COVID Recovery Funding

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Overview

- Update on COVID Recovery Funding activities to date

- Review of amount remaining

- Requests for Board Action:
    1. Consider approval of proposed allocations
    2. Consider approval of Interlocal Agreement with The City of Asheville for shelter support funding

COVID Recovery Funding

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal aid to state & local governments

- Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
  - Direct, flexible funding from U.S. Treasury
  - Funds to invest toward recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts
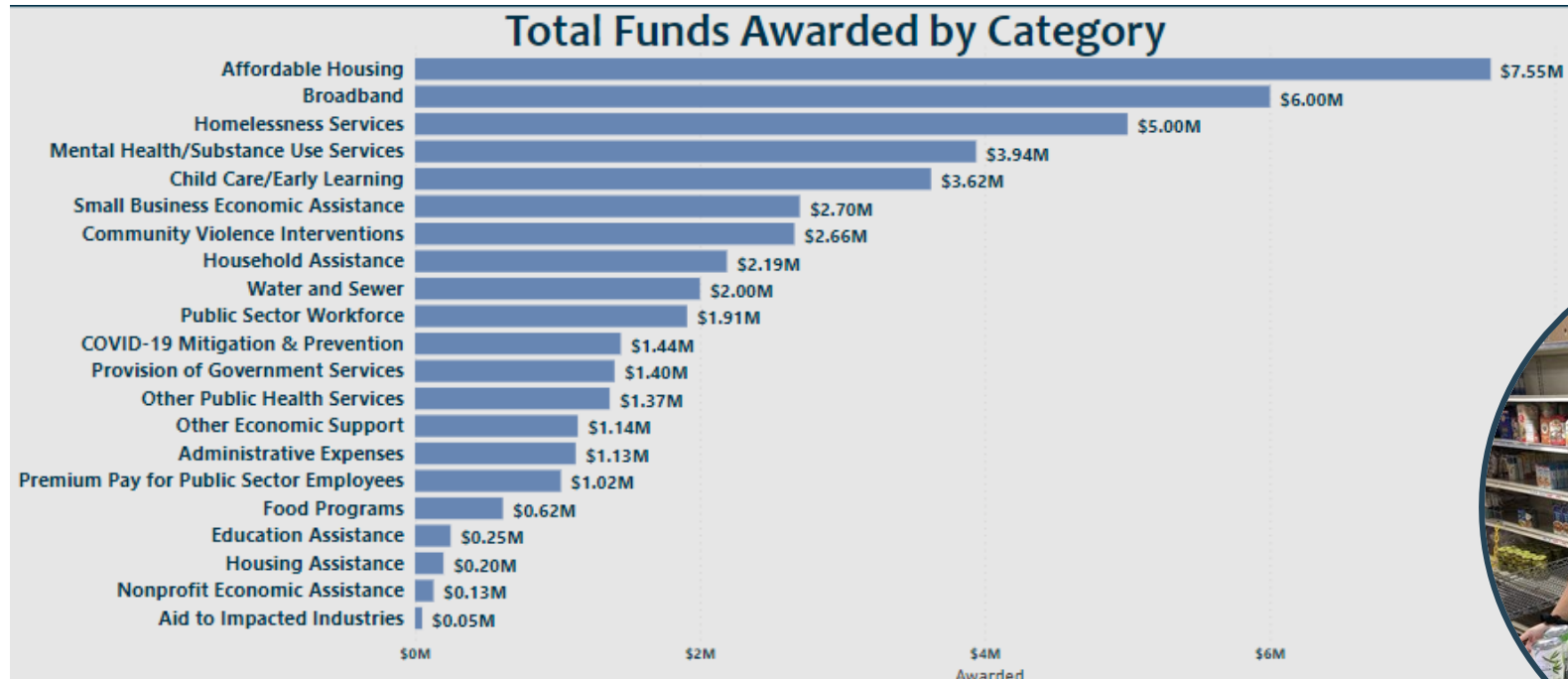
- **Buncombe County allocation: $50.7 Million**

Rolling Awards to Date

Total allocated so far: $46,306,690
Total number of projects: 49

Full details available at **www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding**

Total Funds Awarded by Category

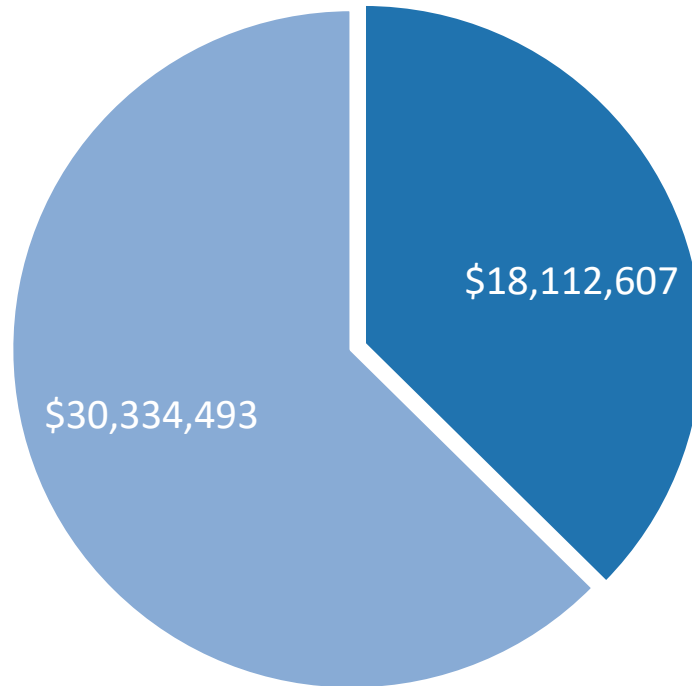| Category	Amount
Affordable Housing	$7.55M
Broadband	$6.00M
Homelessness Services	$5.00M
Mental Health/Substance Use Services	$3.94M
Child Care/Early Learning	$3.62M
Small Business Economic Assistance	$2.70M
Community Violence Interventions	$2.66M
Household Assistance	$2.19M
Water and Sewer	$2.00M
Public Sector Workforce	$1.91M
COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention	$1.44M
Provision of Government Services	$1.40M
Other Public Health Services	$1.37M
Other Economic Support	$1.14M
Administrative Expenses	$1.13M
Premium Pay for Public Sector Employees	$1.02M
Food Programs	$0.62M
Education Assistance	$0.25M
Housing Assistance	$0.20M
Nonprofit Economic Assistance	$0.13M
Aid to Impacted Industries	$0.05M

Awarded

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Current Project Breakdown

Allocation of Funds

■ Community Partner Led Projects

- 35 Total Projects
- 23% of Projects completed
- 63% of allocated funds

■ County Department Led Projects

- 14 Total Projects
- 43% of Projects completed
- 37% of allocated funds

$18,112,607

$30,334,493

Completed Projects

Community Partner Led:

- ArtsAVL - Creative Sector Recovery Grant
- Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) – AMOS Recovery Plan
- Housing Authority – Chosen PODS Summer Camp
- Land of Sky Regional Council – Connecting All Communities
- Mountain BizWorks – One Buncombe Small Business Grants
- Verner Center for Early Learning – Supporting Early Head Start Families
- WNC AIDS Project – HVAC and Air Filtration System
- YTL Training Program – Closing the Gap and Building Resiliency
- Eblen Charities – Housing Stabilization Project

County Department Led:

- COVID Vaccine Incentive
- COVID Vaccine Promotion
- COVID Vaccination Support
- Incentive for COVID Risk to Public Employees
- KN95 Masks for COVID Prevention
- Employee Retention Grant

Amount Remaining

$50,733,290 Total Allocation

-$46,306,690 Awards to Date

$4,426,600 Remaining Amount Available

August 2021	$11,309,495
November 2021	$11,035,004
February 2022	$749,000
May 2022	$4,855,448
June 2022	$50,000
July 2022	$18,821,666
Returned Funds	($513,923)

Proposed Allocations

- COVID Contingency:
  Reduce by $1,013,116 and close the project

- Broadband Infrastructure Expansion:
  Reduce by $1,500,000

Reducing these projects will increase the amount available that can be allocated to new projects to **$6,939,716**

+ Ferry Road Infrastructure:
  Increase by $2,264,716

+ Homelessness Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) Shelter Support
  New project for $875,000

+ Housing/Shelter
  New project for $3,800,000

Proposed increases/allocations to these 3 projects total **$6,939,716** which will fully allocate all available COVID Recovery Funding

Interlocal Agreement

- The Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) Shelter Support $875,000 is part of an overall $1.75 M request from HIAC to:
  - —Buncombe County
  - —The City of Asheville

- The City of Asheville is willing to administer the funds by establishing and monitoring contracts with shelter providers selected by HIAC:
  - —The Salvation Army of Asheville & Buncombe County
  - —Safe Shelter (fiscal agent = Grace Episcopal Church)
  - —Haywood Street Congregation

- The draft interlocal agreement establishes the terms for the funding, including regular performance reporting

Requests for Board Action

1. **Consider approval of changes to COVID Recovery Funding awards as listed**:
   - Reduce COVID Contingency by $1,013,116
   - Reduce Broadband Infrastructure Expansion by $1,500,000
   - Increase Ferry Road Infrastructure by $2,264,716
   - Establish new projects:
     - HIAC Shelter Support $875,000
     - Housing/Shelter $3,800,000

2. **Consider approval of Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement** between Buncombe County and The City of Asheville Expanding the Availability of Emergency Shelter Beds