



COVID Recovery Funding

Proposed Project Reallocations

September 17, 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?

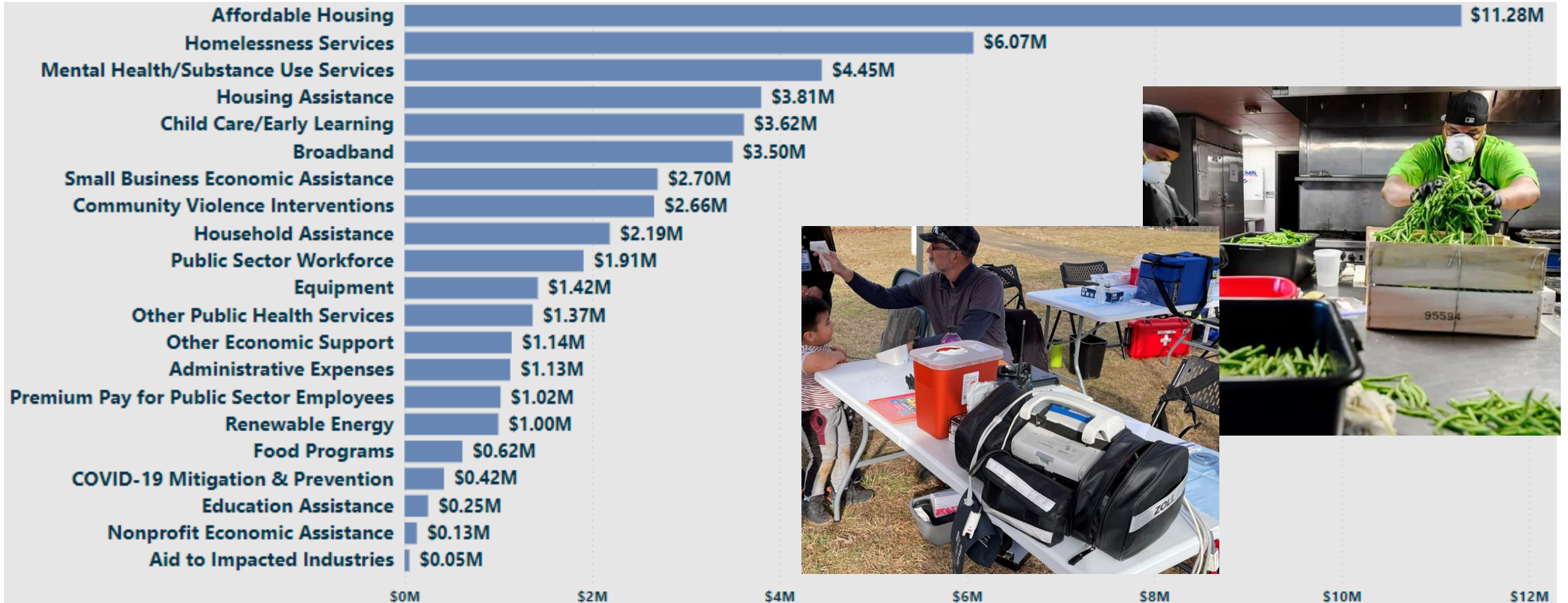
Buncombe County is making rolling awards. See below for the projects awarded to date.

Total Funds	# of Projects	Total Awarded	% Awarded	Total Spent	% Awards Spent
\$50.7M	50	\$50.7M	100.0%	\$31.9M	62.9%

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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 kindergarten, first and second graders are working hard this morning!



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



Important Dates

- December 31, 2024 – All funds must be fully obligated
 - Obligation defined as an order placed for property and services and entry into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment
 - All projects on track to be fully obligated prior to 12/31/24 based on guidance defined by the US Treasury Compliance Rules
 - Housing/Shelter \$3,605,000
 - Funds currently unobligated
 - Proposal from Continuum of Care (CoC) under consideration
- December 31, 2026 – All funds must be fully expended



Housing/Shelter Obligation

- September 2023
 - \$875,000 allocated for HIAC Shelter Support
 - \$3.8M allocated for future Housing/Shelter project – currently \$3.6M
- June 2024
 - CoC Shelter Workgroup formed and begins work to develop and release request for proposals in support of low-barrier shelter bed expansion
- September 2024
 - Community Development shares recommendations of the CoC Board
 - Proposal recommendations for Haywood Street Respite and Safe Shelter to maintain and extend shelter bed operations
 - Request to extend HIAC Shelter Support contract for Salvation Army to maintain current shelter operations



HAYWOOD STREET RESPITE

Proposal Summary: Addition of second floor and elevator to double space at existing location (297 Haywood St)

Anticipated Start Date	Capital Request	Operating Request (1 Year)	Total Request	CoC Board Recommendation
July 2025	\$860,000	\$614,284	\$1,621,712	\$1,621,712

Bed Capacity	Cost Per Bed Night (Total Project)	Cost Per Bed Night (Operating Only)	Population Served	Supportive Services Offered
13 = New 3 = Preserved Expansion 9 = Existing	\$170.25	\$85.95	Adults in need of Medical, Behavioral Health, or SUD Respite	Medical Care Behavioral Health Substance Use Support Case Management Housing Placement



SAFE SHELTER

***Proposal: Upfit Trinity UMC Educational Building (587 Haywood Rd) with sprinkler system and showers.
(Re-zoning, Temporary Use and Regular Permitting Process Required)***

Anticipated Start Date	Capital Request	Operating Request (1 Year)	Total Request	CoC Board Recommendation
Sept. 2024	\$450,000	\$846,902	\$1,296,902	\$1,002,391

Bed Capacity	Cost Per Bed Night (Total Project)	Cost Per Bed Night (Operating Only)	Population Served	Supportive Services Offered
5 = New 20 = Preserved Expansion +5 Overflow Beds	\$130.65	\$108.21	Adults, Families with Children Under 18 (priority)	Medical Care Behavioral Health Substance Use Support Case Management Housing Placement



SALVATION ARMY

Additional Need: Extend operational support for 65 beds at 204 Haywood St. beyond December 2024

Bed Capacity	Cost Per Bed Night (Operating Only)	Population Served	Supportive Services Offered
20 = Preserved Expansion 45 = Preserved Existing	\$41.34	Adults, Families with Children Under 18	Case Management Referrals to Medical Care Behavioral Health Substance Use Support and Housing Placement

Anticipated Start Date	Capital Request	Operating Request (1 Year)	Total Request	CoC Board Recommendation
Jan. 2025	\$0	\$980,897	\$980,897	\$980,897



CoC BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Project	Request	Recommend	Anticipated Start Date	Original Beds	Expansion Beds 1	Expansion Beds 2	Total Beds
Haywood Street Respite	\$1,621,712	\$1,621,712	July 2025	9	3	13	25
Safe Shelter	\$1,296,902	\$1,002,391	Sept. 2024	0	20	5*	25
Salvation Army	\$980,897	\$980,897	Jan. 2025	45	20	0	65
Total	\$3,752,083	\$3,605,000		54	43	18	115

* Safe Shelter will add 5 beds with capacity for 5 additional overflow spaces



Proposed Allocations

- Housing/Shelter:

Reduce by \$3,605,000 and close the placeholder project

Reducing this project will increase the amount available that can be allocated to new projects to **\$3,605,000**

+ CoC/HIAC Shelter Support:

Increased funding for:

- + Haywood Street Respite (CoC RFP) for \$1,621,712
- + Safe Shelter (CoC RFP) for \$1,002,391
- + Salvation Army (HIAC RFP) for \$980,897

Proposed increase to the CoC/HIAC Shelter Support project totals **\$3,605,000**, which will fully allocate all available COVID Recovery Funding



Request for Board Action

1. Consider approval of COVID Recovery Funding project reallocations
2. Consider approval of Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of an Interlocal Agreement Between Buncombe County and The City of Asheville Expanding the Availability of Emergency Shelter Beds

