


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.

Project	AMOS Recovery Plan
Lead Organization	
Award Amount	\$130,000
Project Dates	January 2022 – December 2022
Impact Area	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

How the Funds Were Used

Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) used awarded Recovery Funds to support the negative financial impacts of COVID-19 while building the capacity to remain a vibrant and resilient part of the Buncombe County economic and educational infrastructure. Due to the pandemic, AMOS was forced to close its doors for six months (March-September 2020), and re-open at 50% capacity. AMOS delivered STEM programming to minimize the “COVID Slide” and “Summer Slide” for children in grades K-8.

Results

- **22,000** K-8 children served
- **963** at-risk students reached
- **90%** students report increased interest in STEM
- **92%** students report increase interest in STEM career
- **98%** teachers will continue using AMOS lessons
- **22** nonprofits served



"With over 60% of our visitors coming from Buncombe and immediately surrounding counties annually, the museum serves as an advocate and resource for regional STEM education and workforce development."

-Amanda Bryant, Executive Director

For a complete listing of Buncombe County's American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund investments, visit www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding