



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/19/2022

New Business

Department: Strategic Partnerships

Presenter(s): Sara Joss

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Subject: COVID Recovery Funding

Brief Summary: Buncombe County has been awarded a total of \$50,733,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("COVID Recovery Funding") via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to invest toward recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts.

Project applications have been gathered via multiple Request for Proposals (RFP) processes. Commissioners have been awarding funds to projects on a rolling basis. Details about awards to date are available on www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding.

The next round of awards is anticipated to be approved at this meeting on July 19, 2022.

Following these awards, any economic development allocations will require subsequent public notice, hearing and authorization. Staff will negotiate written agreements in compliance with federal guidance for all projects once fully approved.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Consider approval of COVID Recovery Funding awards