



# 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](http://www.BuncombeCounty.org/RecoveryFunding)



# Eligible Uses of Funds

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



# 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*



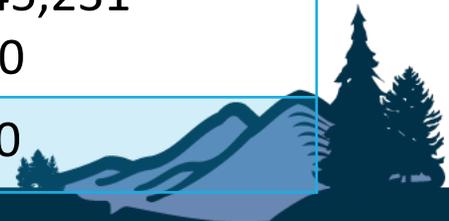
# \$11,309,495 Awarded as of 8/31/21

<b>Public Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COVID Vaccination Support: \$543,714</li><li>• COVID Contingency: \$1,000,000</li></ul>
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One Buncombe Small Business Grants: \$500,000</li><li>• Center for Agricultural and Food Entrepreneurship, Building Capacity for Food Entrepreneurs: \$200,000</li></ul>
<b>Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verner Center for Early Learning, Flexible Extended Care: \$419,309</li><li>• Homeward Bound, Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion: \$3,000,000</li></ul>
<b>Premium Pay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buncombe County Incentive for COVID Risk: 1,040,000</li></ul>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broadband Infrastructure Expansion: \$4,000,000</li></ul>
<b>Administrative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fund Administration: \$606,472</li></ul>



# \$11,035,004 Potential Additional Awards 11/16/21

<b>Public Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RHA Health Services, All Access to Care: \$1,300,000</li> <li>Buncombe County Community Paramedic Collaborative: \$1,074,873</li> </ul>
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asheville Area Arts Council, Creative Sector Recovery: \$50,000</li> <li>Asheville Museum of Science, AMOS Recovery Plan: \$130,000</li> <li>Babies Need Bottoms, Diaper Assistance: \$50,000</li> <li>Eagle Market Streets Development, Community Equity Fund: \$375,000</li> <li>Green Built Alliance, Clean Energy Upgrades: \$250,000</li> <li>Mountain BizWorks, Mountain Community Capital Fund: \$1,250,000</li> <li>The Arc of Buncombe County, I/DD Household Assistance: \$50,000</li> <li>We Give a Share, Southside Community Kitchen: \$160,000</li> <li>Working Wheels, Affordable Vehicle Repairs: \$92,400</li> </ul>
<b>Disproportionately Impacted Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity, Infrastructure: \$1,600,000</li> <li>Buncombe County Home Repair &amp; Supportive Services: \$400,000</li> <li>Mountain Child Advocacy Center, Child Trauma Response: \$262,500</li> <li>Mountain Housing Opportunities, Recovery Starts at Home: \$2,545,231</li> <li>The Mediation Center, Continuum of Victims' Services: \$1,000,000</li> </ul>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land of Sky Regional Council, Internet Access &amp; Literacy: \$445,000</li> </ul>



# 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

<https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/legislative-analysis-counties-state-local-tribal-and-territorial-fiscal-recovery>



# 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

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# Today's Requested Board Action

- Consider approval of Recovery Funding awards

