

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 01/19/2021

New Business

Department: Presenter(s):

Budget Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Subject: Use of budgetary contingency for Emergency funding for increased COVID-

19 vaccine support

Brief Summary:

This amendment increases budget available to provide funding to Public Health and Emergency Services in preparation for and implementation of increased COVID-19 vaccination capacity. The desire of the Board of Commissioners is to be positioned to move quickly in achieving the goal of 70% of the county population to receive the vaccination.

This budget amendment authorizes that budgetary contingency from the functions of Culture & Recreation (\$35,000), General Government (\$590,000), Public Safety (\$10,000) and Human Services (365,000) will be moved and budgeted at the functional levels of Human Services (\$500,000) and Public Safety (\$500,000) for a total of \$1M to continue to provide flexibility in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will be available for use as intermediate funding and will be used in the absence of any other available funding to support pandemic response. Ongoing efforts are being made to secure available funding to cover eligible expenses.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented