BUNCOMBE COUNTY COVID RECOVERY FUNDING
Project Spotlight

To promote a strong and equitable recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, Buncombe County invested federal funds into projects like this one.

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How the Funds Were Used
Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) used awarded Recovery Funds to support the negative financial impacts of COVID-19 while building the capacity to remain a vibrant and resilient part of the Buncombe County economic and educational infrastructure. Due to the pandemic, AMOS was forced to close its doors for six months (March-September 2020), and re-open at 50% capacity. AMOS delivered STEM programming to minimize the “COVID Slide” and “Summer Slide” for children in grades K-8.

Results
- **22,000** K-8 children served
- **963** at-risk students reached
- **90%** students report increased interest in STEM
- **92%** students report increase interest in STEM career
- **98%** teachers will continue using AMOS lessons
- **22** nonprofits served

"With over 60% of our visitors coming from Buncombe and immediately surrounding counties annually, the museum serves as an advocate and resource for regional STEM education and workforce development.”

-Amanda Bryant, Executive Director

For a complete listing of Buncombe County’s American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund investments, visit [www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding](http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding)