Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

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Today’s Focus

• Recovery Fund Background
• Buncombe County's Process
• Other Funding Opportunities
• Consideration of Additional Awards
Recovery Funds

• “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds”
• American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal aid to governments
• Funds to turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout & lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery
• Direct, flexible funding
• Buncombe allocation - $50.7 Million
• First half of funds received May 2021, second half scheduled for 2022

www.BuncombeCounty.org/RecoveryFunding
## Eligible Uses of Funds

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<th>Eligible Category</th>
<th>Example Allowable Uses</th>
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<td>1. Public Health</td>
<td>Vaccinations, Testing, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services</td>
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<td>2. Negative Economic Impacts</td>
<td>Household Assistance, Job Programs, Business Relief</td>
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<td>3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities</td>
<td>Education Assistance, Healthy Environments, Housing Support, Homelessness Services</td>
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<td>4. Premium Pay</td>
<td>Public Sector Employees</td>
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<td>5. Infrastructure</td>
<td>Broadband, Water, Sewer</td>
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<td>6. Revenue Replacement</td>
<td>n/a – Buncombe ineligible</td>
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<td>7. Administrative</td>
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Buncombe Process (2021)

- **March**
  - Begin with Board priorities

- **April-May**
  - Gather input on possible use of funds

- **May-June**
  - Establish fund priorities based on guidance

- **June-July**
  - Solicit projects (Request for Proposals)

- **July-Aug**
  - Establish budget & evaluate projects

- **Aug 31**
  - Initial round of awards

- **Sept-Nov**
  - Additional community input & project review

- **Nov 16**
  - Next round of awards

We are Here
$11,309,495 Awarded as of 8/31/21

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<td>Public Health</td>
<td>• COVID Vaccination Support: $543,714</td>
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<td>• COVID Contingency: $1,000,000</td>
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<td>Negative Economic Impacts</td>
<td>• One Buncombe Small Business Grants: $500,000</td>
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<td>• Center for Agricultural and Food Entrepreneurship, Building Capacity for Food Entrepreneurs: $200,000</td>
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<td>Disproportionately Impacted Communities</td>
<td>• Verner Center for Early Learning, Flexible Extended Care: $419,309</td>
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<td>• Homeward Bound, Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion: $3,000,000</td>
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<td>• Buncombe County Incentive for COVID Risk: 1,040,000</td>
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<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>• Broadband Infrastructure Expansion: $4,000,000</td>
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<td>• Fund Administration: $606,472</td>
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### $11,035,004 Potential Additional Awards 11/16/21

**Public Health**
- RHA Health Services, All Access to Care: $1,300,000
- Buncombe County Community Paramedic Collaborative: $1,074,873

**Negative Economic Impacts**
- Asheville Area Arts Council, Creative Sector Recovery: $50,000
- Asheville Museum of Science, AMOS Recovery Plan: $130,000
- Babies Need Bottoms, Diaper Assistance: $50,000
- Eagle Market Streets Development, Community Equity Fund: $375,000
- Green Built Alliance, Clean Energy Upgrades: $250,000
- Mountain BizWorks, Mountain Community Capital Fund: $1,250,000
- The Arc of Buncombe County, I/DD Household Assistance: $50,000
- We Give a Share, Southside Community Kitchen: $160,000
- Working Wheels, Affordable Vehicle Repairs: $92,400

**Disproportionately Impacted Communities**
- Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity, Infrastructure: $1,600,000
- Buncombe County Home Repair & Supportive Services: $400,000
- Mountain Child Advocacy Center, Child Trauma Response: $262,500
- Mountain Housing Opportunities, Recovery Starts at Home: $2,545,231
- The Mediation Center, Continuum of Victims’ Services: $1,000,000

**Infrastructure**
- Land of Sky Regional Council, Internet Access & Literacy: $445,000
Next Steps

• Public notice, hearing & authorization for any economic development allocations
• Written agreements for all projects (subrecipients & departments)
• Monitoring & reporting (fiscal & impact)
• Rolling awards and possible additional application rounds
• Anticipate second tranche of funds (~$25.4 M) in May 2022
• Continue monitoring related legislation and funding sources
Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure & Disaster Relief Flexibility Act

• “ARPA Flexibility Bill” S. 3011
• Passed U.S. Senate 10/19/21
• Modifies Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds spending timeframes and allowable uses
• Allows funding to be used for new categories of spending, including:
  - General Government
  - Natural Disasters
  - Transportation & Infrastructure Projects

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

• “Infrastructure Bill” H.R. 3684
• Passed U.S. House of Representatives 11/5/21 & U.S. Senate 8/10/21
• Provides $973 B over 5 years
• Includes $550 B in new investments (“above baseline”) for all modes of transportation, water, power and energy, environmental remediation, public lands, broadband and resilience
• Potential for formula & competitive grants to BC Gov from Fed & State:
  ▪ Transit
  ▪ Greenways
  ▪ Weatherization
  ▪ Cybersecurity
  ▪ Carbon reduction
  ▪ Broadband

https://www.naco.org/resources/legislative-analysis-counties-infrastructure-investment-jobs-act
Today’s Requested Board Action

• Consider approval of Recovery Funding awards