



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**

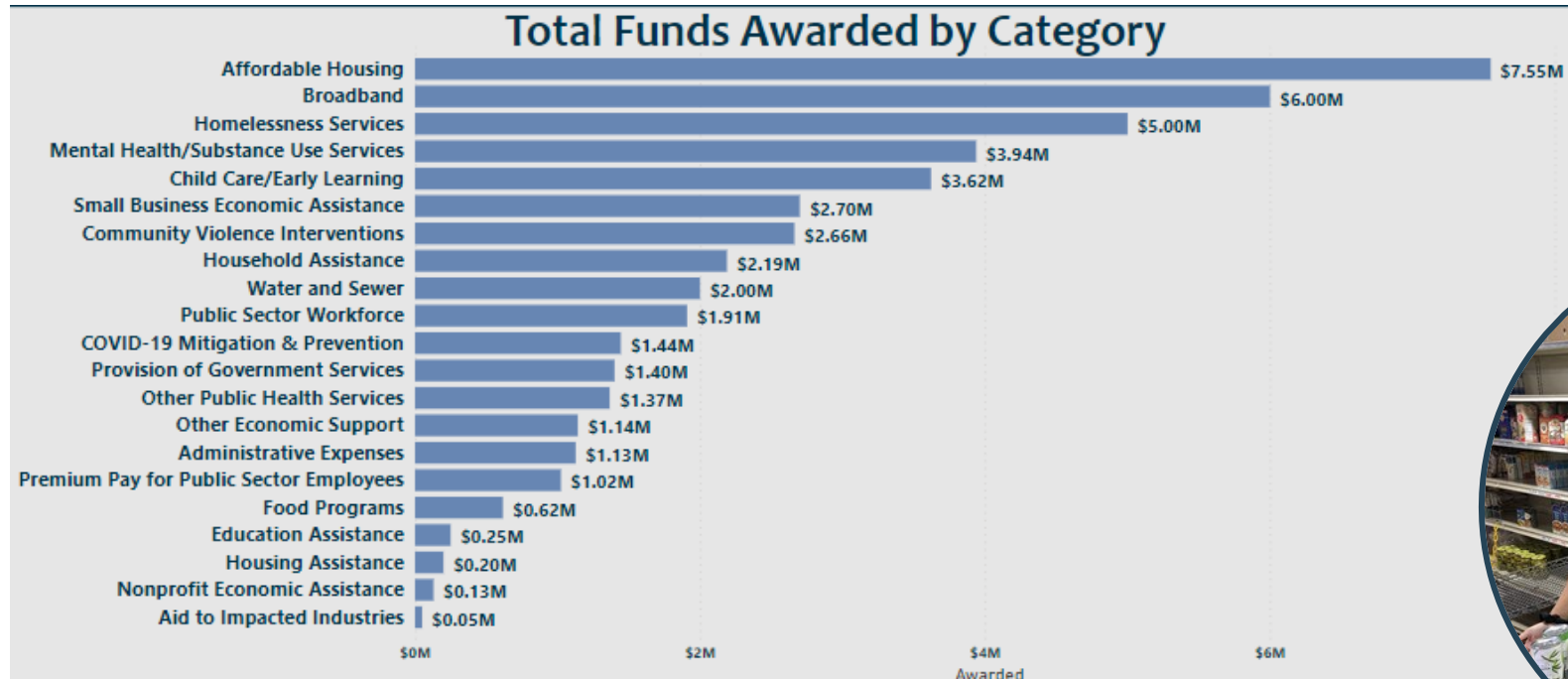


Rolling Awards to Date

Total allocated so far: \$46,306,690

Total number of projects: 49

Full details available at www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding



Current Project Breakdown

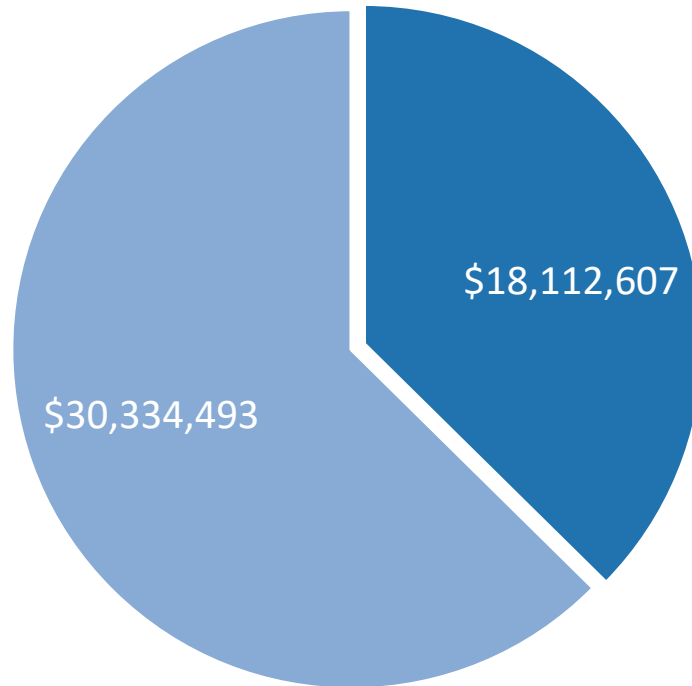
Allocation of Funds

■ 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



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
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\$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

+ 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

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

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

