

# BUNCOMBE COUNTY COVID RECOVERY FUNDING

## Project Spotlight



To promote a strong and equitable recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, Buncombe County invested federal funds into projects like this one.

<b>Project</b>	<b>HVAC and Air Filtration System</b>
<b>Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>\$81,479</b>
<b>Project Dates</b>	<b>October 2022 – February 2023</b>
<b>Impact Area</b>	<b>Household Assistance: Food Programs</b>

### How the Funds Were Used

Loving Food Resources (LFR) addressed negative economic impacts of COVID-19 by avoiding harm to households through its HVAC and Air Filtration System project. LFR is a volunteer-driven food pantry in Buncombe County that serves people with HIV/AIDS as well as those in Home Hospice care. The project is intended to make the food pantry safer for its clientele and volunteers by installing a new HVAC unit to include a purification and ionization system. This new system will help keep LFR’s immunosuppressed clients and its volunteers safe from potential airborne contaminants and viruses like COVID-19 while also reducing fuel consumption, energy costs, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### Results

- **261** recipients of food over performance period
- **44,302** pounds of food served
- **421** meals served
- **89** volunteers
- **Reduced** energy bills from efficient HVAC system
- **0 (Zero)** fossil fuels burned onsite for heat further reducing air pollutants



"A new heating and cooling system at LFR was desperately needed. Now our volunteers – the heart and soul of LFR – can be comfortable when stocking shelves and making food boxes for our clients. When the clients return in July to select their own food, they too will be comfortable and safe." -Brent Wyatt, Executive Director, Loving Food Resources

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