



# COVID Recovery Funding

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- Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal aid to state & local governments
- Funds to invest toward recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts
- Direct, flexible funding from U.S. Treasury
- **Buncombe County allocation: \$50.7 Million**



CORONAVIRUS  
STATE AND LOCAL  
FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS



# Requests for Proposals (RFP)

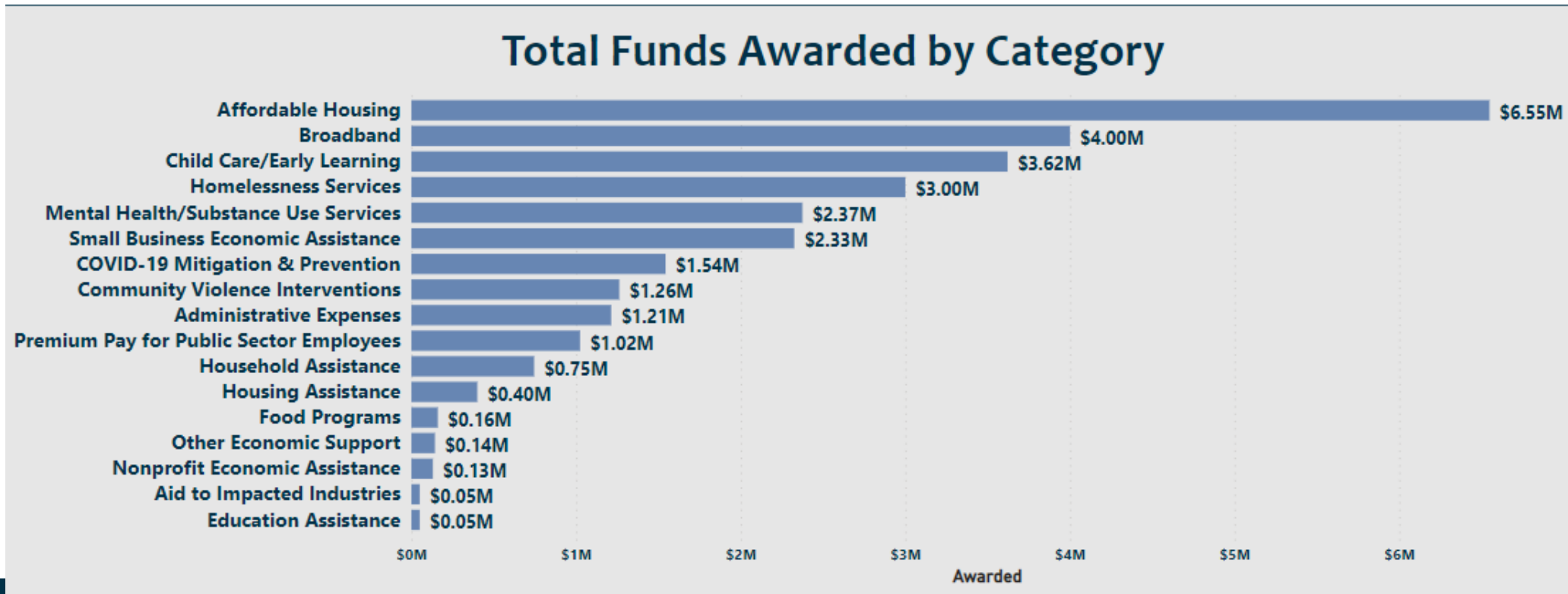
- Held 2 RFP rounds (summer 2021 & spring 2022)
- 2022 RFP focused on second tranche of funds
- Limited to 10 priority categories
- Open to nonprofits, public organizations & county departments
- Open to new projects and updated/resubmitted projects
- Released March 1, 2022 & due April 12, 2022
- 105 submissions totaling \$120.2 M in requests



# Rolling Awards to Date

Total allocated so far: \$27,948,947

Full details available at [www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding](http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding)



# Proposed Additional Awards

- \$18,821,666 across 24 projects
- Total of 49 projects

*Including the following impact areas:*

- Affordable Housing
- Aging/Older Adults
- Business Support/Economic Development
- Environment/Climate
- Homelessness
- Infrastructure & Broadband
- K-12 Education
- Mental Health/Substance Use
- Workforce



# Proposed Awards

| Category                                  | Organization                                      | Project  | Amount       |
|---|---|--|--------------|
| Affordable Housing                        | Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity               | Infrastructure to Support Affordable Homeownership Development in Buncombe County            | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Affordable Housing                        | Colaborativa La Milpa                             | PODER Emma Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Repair Program                      | \$ 200,000   |
| Affordable Housing                        | Eblen Charities                                   | Eblen Charities Housing Stabilization Project  | \$ 287,500   |
| Affordable Housing                        | The Arc of Buncombe County                        | Affordable Housing for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled (I/DD)                | \$ 50,000    |
| Affordable Housing                        | Thrive Asheville                                  | Buncombe Rental Assistance Collaborative (BRAC)  | \$ 356,571   |
| Aging/Older Adults                        | Meals on Wheels of Asheville & Buncombe County    | Electric Vans and Charging Station for Senior Meal Delivery Program                          | \$ 125,000   |
| Business Support/<br>Economic Development | Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project       | Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's Farm Fresh for Health - Double SNAP Initiative | \$ 250,000   |
| Business Support/<br>Economic Development | Eagle Market Streets Development Corporation, CDC | EMSDC Community Equity Fund  | \$ 375,000   |



# Proposed Awards

| Category                        | Organization   | Project   | Amount       |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Environment/Climate             | Buncombe County Government - Sustainability              | Renewable Energy for Volunteer Fire Districts                         | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Environment/Climate             | Loving Food Resources Inc.                               | HVAC and Air Filtration System for Loving Food Resources Food Pantry  | \$ 81,479    |
| Homelessness                    | Buncombe County Government - Emergency Services          | Community Paramedic Project; Mobile Outreach Team                     | \$ 1,144,000 |
| Homelessness                    | Helpmate, Inc.   | Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence Survivors                     | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Infrastructure and/or Broadband | Buncombe County Government - Intergovernmental Relations | Buncombe Broadband - Fiber Infrastructure - Phase 2 - NC CAB Program  | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Infrastructure and/or Broadband | Buncombe County Government - Intergovernmental Relations | Ferry Road Infrastructure   | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Infrastructure and/or Broadband | YMI Cultural Center                                      | Historic Preservation   | \$ 1,000,000 |
| K-12 Education                  | United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County              | School-Based Health Centers: Supporting Health and Educational Equity | \$ 1,365,895 |
| K-12 Education                  | YTL Training Program                                     | YTL Training Programs Closing the Gap and Building Resiliency         | \$ 200,000   |

# Proposed Awards

| Category                        | Organization   | Project   | Amount       |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Mental Health/<br>Substance Use | All Souls Counseling Center  | Expanding Vital Mental Health Services for Underserved Populations Most Impacted by COVID-19 in Buncombe County | \$ 418,750   |
| Mental Health/<br>Substance Use | Buncombe County Government - Justice Services                      | Advancing Community Safety: Violence Prevention and Intervention  | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Mental Health/<br>Substance Use | Mountain Child Advocacy Center                                     | Child Trauma Response and Recovery  | \$ 400,000   |
| Workforce                       | Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Community Betterment Foundation | Accelerate Buncombe, a Collaborative Approach to Accelerated Apprenticeships                                    | \$ 750,000   |
| Workforce                       | Buncombe County Government - Human Resources                       | Buncombe County - Employee Retention Grant  | \$ 2,039,000 |
| Public Health                   | Buncombe County Government   | COVID-19 Contingency Replenishment  | \$ 172,000   |
| Administration                  | Buncombe County Government   | Fund Administration   | \$ 606,471   |





# Amount Remaining

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$50,733,290       | Total Allocation                  |
| -\$46,804,364      | Awards to Date                    |
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| <b>\$3,928,926</b> | <b>Remaining</b><br>(if approved) |

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|---------------------|--------------|
| August 2021         | \$11,309,495 |
| November 2021       | \$11,305,004 |
| February 2022       | \$749,000    |
| May 2022            | \$4,855,448  |
| June 2022           | \$50,000     |
| July 2022 (pending) | \$18,821,666 |
| Awards to Date      | \$46,804,364 |



# Next Steps (if approved)

- Submit annual report to U.S. Treasury by July 31, 2022 (reflecting activity of June 30, 2022)
- Update [www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding](http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding) with annual report and latest awards
- Establish written agreements for all projects in accordance with federal funding guidelines
- Conduct ongoing monitoring and reporting
- Revisit remaining balance COVID Recovery Funds in 2023



# Request for Board Action

- Consider approval of COVID Recovery Funding awards as listed, totaling \$18,821,666

