



COVID Recovery Funding

Proposed Project Reallocations

June 18, 2024



COVID Recovery Funding

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal aid to state & local governments
- Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)
 - 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**



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COVID Recovery Funding

Buncombe County has been awarded about \$50 million in federal [COVID Recovery Funding](#) to directly address COVID response efforts and peripheral economic fallout from the pandemic. This recovery funding for local governments is just one part of an overall package of aid to local communities supported by the [American Rescue Plan Act](#).

How is Buncombe County using this funding?

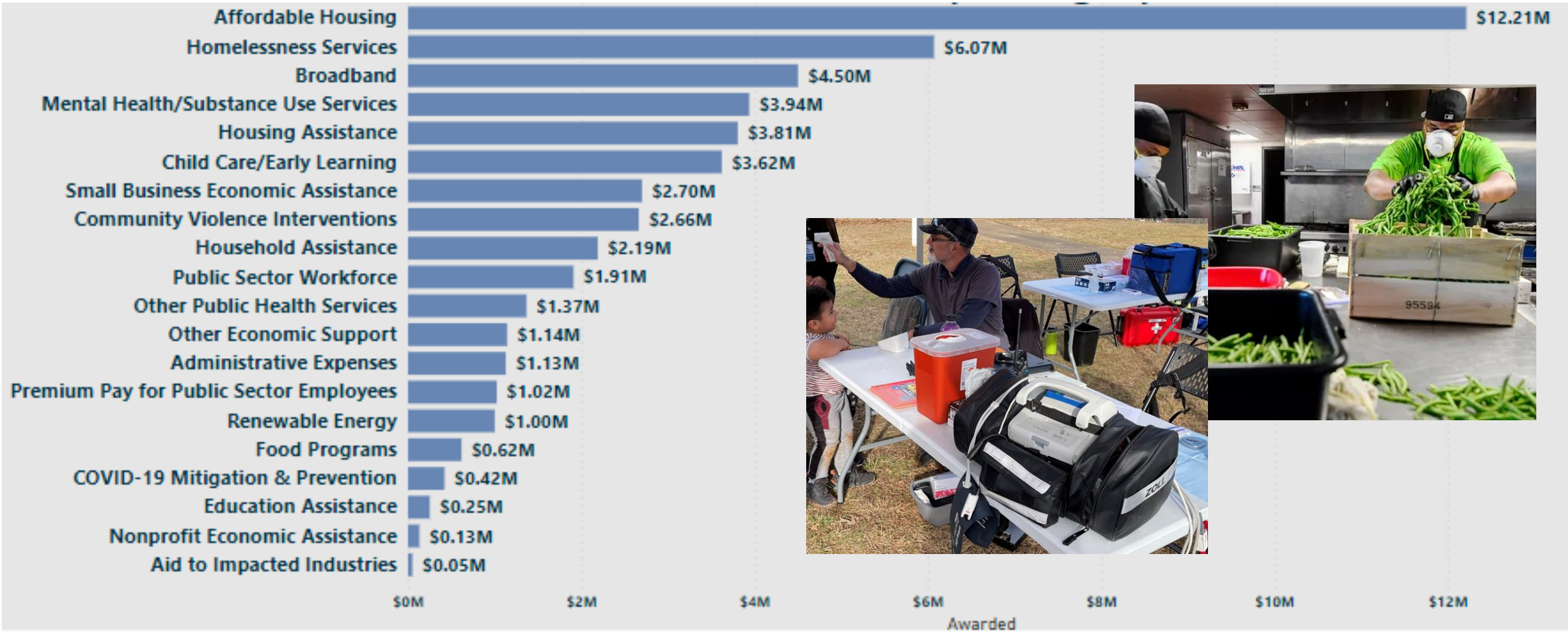
Buncombe County is making rolling awards. See below for the projects awarded to date.

Total Funds	# of Projects	Total Awarded	% Awarded	Total Spent	% Awards Spent
\$50.7M	50	\$50.7M	100.0%	\$27.0M	53.2%

Last Refreshed
April 26, 2024



Funding by Category



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BUNCOMBE COUNTY COVID RECOVERY FUNDING



Project Spotlight

In order 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

Chosen PODS Summer Camp

Lead Organization



Award Amount

\$50,000

Project Dates

July 2022 – August 2022

Impact Area

Addressing Educational Disparities

How the Funds Were Used

The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA) addressed educational disparities through aid to high-poverty districts through its Chosen PODS Summer Camp program, utilizing ARPA funds to fund Youth Impact Workers (high school and college students), pay for camper meals, and provide transportation for camper swimming and field trips. HACA engaged with community partners including Western Carolina Rescue Ministries to provide a safe and educational camp experience for youth between the ages of 6-14 living in the Southside, Hillcrest, Pisgah View, and Deaverview housing communities. The camp included math and reading tutoring for campers, in addition to structured recreational activities. The project intended to help break the cycles of poverty and close the achievement gap for over 140 at-risk youth by providing a two-month long summer camp.

Results

- 113 students served
- 26 Youth Impact Workers employed
- 85% attendance rate
- 85% of students self-reported their desire to achieve academic success



"I've never seen a camp where our kids have so much love, learning and resources for the staff and children. The staff and kids know they care."

Ms. Angel
Youth Impact Worker

Our kinestheticians, first and second graders are working hard this morning!



Discussions on what they want to be when they grow up and story time!



Community Impact

***105,530 individuals, households & small businesses served
-measures reported for grant projects through FY2024 Q3***

- 206 jobs created
- 733 jobs retained
- 174 housing units built
- 44 house repairs completed
- 559 households received rent or utility bill assistance
- 42 shelter beds added in the community
- 349 individuals received shelter services
- 2,886 individuals received crisis support
- 5,829 individuals and families received legal aid and advocacy support



Community Impact

***105,530 individuals, households & small businesses served
-measures reported for grant projects through FY2024 Q3***

- **3,425 individuals & families** received mental health & therapy services
- **1,610 individuals** received community health services
- **16,227 youth** received health and advocacy services
- **478 children** enrolled in Pre-K programming
- **106,536 diapers** distributed
- **3,064 individuals & families** received food & nutrition assistance
- **187,841 meals** served
- **808 households** connected to broadband service



Proposed Project Reallocations

Project	Decrease	Increase	Rationale
Reimagining Deaverview Phase 1	\$(935,286)		This contract was cancelled as a result of Housing Authority of the City of Asheville notification that the project is not moving forward in its current iteration at this time.
Broadband Infrastructure Expansion	\$(1,000,000)		Staff have determined that this project could reallocate funds due to NCDIT recommended changes to state funding formulas for broadband.
Community Paramedic Collaborative		\$514,085	This additional funding will allow 4 positions to be extended to June 30, 2026 from their original expiration of December 31, 2024 and will also provide \$30,000 for mobile command center costs.
Capital Outlay Equipment		\$1,421,201	Creation of this new project will alleviate financial pressure on the FY2025 general fund budget to offset capital outlay expenses as part of the "Revenue Replacement" expenditure category.
TOTAL	\$(1,935,286)	\$1,935,286	



Proposed Allocations

- Reimagining Deaverview Phase I:
Reduce by \$935,286 and close the project

- Broadband Infrastructure Expansion:
Reduce by \$1,000,000

+ Community Paramedic Collaborative:
Increase by \$514,085

+ Capital Outlay Equipment:
New project for \$1,421,201

Reducing these projects will increase the amount available that can be allocated to new projects to **\$1,935,286**

Proposed increases/allocations to these 2 projects total **\$1,935,286** which will fully allocate all available COVID Recovery Funding



Request for Board Action

Consider approval of COVID Recovery Funding project reallocations

