phone or email to confirm interest and eligibility and request additional information if needed.

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**Completed application packet**, including:

□ **Income verification** - documentation of your most recent 2 months of income (for example, pay stubs, benefit verification letters, most recent bank statements, etc.)

For questions regarding the application or BeLoved Village, you may contact us via email at <u>belovedvillagesavl@gmail.com</u>



## **BeLoved Village Application**

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Thank you so much for taking the time to apply to be a resident of the BeLoved Village! Please answer each question and feel free to add more paper if you need more room to answer questions. Our Resident Selection Committee will review all applications and respond to you. You may be asked to do an in person, online, or phone interview.

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

		Date of Birth / / /
State	Zip Code_	
Alternate	e Phone Num	ber
	State	StateZip Code Alternate Phone Numl

#### Others in your household

NAME	Age & Relationship to you	DATE OF BIRTH

How were you impacted by Hurricane Helene? Please share your story.

How long have you lived in Buncombe County?
(If you do not live in Buncombe County, please write 0.)
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BeLoved Village has a neighborhood component where Villagers will be connected and have leadership through a Village Council.
Do you agree to take part in regular Village Council meetings and help support the working of the BeLoved Village? Yes No
What makes a good neighbor? What makes a strong neighborhood?
What are gifts that you will bring to the neighborhood? How would you like to support the neighborhood?


# Your demonstrated need for decent, stable, and deeply affordable housing (please check any or all that apply to you and your household currently):

- Live in a home that is in disrepair or is otherwise substandard
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#### Tell us more about your current housing situation:

Have you or your ancestors faced housing discrimination? Tell us about that.

BeLoved Asheville does not provide transportation; Are you prepared to use your
own transportation or public transportation (we are just off the bus line) to get to ar
from the BeLoved Village community? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
Vehicle Information (if applicable):
Make/ Model/ Color License Plate Number
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Do you need any accommodations for housing (wheelchair accessible, no stairs,
Do you need any accommodations for housing (wheelchair accessible, no stairs, service animal, etc.)?
service animal, etc.)? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
service animal, etc.)? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
service animal, etc.)? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
service animal, etc.)?   Yes  No If yes, please provide details:
service animal, etc.)?   Yes  No If yes, please provide details:
service animal, etc.)?  Yes No If yes, please provide details: Do you have a pet? Yes / No If so, how many and what kind?
service animal, etc.)?  Yes No If yes, please provide details: Do you have a pet? Yes / No If so, how many and what kind? How many pounds?

How Long have you had this job?	How many hours per week?	
How much do you receive in pay?		
Past Employer and Position		
Supervisor Phone #		
How Long did you have this job?	How many hours per week?	
Please provide employment/income info Employer and Position Supervisor Phone #	rmation for others in your household: Present	
How Long have you had this job?	How many hours per week?	
How much do you receive in pay?		
Past Employer and Position		
Supervisor Phone #		
How Long did you have this job?	How many hours per week?	

## OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME: IF YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PLEASE COMPLETE

INCOME SOURCE	AMOUNT RECEIVED	SPECIFY: WEEKLY/MONTHLY	WHO RECEIVES THIS INCOME?
VETERANS BENEFITS			
RETIREMENT/PENSION			
CHILD SUPPORT			
STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS			

FOOD STAMPS		
HOUSING ASSISTANCE		
OTHER: PLEASE SPECIFY		

#### PLEASE INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION SO THAT WE CAN VERIFY YOUR INCOME

Including the last two prior months of pay stubs (employed), the last two years of tax returns for self employed/1099 employees or Social security benefit letter; assistance letters detailing the level and length of benefits; or any other income documentation.

#### Assets

List all household members who currently have assets. Some examples include, but are not limited to: - Checking - Savings - Real Estate - Stocks/Bond - Trust Fund - Cash - Vehicle

ASSET	WHAT IS THE ASSET WORTH?
EX. CHECKING ACCT. SELF HELP CREDIT UNION	\$5,000

Believing in second chances, we will be doing background and eviction checks.

Do you consent to these checks? Yes No

Would you like to share anything about your criminal background, eviction background, or your life since those moments?

Tell us why you would like to live at the BeLoved Village

Is there anything else you would like to share:

Personal References (Please list three personal references below): If applicable, please include here the person

1. Name	Phone number
Email address:	_Relationship to you
2.Name	Phone number
Email address:	_ Relationship to you
3.Name	Phone number
Email address:	_Relationship to you