Today’s Focus

• **Quick Recap** – Fiscal Recovery Funds to Date
• **Current Status** – at Local and Federal Levels
• **Planning for Next Phase** – Timing/Process for Additional Awards & Priorities for Next Awards
Fiscal Recovery Fund Overview

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

www.BuncombeCounty.org/RecoveryFunding
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Timeline

MARCH
Begin with Board priorities

APRIL-MAY
Gather input on possible use of funds

JUNE
Solicit projects (Request for Proposals)

AUG
Initial Round of Awards

SEPT
Additional community input & project review

NOV
Next Round of Awards

ONGOING
Fund Administration, Reporting & Monitoring

2022
Planning for Next Phase

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### $22.3 Million Awarded to Date

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<th>% Community-Led ($)</th>
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<td>$3,918,587</td>
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<td>$3,107,400</td>
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<td>$9,227,040</td>
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<td>$4,445,000</td>
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<td><strong>$22,344,499</strong></td>
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Internal vs. External Awards

Community Projects
(19)
$13,679,440
61%

County Department Projects
(7)
$8,665,059
39%
Investment by Category

- Public Health: $3.9 M
- Negative Economic Impacts: $3.1 M
- Services to Disproportionately Impacted: $9.2 M
- Premium Pay: $1 M
- Broadband: $4.4 M
- Administration: $600 K
Amount Remaining

Total Allocation $50,733,290
Awarded to Date - $22,344,499

Amount Remaining $28,388,791

NOTES:
• Of the amount remaining, $3,022,146 M is in the bank from first tranche
• Administration expenses to be deducted at ~2% of fund
• Does not reflect $749,000 potential award on Feb 1 agenda
Current Status @ Local Level

• Finalizing Award Agreements
  • Internal Agreements with Departments
  • Subrecipient Contracts with External Partners
• Establishing Monthly Reporting
  • Expenditure Reviews
  • Activities & Impact Tracking
• Conducting Compliance Monitoring
  • Risk Assessments
  • Trainings
  • Audits
  • Capacity Building Support
Current Status @ Federal Level

• **Final Rule issued by U.S. Treasury** on January 6, 2022
• Offers broader flexibility for use of funds
• Allows up to $10 Million to be used for general government services (not subject to FRF Expenditure Categories & criteria)
• Specifies that recipients may use funds for programs, services or capital expenditures within Expenditure Categories
• Expands the list of specifically allowable uses of funds (within the same overall Expenditure Categories)
• Clarifies definitions of “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted” populations that can be served with these funds & gives more clarity on the structure for awards
Recommendations for Next Round Awards

• Commissioners select priority areas for remaining funds
• Solicit project proposals (new or updated submissions) for those categories only (including internal and external proposals)
• Staff review and score proposals using standardized review tool
• Commissioners determine awardees
Potential Timeline for Next Round Awards

- **JAN-FEB**
  - Establish Priorities
  - Proposal Review

- **MAR**
  - Solicit projects (Request for Proposals)

- **APR**
  - Proposals Due

- **MAY-JUN**
  - Next Round of Awards

- **JUL-AUG**
  - Fund Administration, Reporting & Monitoring

- **ONGOING**

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# Potential Priorities

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<td>• Aging in Place (such as support for older adults)</td>
<td>• Environmental preservation (such as watershed restoration, land conservation, energy solutions)</td>
<td>• Affordable Housing (such as development of new housing)</td>
<td>• Business Relief for Impacted Industries (such as small business grants)</td>
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<td>• Food System (such as support for local farms)</td>
<td>• Homelessness (such as shelter or support for unhoused)</td>
<td>• Financial Education (such as promoting federal &amp; state tax credits)</td>
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<td>• K-12 Education (such as achievement gap initiative or STEM/career readiness)</td>
<td>• Weatherization (such as energy efficiency for households)</td>
<td>• Libraries (such as new library facilities)</td>
<td>• Infrastructure (such as broadband/internet access)</td>
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<td>• Mental health/Substance use disorder (such as community paramedics or behavioral health care)</td>
<td>• Transportation (such as Mountain Mobility or a transit master plan)</td>
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<td>• Recreation (such as greenways or other projects)</td>
<td>• Workforce development (such as apprenticeships, job training, entrepreneurship support, community wellness, etc.)</td>
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<td>• Health Care (such as mental health support)</td>
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* = Ranked in Top 5 in Community Survey (May 2021)

# = Ranked in Top 5 in Budget Retreat (Dec 2021)

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# Draft List of Top Priorities

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Guiding Principles

• Alignment to Strategic Plan priorities
• Balance between Community & Foundational projects
• Equitable outcomes/support for most impacted populations
• Intergovernmental collaboration
• Leverage other funding sources
• One-time expenditures vs. recurring
• Timeframe – funds must be obligated by Dec 2024 & fully expended by Dec 2026
Discussion of Draft Priorities

Prompts

"Add" • Are there any other community or foundational County priorities to add to the list?

"Remove" • Are there items on the list that while definitely priorities for the County might not be the best fit for COVID Recovery Funding based on the guiding principles?

"Edit" • Are each of these priorities described the way you want... broadly vs. narrowly?

"Amount" • How many priorities and how much per priority?
## Discussion: “Add” “Remove” “Edit” “Amount”

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Next Steps

• Finalize priority areas & funding amounts for next round of awards
• Develop Request(s) for Proposals based on selected priorities
• Communicate with the public about process
Appendix
$11,309,495 Awarded as of 8/31/21

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<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</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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### 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
7,615 Community Survey Responses, May 2021

Top 10 Priorities

1. Affordable Housing
2. Mental Health
3. Homelessness
4. Workforce Development
5. K-12 Education Support
6. Early Childhood Education
7. Business Relief
8. Infrastructure & Broadband
9. Food System
10. Environmental Preservation

Priorities by Focus Area

- Economy 39%
- Environment 13%
- Education 21%