



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: June 1, 2021

New Business

Presenter(s):

Phillip Hardin

Jennifer Barnette

Requesting Department: Health and Human Services

Budget Amendment Item: Emergency Rental Assistance Grant

Contact(s): Phillip Hardin, Economic Services Director
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Subject: Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County is receiving a second round of grant funding in the amount of \$6,233,395 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance, called ERA2 by the U.S. Treasury. This program is to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds may be used for direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy cost arrears, and other expenses related to housing. Up to 15% of the grant may be used for Administrative costs. Funds must be expended by September 30, 2025.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented