



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

New Business

Department: Strategic Partnerships **Presenter(s):** Jamie Brown

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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. All funds are fully allocated.

For details, visit: [buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding](https://www.buncombecounty.org/recoveryfunding)

Staff is proposing project reallocations as follows:

Project	Decrease	Increase	Rationale
Housing/Shelter	\$(3,605,000)		Close this placeholder project that was in place as proposals for low-barrier shelter projects were developed and reviewed.
CoC/HIAC Shelter Support		\$3,605,000	Increase CoC/HIAC Shelter Support project that supports funding for Haywood Street Respite at \$1,621,712 to maintain existing 12 beds and add 13 expansion beds; Safe Shelter at \$1,002,391 to maintain existing 20 beds and add up to 5 expansion beds; and Salvation Army at \$980,897 to maintain current operations that supports 65 shelter beds through December 2025.
TOTAL	\$(3,605,000)	\$3,605,000	

Recommended Motion & Requested 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