



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 6/18/2024

New Business

Department: Strategic Partnerships **Presenter(s):** Tyler Henry

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Subject: COVID Recovery Funding

Brief Summary:

In 2021, Buncombe County was awarded a total of \$50,733,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“COVID Recovery Funding”) via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to invest toward recovery from COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts. These funds were awarded on a rolling basis to projects by Commissioners as selected via multiple Request for Proposals (RFP) processes. For details, visit:

buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding

Staff is proposing project reallocations as follows:

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	

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Consider approval of COVID Recovery Funding project reallocations