

# Buncombe County Detention Center Strategic Investment

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*RFP for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*

## ***Buncombe County Government***

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# Application Form

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## Question Group

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Buncombe County requests proposals for projects to help the community recover from and respond to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts.

Buncombe County has been awarded \$50,733,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Recovery Funding), as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. To date, Buncombe County has awarded projects totaling \$23,093,499, leaving a balance of \$27,639,791 available to award.

Visit <http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding><http://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding> for details.

This infusion of federal resources is intended to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Buncombe County is committed to investing these funds in projects that:

- Align to county strategic plan and community priorities
- Support equitable outcomes for most impacted populations
- Leverage and align with other governmental funding sources
- Make best use of this one-time infusion of resources
- Have a lasting impact

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and any addenda issued hereto.

[Click here for the full terms and conditions of the RFP](#)

## Organization Type\*

Public

## Nonprofit documentation

If nonprofit, attach IRS Determination Letter or other proof of nonprofit status.

## Name of Project.\*

Buncombe County Detention Center Strategic Investment

## New/Updated Proposal\*

Is this a new project proposal or an updated version of a proposal submitted during the earlier (July 2021) Recovery Funding RFP?

New project proposal

### Amount of Funds Requested\*

\$407,635.00

### Category\*

Please select one:

- Affordable Housing
- Aging/Older Adults
- Business Support/Economic Development
- Environmental/Climate
- Homelessness
- K-12 Education
- Infrastructure and/or Broadband
- Mental Health/Substance Use
- NC Pre-K Expansion
- Workforce

Homelessness

### Brief Project Description\*

Provide a short summary of your proposed project.

The BC Detention facility wants to provide services and protective gear for our detention detainees. The categories would not allow for any expansions, but we feel strongly that our detention population and our facility should have access to funding. COVID caught all of us unaware- and the cost for our detention center to keep our numbers down was increased. We want to obtain resources to offer services and protection equipment.

### Project Plan\*

Explain how the project will be structured and implemented, including timeframe.

This project will be structured to provide PPE gear, mental health tools and additional equipment to keep our facility clean and safe, additionally providing vaccination incentives to our detainees. Also providing educational software for detainees within our detention facility.

## Statement of Need\*

Describe the need that this project will address. Include data to demonstrate the need, and cite the source of the data.

This project will address the ongoing need for protective equipment, sanitizers and educational opportunities for the detainees within our facility. We would also have additional funding for vaccination incentives for detainees; increasing our percentage of vaccinated detainees.

## Link to COVID-19\*

Identify a health or economic harm resulting from or exacerbated by the public health emergency, describe the nature and extent of that harm, and explain how the use of this funding would address such harm.

An uncontained COVID breakout within our facility would be devastating to our community. A breakout within our facility would limit the number of staff available to work, jeopardizing the ability to keep the facility fully staffed for each shift. That in turn would place an additional strain on the Sheriff's office, as other units would have to be utilized for shift coverages. This would increase the risk of other employees exposure.

## Population Served\*

Define the population to be served by this project, including volume and demographic characteristics of those served.

The population to be served, would be our detainees who are within our detention facility. All of the training, supplies and cleaning equipment will work to serve the detainees on one level or another.

## Results\*

Describe the proposed impact of the project. List at least 3 performance measures that will be tracked and reported. If possible, include baselines and goals for each performance measure.

1. Track the impact -by the number or lack thereof of COVID cases within our facility.
2. Measure the overall vaccination rate of detainees within our facility.
3. Measure the outcome of providing educational training for our detainees.

## Evaluation\*

Describe the data collection, analysis, and quality assurance measures you will use to assure ongoing, effective tracking of contract requirements and outcomes.

Our medical team is keeping track of the number of detainees who are vaccinated; offering more incentives will increase our percentage of vaccinated detainees, reduce our risk of spreading COVID and offer protection when detainees are released back into the community.

By keeping a log of the bio cleaning- when detainees act out, this will reduce the risk of disease when detainees with mental health issues throw fecal matter within their cell. A cleaning contract will reduce the detention officers exposure to waste and provide a thoroughly cleaned facility.

## Equity Impact\*

How will this effort help build toward a just, equitable, and sustainable COVID-19 recovery? How are the root causes and/or disproportionate impacts of inequities addressed?

Our detention facility is one of the largest in the state; we're looking for innovative ways to keep all of our staff and detainees safe. The risk of COVID is still a concern and with new arrivals each day-this puts our community at large, at risk. This is a problem that is a community problem; even as numbers decline- a spike within our detention center can affect the employees and their families.

That risk is a daily one, and we want to ensure that our facility has access to additional equipment that will keep our facility cleaned, sanitized and safe.

## Project Partners\*

Identify any subcontractors you intend to use for the proposed scope of work. For each subcontractor listed, indicate:

- 1.) What products and/or services are to be supplied by that subcontractor and;
- 2.) What percentage of the overall scope of work that subcontractor will perform.

Also, list non-funded key partners critical to project.

The only service a 3rd party subcontractor would provide, is regularly scheduled deep sanitization of the facility. Our facility is cleaned several times a day, but having access to a bio cleaning service would provide a higher level of sanitation, this would be done on a scheduled basis to maintain the overall higher level of sanitization in the facility.

## Capacity\*

Describe the background, experience, and capabilities of your organization or department as it relates to capacity for delivering the proposed project and managing federal funds.

Our detention finance officers are well versed in managing funds as it relates to allocation within the detention facility. Our business office has a financial team that is experienced in managing funds, preparing reports that outline usage and providing tracking of funds spending.

## Budget\*

Provide a detailed project budget including all proposed project revenues and expenditures, including explanations and methodology. For all revenue sources, list the funder and denote whether funds are confirmed or pending. For project expenses, denote all capital vs. operating costs, and reflect which specific expenses are proposed to be funded with one-time Buncombe County Recovery Funds.

Download a copy of the budget form [HERE](#). Complete the form, and upload it using the button below.

BCSO Recovery-Funds-budget-template.xlsx

## Special Considerations\*

Provide any other information that might assist the County in its selection.

The Buncombe County Detention Facility wants to ensure that our detainees, facility and staff are able to receive funds in order to purchase one time items that are going to be useful in the way of sanitization, additional protective equipment and training. This one time investment would allow us the flexibility of obtaining items we may otherwise not have budgeted to purchase.

# File Attachment Summary

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## *Applicant File Uploads*

- BCSO Recovery-Funds-budget-template.xlsx

## Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Proposed Project Budget

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Detention Center
<b>Project Name:</b>	Buncombe County Detention Center Strategic Investment
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	407635

Proposed Project Revenue Funder	Amount	Confirmed or Pending?	Notes
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Proposed Project Expenses	Proposed Recovery Funds	Other Funds	Total	Capital or Operating Expense?	Notes
Handheld sanitizing machines (4 @ \$495.)	\$ 1,980.00		\$ 1,980.00	operating	
Small air sanitizers (8 @ \$395.)	\$ 3,160.00		\$ 3,160.00	operating	for officers, training rooms and vehicles
Large RZero's Arc Air machine (4 @ \$39,000)	\$ 156,000.00		\$ 156,000.00	capital	lobby of Sheriff's office, intake, detainee classrooms, property rooms
Halo UV lights (20 @ \$1295.)	\$ 25,900.00		\$ 25,900.00	operating	in high traffic areas
Rapid UV-C light (9 @ \$495)	\$ 4,455.00		\$ 4,455.00	operating	to sanitize vehicles, vans
Staff Online OSHA training	\$ 8,900.00		\$ 8,900.00	operating	for Staff on proper use of chemicals
Contract with Bio One	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	operating	to decontaminate cells and facility when needed.
Two negative pressure cells (for TB) (2 @ \$7995)	\$ 15,990.00		\$ 15,990.00	operating	
Fit test training for n-95 masks	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	operating	Cover cost for all new hires.
PPE equipment (15 @ \$1000)	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	operating	N95 face masks, gloves, K-95 face masks and eye shields, disposable masks, disposable overalls
Video link for mental health	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	operating	Hardware
Vaccine incentives (450 @ \$75)	\$ 33,750.00		\$ 33,750.00	operating	incentives for unvaccinated detainees.
Inmate educational training (100 @ \$700)	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 70,000.00	operating	
Dashboard to collect data	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	capital	vaccination rate, covid testing, positive case-length in custody, shared County & Detention access
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