



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 6/16/2020

#### New Business

**Department:**

Budget

**Presenter(s):**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Contact(s):**

Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships

Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations

**Subject:**

Coronavirus Relief Fund Grants

**Brief Summary:**

As a follow-up to Board Action from 5/19/2020, Buncombe County is to receive a distribution from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in a total amount of \$4,499,663 to be used for COVID-19 health-related expenditures. Buncombe County will distribute up to \$1,467,408 to local municipalities and fire districts to assist local relief issues. These dollars can be used on eligible expenditures made from March 1 to December 30, 2020.

This budget amendment is to establish the funding to reimburse municipalities and fire districts for their eligible expenses as well as establish the salary and benefits budget for the grants coordinator position. Please see attachment A for the amounts available for distribution. Distributions may vary if entities are unable to spend all dollars or decline funding.

Please note, \$3,032,255, which is Buncombe County's share of the total distribution is used to fund \$52,267 for the grants coordinator and the remaining \$2,979,988 will be posted to the General Fund as revenue. There is not a need for a budget amendment as the eligible expenditures have already been budgeted. The dollars will offset already expended funds towards pandemic response. Any amount remaining in FY2020 will fall through to fund balance and will be restricted for the specific eligible purposes in FY2021.

We are additionally requesting the authorization to create a full time, grant funded, time-limited grants coordinator position to assist with management and compliance of related funds.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

- 1) Authorize grant coordinator position from Buncombe's share of allocation
- 2) Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented