



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021

#### New Business

**Presenter(s):**

John Hudson, Budget

**Requesting Department:** Health and Human Services

**Budget Amendment Item:** AA716

**Contact(s):** Stacie Saunders, Health Director

**Subject:** Vaccine Distribution Hub and State Carry Forward

**Brief Summary:**

Late last fiscal year, the Division of Public Health (DPH), Immunization Branch made an additional allocation to Buncombe County Health & Human Services of \$640,523 for AA716 CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program supplemental funds. The award included notice that AA716 funds unspent from SFY21 will carry forward into SFY22 and be included in a new FY22 Agreement Addendum. This budget amendment includes \$590,477 of actual unspent funds for Buncombe County. The Immunization Branch also awarded new funding of \$75,000 to designate Buncombe County Health & Human Services as one of the state vaccine distribution hubs, which will facilitate supplying vaccines to where they are most needed.

The Public Health department will continue to carry out COVID-19 vaccine response activities, particularly those that focus on removing the barriers to accessing vaccine, increasing vaccine confidence, coordinating COVID-19 vaccine services, and expanding its COVID-19 vaccination program, with an emphasis on reaching high-risk and underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, and all others disproportionately affected by COVID-19.. The carry forward funding will be used to purchase ultra-cold vaccine storage units and a mobile vaccine unit vehicle that can be taken out into the community to administer vaccines. Funding will also continue our communications and advertising efforts.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment

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

County Manager recommends as presented