



Coronavirus Relief Fund

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CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

- North Carolina counties are receiving funding for local governments as part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the federal CARES Act.
- Funds are administered by the State Budget and Management's Pandemic Recovery Office.
- Buncombe County's CRF allocation is \$4,499,663.



SUB-GRANTS

- Because municipalities and fire districts have been critical partners in our Emergency Operations Center, Buncombe County is proposing to distribute funds as sub-grants to these entities.
- The proposed methodology uses the same method that the NC Department of Revenue uses for Sales Tax Allocation. This Ad Valorem Distribution is based on the total taxable value of each entity/district and dividing the total of all entities/districts.
- These awards are considered sub-grants subject to federal rules and regulations and will be administered via reimbursement contracts. Contracts will include monitoring and reporting.



PROPOSED ALLOCATION

	Proposed CRF Allocation %	Proposed CRF Allocation \$
County	67.39%	\$3,032,255
Municipalities	25.29%	\$1,138,042
Fire Districts	7.32%	\$329,365
Total	100.00%	\$4,499,663



MUNICIPALITIES

	Proposed CRF Allocation %	Proposed CRF Allocation \$
Asheville	20.97%	\$943,771
Biltmore Forest	0.83%	\$37,557
Black Mountain	1.32%	\$59,245
Montreat	0.32%	\$14,611
Weaverville	1.08%	\$48,398
Woodfin	0.77%	\$34,460



FIRE DISTRICTS

	Proposed CRF Allocation %	Proposed CRF Allocation \$
Barnardsville (FBA)	0.24%	\$10,770
Broad River (FBR)	0.09%	\$4,249
East Buncombe (FEB)	0.30%	\$13,533
Enka Candler (FEC)	0.75%	\$33,926
Fairview (FFA)	0.66%	\$29,772
French Broad (FFB)	0.13%	\$5,948
Garren Creek (FGC)	0.08%	\$3,741
Jupiter (FJU)	0.26%	\$11,601
Leicester (FLE)	0.40%	\$18,009
Reems Creek (FRC)	0.40%	\$17,919



FIRE DISTRICTS

	Proposed CRF Allocation %	Proposed CRF Allocation \$
Reynolds (FRE)	0.29%	\$13,072
Riceville (FRI)	0.28%	\$12,506
Skyland (FSK)	1.48%	\$66,705
Swannanoa (FSW)	0.43%	\$19,463
Upper Hominy (FUH)	0.21%	\$9,666
Weaverville (FNB)	0.39%	\$17,330
West Buncombe (FWB)	0.59%	\$26,378
Woodfin (FWO)	0.23%	\$10,531
Asheville Suburban (FSB)	0.07%	\$3,006
Asheville Special District (FAS)	0.03%	\$1,240



ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Expenses related to Coronavirus/COVID-19, within several broad categories:
 - Medical expenses (e.g. clinics, testing, treatment, telemedicine)
 - Public health expenses (e.g. communication, enforcement, personal protective equipment)
 - Payroll expenses (e.g. public safety or others substantially dedicated to the response)
 - Expenses to facilitate compliance with public health measures (resident feeding, sheltering, distance learning, teleworking)
 - Expenses associated with provision of economic support (e.g. small business support)
 - Other reasonably necessary expenses



DETAILS

- Funds must be used for expenditures between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020 for purposes that were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020.
- Funds may not be used to reimburse for revenue loss.
- The State Pandemic Recovery Office is encouraging these funds be used prior to FEMA reimbursement, which requires a 25% match.
- Federal *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* promulgated by the United States Office of Management and Budget apply unless the US Treasury publishes guidance stating otherwise.



NEXT STEPS

- Municipalities and Fire Districts submit proposed plans to Buncombe County & Buncombe County submits proposed compiled plan to State
- Funds released to the County and added to the County Budget
- Project Implemented with grant coordinator, sub-grantee contracts, monitoring and reporting



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

- Consider approval of disbursement to municipalities and fire districts as sub-grantees, utilizing the proposed allocation methodology

