



# COVID Recovery Funding

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Proposed Project Reallocations

December 19, 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**



# Recovery by the Numbers

Total # of Projects

**53**

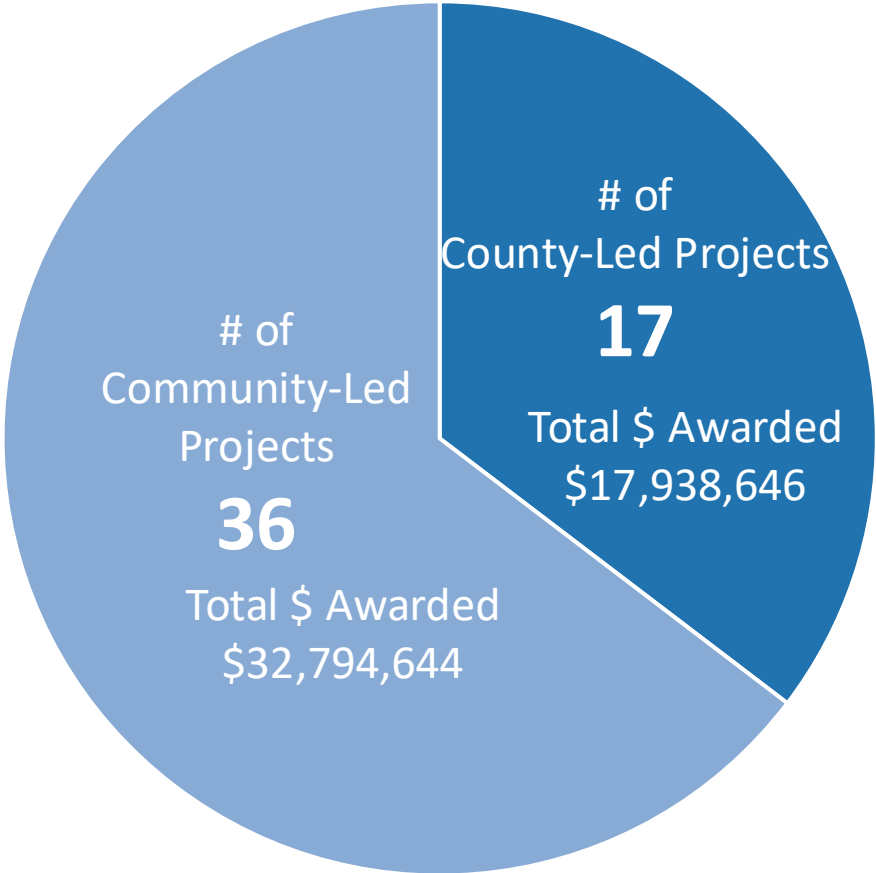
Total \$ Awarded

**\$50.7M**

Total \$ Spent

**\$33.5M**

## Allocation of Funds



% of Funds Awarded

**100%**

% Awarded to  
Community-Led  
Projects

**64.6%**

% Awarded to  
County-Led  
Projects

**35.4%**



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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.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Chosen PODS Summer Camp</b>
<b>Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Project Dates</b>	<b>July 2022 – August 2022</b>
<b>Impact Area</b>	<b>Addressing Educational Disparities</b>

#### 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!



# Community Impact

***114,903 individuals, households & small businesses served  
-measures reported for grant projects through 10/31/24***

- **214 jobs created**
- **746 jobs retained**
- **174 housing units built**
- **76 house repairs completed**
- **614 households** received rent or utility bill assistance
- **42 shelter beds** added in the community
- **444 individuals** received shelter services
- **2,902 individuals** received crisis support
- **10,456 individuals and families** received legal aid and advocacy support



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- **5,050 individuals & families** received mental health & therapy services
- **2,197 individuals** received community health services
- **19,239 youth** received health and advocacy services
- **954 children** enrolled in Pre-K programming
- **106,536 diapers** distributed
- **5,904 individuals & families** received food & nutrition assistance
- **187,841 meals** served
- **808 households** connected to broadband service



# Community Impact

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

## Investment in Action: Community Stories of Impact

**BUSINESSES & JOBS WERE SUSTAINED WITH THESE FUNDS**

**SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION! STARTED LOCALLY**

**SURVEY: 1600 RESPONSES ORGANIZED BY SUBJECT** **NEED PEOPLE HOUSING**

**EMERGENCY FUNDS FIRST, THEN OPENED FUNDING TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

**FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FIRST, THEN ECONOMIC CONCERNS**

**CONSTANT LEARNING & ADAPTING**

**BROADBAND BECAME IMPERATIVE "WIFI IN THE PARK"**

**NON PROFITS HELP FILL THE GAPS & WE CAN INCREASE IMPACT BY PARTNERING WITH THEM**

**ONE PROJECT BUILDS ON ANOTHER...**

**FOOD DELIVERY HELPED ADDRESS ELDERLY ISOLATION**

**SPOT LIGHT ON HOW IMPORTANT WOMEN ARE IN THE WORKFORCE**

**WORKFORCE EDUCATION HOUSING**

**NEW PARTNERSHIPS COMMUNITY HEALTH COVID RESPONSE**

**FREEDOM TO TAILOR OUR RECOVERY RESPONSE**

**PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCREASED & INTENSIFIED. WE'RE BUILDING A SECURE SHELTER WITH 2X CAPACITY**

**WAITLIST IS REDUCED & WE'RE ABLE TO SERVE MORE PEOPLE IN LESS TIME**

**WE MUST ALLOCATE NEW FUNDS CAREFULLY!**

**WE WERE ABLE TO ALIGN WITH & LEVERAGE OTHER FUNDING - IT EXPANDED OUR CAPACITY**

**WE ADDED MORE BEDS SO FAMILIES COULD SHELTER TOGETHER**

**HER WHOLE DEMANDOR CHANGED!**

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**BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE, CREATE, & EXPAND FAMILY PROGRAMS HAS INCREASED COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**HOUSING IS HEALTH**

**AWARENESS OF NEED FOR DIAPER BANK GREW & WE WENT FROM 12 PARTNERS TO 15!**

**FUNDING TO NPs BROKE DOWN SILOS & NEW PARTNERSHIPS FORMED - SYNERGY!**

**SHE KEPT MAKING TORTILLAS FOR HER HEALING... NOW A BUSINESS, DEDICATED TO HER DAUGHTER**

**WE WERE ABLE TO GET NEW (SAFE) ELECTRIC HEATING SYSTEMS FOR CLIENTS**

**OUR VEHICLE REPAIR PROGRAM TOOK OFF! HIRED MORE. SERVED MORE THEY CAN VISIT PEOPLE! REDUCED ISOLATION**

**HOME REPAIR PROGRAM: ALLOWS AGING IN PLACE SAFE GUARDS COMMUNITY CHARACTER IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH**

**REMOVING BARRIERS & BREAKING DOWN WALLS IS KEY TO DELIVERING SERVICES & BUILDING BETTER SYSTEMS**

**WE INCREASED TEACHER SALARIES ALLOWED THEM TO CONTINUE THE WORK**

**THE TIMING WAS CRITICAL FOR SURVIVORS... ALLOWED US TO MAINTAIN & EXPAND OUR SERVICES**

**FARMERS NEEDED A PLACE TO SELL PRODUCE WE CONNECTED TO NEW MARKETS & HELPED REBUILD EXISTING**

**WE CAN PAY A LIVING WAGE NOW!**

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**DIGNITY EQUITY PUBLIC HEALTH HOPE COLLABORATION MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY OPPORTUNITY NETWORK PARTNERSHIPS INVESTMENTS**

**WE'RE JUST SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS FUNDING THAT ALLOWED US TO DO THIS AMAZING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY!**

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**

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# Proposed Allocations

- Clean Energy Upgrades for Low-Income Households:  
Reduce by \$17,590.54 and close the project
- Community Paramedics:  
Reduce by \$246,000
- Capital Outlay Equipment:  
Reduce by \$93,203.72
- Advancing Community Safety:  
Reduce by \$300,000
  
- + Personnel Costs :  
Create and fund by \$656,794.26

Reducing these projects will increase the amount available that can be allocated to new projects to **\$656,794.26**

Proposed allocations to this project totals **\$656,794.26** which will fully allocate all available COVID Recovery Funding





# Request for Board Action

Consider approval of COVID Recovery Funding project reallocations as listed:

Project	Increase	Decrease
Clean Energy Upgrades for Low-Income Households		\$ (17,590.54)
Community Paramedics		\$ (246,000.00)
Capital Outlay Equipment		\$ (93,203.72)
Advancing Community Safety: Violence Prevention and Intervention		\$ (300,000.00)
Personnel Costs	\$ 656,794.26	

