

Board of Commissioners' Agenda

November 16, 2021

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- December 7 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.
 - December 7 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.
 - December 9 @ 12 p.m. - Commissioners' Budget Retreat at A-B Tech, 9 Genevieve Circle, Asheville, NC 28801.
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Adjournment

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MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021 AT 5 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 16, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Vice Chair

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Sheriff Quentin Miller; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Bob Haynes, Permits & Inspections Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Whitesides motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of November 2, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of November 2, 2021 Briefing Minutes
- Approval of November 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Display
 - Resolution
- Budget Amendment for Just Appraised Tax Assessment Software
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Fund 327 Sheriff Grants/Contributions
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for Virtual Inspections Expenses
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke against a low-barrier shelter being developed at existing Ramada Inn location:

Judith Kaufman	Nick Parshall	Hak Yong Kim	Denise Knapp
Barber Melton	Chris Hancock	Joe Rayfield	Joanne Whiteside
Sybil Grouix	Steve Carter	Chris Nevant	Cory Wilharm
Kim Hreha	Doug Horne	Donna Early	Maggie Charleton
Tony Morris	Lee Matthews	Frank Marshall	Kim Gugger

Don Yelton stated that the people in attendance vote and expressed his views on homelessness.
Rondell Lance expressed his opinions and views about individuals who are bias against law enforcement.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Native American Heritage Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara presented and read the proclamation.
- **Adoption Awareness Month Proclamation**

Commissioner Edwards presented and read the proclamation.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Avril Pinder, County Manager, provided an update on the Ferry Road project’s neighborhood engagement.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Amendment for Homeowner Grant Program – Additional Funding Request**

Phillip Hardin, Social Services, updated the Board on the Homeowner Grant Program and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Intergovernmental Agreement/911 Consolidation City of Asheville**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment. Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager, explained the details of the consolidation that included the agreement terms.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement regarding 911 services between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to approve the resolution to waive 12-month probationary period for property interest in job and required up to 4.5% increase for transferred staff that have been with the City twelve (12) or more months. Vice Chair Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Collaborative Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment Team – Dogwood Health Grant**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Wells moved to accept the grant, approve the positions, and approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Behavioral Health Planning Grant**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Edwards moved to accept the grant, and approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Recovery Fund Awards**

Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director, re-examined the background, process, eligibility, next steps, and other funding opportunities before proposing the consideration of the additional funding awards. Commissioners announced the first round of awards on August 31, 2021 totaling \$11,309,495.

Vice Chair Whitesides moved to approve the next round of Recovery Funding awards in the amount of \$11,035,004. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to appoint **Tara McCracken** to the **Mountain Area Workforce Development Board**. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Ray Hemachandra** to the **Strategic Partnership Grants Committee**.

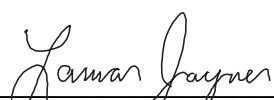
Chairman Newman moved to appoint **Don Warn, John Hudson**, and reappoint **Michael Frue, John Lyda**, and **Christopher Bradford** to the **Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority**. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *December 7 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
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Vice Chair Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department: Emergency Services

Presenter(s): Jerry Leatherwood, Deputy Fire Marshal

Contact(s): Jerry Leatherwood, Deputy Fire Marshal

Subject: Resolution Approving Pyrotechnic Experts for Firework Displays

Brief Summary:

- Request from Pyrotecnico and Brian Pruett to conduct a fireworks display on 12/31/21 for the Biltmore Estate, 1 Antler Hill Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve resolution.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends approval.

RESOLUTION #: 21-11-11

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PYROTECHNICS EXPERTS FOR CONDUCTING
FIREWORKS DISPLAYS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 14-410 and 14-413 the Board of Commissioners is authorized to review and approve the qualifications of persons applying for approval as pyrotechnics experts for the purpose of conducting fireworks displays; and

WHEREAS, application has been made by Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for pyrotechnic displays; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that the application received to conduct firework or pyrotechnic displays should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the following be granted permission to conduct fireworks displays at the location and on the dates shown, to-wit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pyrotecnico	1 Antler Hill Road, Asheville	December 31, 2021

2. The County Fire Marshal has reviewed these requests and found that those listed above are qualified pyrotechnic experts.
3. That pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-410 and 14-413 the Board has found that the above named individual/company is a qualified pyrotechnic expert for the purpose of conducting fireworks displays.
4. In accordance with the current NC Executive Order.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST


LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**


BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


COUNTY ATTORNEY



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Keith Miller, Tax Assessor

Subject:

Just Appraised Software

Brief Summary:

In FY2021, the county purchased Just Appraised tax assessment software. The software assists with property revaluation and ongoing tax assessment functions. The annual cost can be paid from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund. This amendment establishes the FY2022 expenditure budget for the software using available fund balance in the Fund. No new county dollars are required.

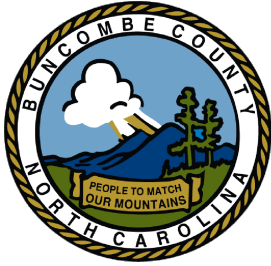
Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-11-12



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Reappraisal Reserve Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 Reappraisal Reserve Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Budget Amendment Item: Just Appraised Software

Description:

In FY2021, the county purchased *Just Appraised* tax assessment software. The software assists with property revaluation and ongoing tax assessment functions. The annual cost can be paid from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund. This amendment establishes the FY2022 expenditure budget for the software using available fund balance in the Fund. No new county dollars are required.

Funding Source:

Existing fund balance in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund. No new county dollars are required.

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Fund 221 - 4310:Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 42,000	
Fund 221 - Function: General Government		\$ 42,000
TOTAL	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Sheriff Quentin Miller
Lynn Smith, BCSO

Subject:

Sheriff Grants/Contributions

Brief Summary:

The Sheriff's Office receives grants and contributions to support its operations from various community partners or individual donors. These funds are accounted for in the Buncombe County Grants Fund. This amendment budgets \$21,347 in funds received between March 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021. Funding has been received from various sources and for various purposes, including:

- \$15,175 for the purchase of K-9 training equipment and other K-9 needs
- \$3,672 raised through the School Resource Officer (SRO) school supplies drive
- \$2,500 raised for OnTrack summer program for middle school students

No county dollars are required.

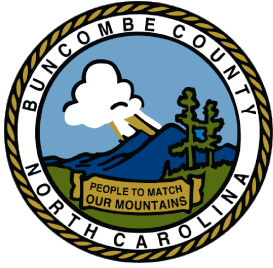
Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-11-13



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Grant Name: Sheriff Grants/Contributions

Description:

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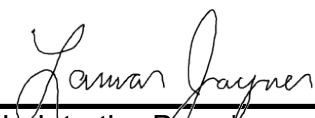
Funding Source:

Grants and contributions from various community partners or individuals.

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Fund 327 - Grant: <i>Sheriff Grants/Contributions</i>	\$ 21,347	\$ 21,347
TOTAL	\$ 21,347	\$ 21,347

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department: Permits and Inspections

Presenter(s): Jennifer Barnette

Contact(s): Bob Haynes, Permits and Inspections Director

Subject: Virtual Inspections Expenses

Brief Summary:

During the County Manager's Report on September 7th, you heard from Permits and Inspections Director, Bob Haynes, about the upcoming requirement to offer virtual inspections. Per Session Law 2021-117, approved August 23, 2021, the County will be required to offer virtual inspections as of January 1, 2022. This budget amendment will allocate the budget required to satisfy the statutory mandate. The \$70,000 will cover new software, the cost of software implementation, additional workstations for Permits personnel, and publically available document scanning stations.

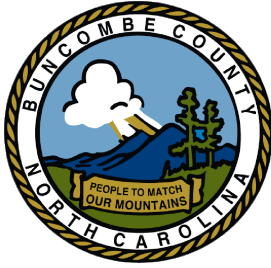
Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented.

ORDINANCE #21-11-14



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 General Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Requesting Department: Permits and Inspections
Budget Amendment Item: Virtual Inspections Expenses

Description:

During the County Manager's Report on September 7th, you heard from Permits and Inspections Director, Bob Haynes, about the upcoming requirement to offer virtual inspections. Per Session Law 2021-117, approved August 23, 2021, the County will be required to offer virtual inspections as of January 1, 2022. This budget amendment will allocate the budget required to satisfy the statutory mandate. The \$70,000 will cover new software, the cost of software implementation, additional workstations for Permits personnel, and publically available document scanning stations.

Funding Source:

Permits revenues are forecasting higher than anticipated. The additional revenue will fund the required virtual inspections expenses.

Exhibit A:	Increase (Decrease)	
Account Description	Revenues	Expenditures
Fund 100 - Permits & Inspections - 4190:Permits and Fees	\$ 70,000	
Fund 100 - Permits & Inspections - Operating		\$ 70,000
TOTAL	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Presentations

Department: Equity & Human Rights Office

Presenters: Rachel Edens

Contacts: Lillian Govus, Rachel Edens

Subject: Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

Brief Summary: Recognition of Native American Heritage in Buncombe County for November, 2021.

County of Buncombe
Proclamation

Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is committed to creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and ensures all residents have equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe and sustainable lives; and

WHEREAS, in honoring the cultures, traditions and accomplishments of Native Americans that have shaped our country, we also acknowledge our nation's history of colonialism that has inflicted discrimination, deprivation, violence and genocide upon indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the area currently known as Buncombe County, North Carolina rests on land that was first inhabited by the Cherokee, their ancestors, and other indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the traditional territory of the Cherokee covered more than 100,000 square miles of what today is western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, and upstate South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in the early 18th century, the estimated population of the Cherokee People was 36,000 but by 1770 was only about 7,000 due to forced relocation, consolidation of towns, and smallpox outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, white settlers began arriving in what would become Buncombe County in the 1760s and laying false claim to Cherokee land; and

WHEREAS, following a massacre led by Griffith Rutherford, leader of the Sailsbury district militia, virtually no indigenous inhabitants were left in the present-day Buncombe County region; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee people endure to this day, having survived catastrophic diseases, loss of their ancestral lands, forced relocation to a reservation, long-term mismanagement at the reservation, family separations through the removal of children to boarding schools, and termination; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee now live in the Qualla Boundary just to our west; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the generous contributions of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to our economy, culture, and community; and

WHEREAS, we seek to repair the trauma of past oppression and broken trust—both locally and regionally—by lifting up indigenous cultures and voices and striving together to build a future of shared hope and promise for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 16th day of November 2021, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 2021 as **Native American Heritage Month**, a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of indigenous people, to raise awareness about our shared history, to recognize that truth must come before reconciliation, and to acknowledge the important contributions that Native Americans have made to our community and our nation.



Brownie Newman
Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Presentations

Department: Health & Human Services

Presenters: Lizzi Shimer, HHS

Contacts: Lizzi Shimer

Subject: Adoption Awareness Month Proclamation

Brief Summary: Recognition of Adoption Awareness Month in Buncombe County for November, 2021.

County of Buncombe

Proclamation

OF NOVEMBER AS
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, *Adoption Awareness Month* is celebrated to call attention to the fact that every child deserves to grow up in a loving, nurturing, permanent home and that this experience lays the foundation for a happy, productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County, there are 304 children and 40 young adults age 18-21 in custody in Buncombe County

WHEREAS, 35 children achieved permanency with their forever families through adoption July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

WHEREAS, during the month of November, Buncombe County Health and Human Services will continue to focus on children who need permanent adoptive families and honor families who have adopted children as well as those who work to address the impacts of childhood trauma through safe and stable forever homes that meet the unique needs of children in foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of November 2021 be proclaimed

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Buncombe County.

2. That all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses and others be encouraged to celebrate adoption and honor adoptive families by increasing their awareness of the issues of adoption and helping to focus attention on the need for adoptive parents and the children who are waiting for permanent homes.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of November, 2021.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**


Brownie Newman, Chairman

WHEREAS, Buncombe County is committed to promoting an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and provides all residents with equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe, and sustainable lives; and

WHEREAS, in honoring the cultures, traditions and accomplishments of Native Americans that have shaped our country, we also acknowledge the nation's history of colonization that has inflicted discrimination, degradation, violence and genocide upon indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the area currently known as Buncombe County, North Carolina, is on land that was first inhabited by the Cherokee, their ancestors, and other indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the additional territory of the Cherokee covered more than 100,000 square miles of what today is western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, and upstate South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee population of the Cherokee Park is 3,000



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

New Business

Department: Budget

Presenter(s): Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Jennifer Barnette, Budget
Phillip Hardin, Health and Human Services, Economic Services

Subject: Homeowner Grant program- additional funding request

Brief Summary:

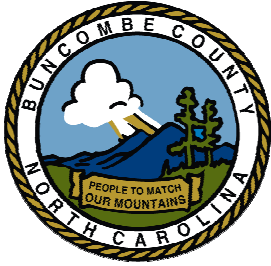
The County included \$300,000 in its Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for the Homeowner Grant Program. The City of Asheville included \$150,000 in its Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for the Program and The Town of Woodfin included \$15,000 in its Fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for the program. Interlocal agreements have been executed.

- The approval rate for applications processed is approximately 82%.
- The Homeowner grant program is projected to spend between \$400,000-\$425,000 for Buncombe County.

This amendment is to increase expenditures and revenue for the Buncombe County portion of the Homeowner grant program by \$150,000 as an appropriation from the general fund fund balance to cover the projected remaining application approvals.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented



ORDINANCE #21-11-15

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 General Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Requesting Department: Budget

Budget Amendment Item: Homeowner grant program- additional funding request

Description:

The County included \$300,000 in its Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for the Homeowner Grant Program. The City of Asheville included \$150,000 in its Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for the Program and The Town of Woodfin included \$15,000 in its Fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for the program. Interlocal agreements have been executed.

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Funding Source:

General Fund fund balance.

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Appropriated fund balance Homeowner grant program	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
TOTAL	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board

Buncombe County

Homeowner Grant Program

- Purpose: Designed to assist in preserving homeownership for low-income households in areas where increasing property value outpaces income.

Criteria:

- Max grant up to \$300
- May be eligible for additional funding from the City of Asheville or Town of Woodfin up to \$200
- Must be the owner's legal primary residence for at least 5 years
- 80% AMI
- Cannot participate in existing exemption program



Homeowner Grant Program

As of Nov. 9th

- Inquiries Received= 1841
- Inquiries Approved = 468
- Inquiries Denied = 342
- **Remaining to be Processed = 1,031**

Denial Analysis	342
Enrolled in other Tax Deferment Program	58%
Over income	18%
Other (withdrawn, don't live in county, not owned for 5 years, didn't follow up)	24%



Homeowner Grant Program

Data from Nov 9, 2021

Organization	Total Approved	Total Amount Allowed per applicant	Total Amount Allocated	Amount Remaining in Budget
Asheville	183	\$200	\$150,000	\$113,400
Woodfin	21	\$200	\$15,000	\$10,800
Buncombe County	468	\$300	\$300,000	\$159,600



Assumptions on Spending

Data from Nov 9, 2021

- Our approval rate for applications processed is approximately 82%
 - 1,031 applications remaining = 845 more approvals
 - Estimate \$253K needed to fund the remaining applications
 - Only \$159K left in the budget, estimate +\$112K needed
 - Projected to spend a total of \$412,000 for Buncombe County
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- Projected we will spend \$102,000 for City of Asheville
 - Projected we will spend \$10,600 for Town of Woodfin



Emergency Rental Assistance Update



Emergency Rental Assistance

data from Nov 9, 2021

Program	Program Description/ Limitations	Total Funding Available	Spending	# of Residents Served
ERA 1	Up to 12 months of assistance	\$7,099,089	\$5,712,579	2,157
ERA 2	Up to 18 months of assistance	\$5,298,386	\$336,312	125
CDBG	6 months of assistance, mortgages	\$824,700	\$63,535	36
TOTAL		\$13,222,175	\$6,112,426*	2,318

*\$571,604 is pending payment



Emergency Rental Assistance

Nov 9, 2021

- Total inquiries received 3069
- Total households assisted at least once 2,318
- Some applicants who were not eligible for ERA 1 are being served with ERA 2 due to a change in federal requirements of eligibility
- Many applicants apply multiple times





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

New Business

Department: County Manager's Office

Presenter(s): DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager

Contact(s): DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager
Brooke Hazlett, 911 Division Manager

Subject: Interlocal Agreement/911 Consolidation – City of Asheville

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County 911 Communications team provides dispatching service to all county emergency services and fire agencies, including the City of Asheville Fire Department. The county does not provide dispatch services for Asheville Police. Over the last year, county staff has led and participated in an effort to fully consolidate City of Asheville dispatch with Buncombe County 911 operations.

To that end, county staff is requesting approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Asheville to fully consolidate dispatch operations. It effectively continues dispatch services for Asheville Fire and expands dispatch services for Asheville Police. The agreement includes the conversion of current city dispatch staff to become county employees, effective January 1, 2022 and the creation of a Communications Steering Committee to provide advisement on center operations. The committee will remain active as long as the cost share is implemented. The current year cost to the City of Asheville is projected to be \$963,591 for six months to be invoiced quarterly based on actual staff costs, including overtime for coverage. The projected year two cost is \$1,892,658.

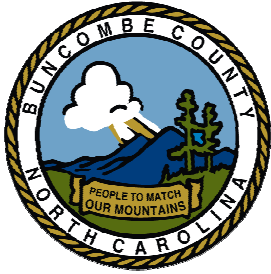
Accordingly, to effectively manage the call volume, a request is being made to add 24 full-time positions to the county consolidated center and establish a separate department for 911 Communications. This includes 19 telecommunicators, 3 supervisors, 911 Communications Director and an operation manager. Finally, as a part of this implementation, a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,093,325 is being requested.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

1. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement regarding 911 services between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville.
2. Approve waiver of 12 month probationary period for property interest in job for city staff that are being transferred to the County as a result of the consolidation
3. Approval of budget amendment to transfer and increase the 911 budget by \$1,093,325 to include the addition of 24 full-time positions and establish a department budget.
4. Approve a resolution to waive 12 month probationary period for property interest in job and required up to 4.5% increase for transferred staff that have been with the City twelve (12) or more months

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends approval.

ORDINANCE #21-11-16



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 General Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Requesting Department: 911 Communications

Budget Amendment Item: Consolidation and Establishing 911 Communications Department

Description: This budget amendment supports the Request for Board Action to establish 911 Communications as a separate department and consolidate operations with the City of Asheville. There is a transfer of a net \$3,815,466 (\$4,367,385 in expenditures and \$551,919 in revenues) from the Emergency Services Department to the 911 Communications Department. An increase of \$1,093,325 in expenditures is needed for the consolidation while the revenue budget will increase by \$856,132, requiring a net of \$237,193 to be appropriated from fund balance to support this action.

Funding Source: Appropriated Fund Balance

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Emergency Services Operating Expenditures		\$ (244,151)
Emergency Services Salaries and Benefits		\$ (4,123,234)
911 Communications Operating Expenditures		\$ 294,599
911 Communications Salaries and Benefits		\$ 5,166,111
Emergency Services Revenue	\$ (551,919)	
911 Communications Revenue	\$ 1,408,051	
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 237,193	
TOTAL	\$ 1,093,325	\$ 1,093,325

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE ONE-YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR CITY OF ASHEVILLE
TELECOMMUNICATORS ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

- WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-94, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish rules and regulations affecting the workplace; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 5.A of the Buncombe County Personnel Ordinance, upon completing an employee's first six months of employment, the employee may receive a salary advancement from 0 to 4.5 percent; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 13 of the Personnel Ordinance all new regular employees are to work a one-year probationary period before being granted covered employee status; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the 911 Agreement between the City and the County, the City employees transferring to the County do not have to serve a one-year probationary period and shall receive starting salaries as County employees no lower than they would have received had they remained City employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

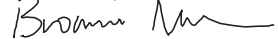
1. The City of Asheville telecommunicators who have completed at least one year of service with the City, transferring over to Buncombe County on January 1, 2022 shall not have to serve a one-year probationary period as set forth in Article IV, Section 13 of the Personnel Ordinance.
2. City telecommunicators who did not have at least one year of service with the City at the time of hire with the County will come over to the County with their current number of months of service and those months will be credited towards covered status.
3. The City of Asheville telecommunicators transferring over to Buncombe County on January 1, 2022 shall not be eligible to receive a salary advancement as set forth in Article III, Section 5 of the Buncombe County Personnel Ordinance after completing six months of employment.
4. That this resolution shall be effective January 1, 2022.

This the 16th day of November, 2021.

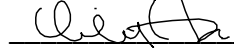
ATTEST


Lamar Joyner, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: 
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM


County Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUNCOMBE COUNTY
AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

This Intergovernmental Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between the County of Buncombe, a body politic and corporate, organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as “County”), and the City of Asheville, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as “City”).

WHEREAS, cities and counties are authorized to enter into joint undertakings as authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-445 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-461;

WHEREAS, the County and City wish to consolidate their 911 services in Buncombe County in order to provide the highest quality 911 service;

WHEREAS, both parties agree that the County shall be responsible for receiving and dispatching all calls for service for the City and County including Emergency Medical Services, and the Asheville Police and Fire Departments;

WHEREAS, County and the City leadership have agreed that a 911 Call Center Consolidation is a mutually beneficial path for public safety entities in Buncombe County. The Parties agree that the benefit of 911 Call Center Consolidation include:

- Eliminate call transferring
- Staffing improvements to provide enhanced coverage for 24/7 operations
- More consistent and effective service delivery
- Greater opportunities for interagency response and backup
- Better data sharing between agencies and responders in the field
- Enhanced interoperability and ability to share information across jurisdictions
- Expanding opportunities for alternate response methods through consolidated training and procedures
- Enhanced opportunity to leverage 911 Fund allocation

WHEREAS, this Agreement establishes each party’s commitment to Consolidation and sets forth the basic plan to consolidate personnel, share costs and an implementation timeline.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereby agree to the following:

I. Definitions

- A. “911 Call Center” means the facility located at 164 Erwin Hill Road that is designated to receive requests for emergency assistance, including but not limited to 9-1-1 calls, and staffed to perform one or more of the following functions:

- Determine the location where an emergency response is being requested.
 - Interrogate callers to identify, assess, prioritize, and classify requests for emergency assistance and other gathered information.
 - Determine the appropriate emergency response required.
 - Assess the available emergency response resources that are, or will be, available in the time required.
 - Dispatch appropriate emergency response providers.
 - Transfer or exchange requests for emergency assistance and other gathered information with other emergency communications centers and emergency response providers.
 - Analyze and respond to communications received from emergency response providers and coordinate appropriate actions.
 - Support incident command functions.
- B. “Agreement” means this document, including any attachments, as it may be amended from time to time.
- C. “Backup Center” means a facility equipped with automatic number identification, automatic location identification displays, and all other features of a primary PSAP that it serves. A back-up PSAP shall receive 911 calls only when they are transferred from the primary PSAP or on an alternate routing basis when calls cannot be completed to the primary PSAP. A back-up PSAP facility may be unattended when not in use, remote from the Public Safety Answering Point, and used to house equipment necessary for the functioning of an emergency communications system.
- D. “Call for service” means any incident requiring the presence of Public Safety Responder(s) which is tracked in a Computer Aided Dispatch (“CAD”) system, regardless if it originates through a 911 call, non-emergency call, or self-initiated by said responder.
- E. “Combined Percentage” means the average of the City’s population as a percentage of the County population and the City’s calls for service as a percentage of all calls for service for the 911 Call Center.
- F. “CPI” means the Consumer Price Index, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, U. S. City Average, All Items, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- G. “Communication Services” means:
- The receipt of incoming 911 calls;
 - The receipt of calls to the City’s non-emergency and administration lines;

- The dispatch of Public Safety Responders in response to 911 calls in a manner set out by dispatched agency and tracked in a CAD system;
- The collection and maintenance of 911 call recordings and data concerning incidents to which Public Safety Responders are dispatched, as well as access to the same by City personnel; and
- Such other activities necessary for the provision of the services outlined above and incidental to the operation of the 911 Call Center, including the procurement of adequate and necessary equipment.

- H. “Dispatch” means to assign appropriate resources (emergency responders) to an incident, monitor the response and relay relevant information
- I. “Performance Standards” means the standards for the provision of Communication Services to be provided by the County.
- J. “Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)” means an entity responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and processing those calls according to a specific operational policy.
- K. “Public Safety Responder(s)” means police and fire department personnel employed by and/or under the authority of the City.

II. Roles and Responsibilities

A. No Joint Agency

1. No joint agency is created by this agreement. The County shall have sole responsibility and authority to appoint or otherwise employ personnel necessary for the PSAP services outlined in this Agreement.

B. Buncombe County’s Responsibilities

1. Beginning January 1, 2022, the County will:
 - a. Provide the City with Communication Services through the 911 Call Center.
 - b. Provide the City with Communication Services that meet (1) NFPA’s 1221 standards, (2) National Emergency Medical Dispatch (“EMD”) standards, and (3) CALEA’s communications standards for law enforcement agencies.
 - c. Determine the cost of staffing the 911 Call Center. The cost sharing amount is the salary, benefits and associated operating costs to run the 911 Call Center operations for a fiscal year multiplied by the City’s combined percentage. The City’s share of the population will be based

on the most recently available Census data for the previous year. The City's calls for service will include all Asheville Police Department and Asheville Fire Department calls for service tracked by telecommunicators during the previous fiscal year. The County will multiply the total cost for staffing the 911 Call Center by the City's combined percentage. The City will be informed of the new annual cost sharing amount in writing by April 1 of each year.

- d. Discuss any budget adjustments with the City that would impact increases beyond cost of living, including salary changes or position increases. If significant impacts were identified, the City and County would work together to determine impact to the cost share. Unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties in writing, the County may not increase the annual cost share to the City by more than a two year average of the CPI as long as the City does not make any changes that necessitate increased 911 staff without first renegotiating a cost with the County.
- e. Bill the City quarterly based on actual salary and operating costs, to include any overtime costs for coverage, incurred for staffing the 911 Call Center.
- f. Establish a new Backup Center at a location determined by the County and be responsible for the repair, maintenance and upgrade equipment installed.
- g. Provide the City with access to 911 call recordings relating to the dispatch of Public Safety Responders. The County will respond to any data requests as soon as possible but no longer than 12 hours which is equal to a single telecommunicator shift. Access to CJIS applications will not be impacted by consolidation and will be governed by the Public Safety Interoperability Partnership (PSIP) agreement.
- h. Be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of radio consoles in the 911 Center. The City and County will work together to ensure compatibility between dispatch consoles and radio units.
- i. Offer all City personnel dispatching calls for the Asheville Police Department, as of the effective date of this Agreement, a comparable position in the 911 Call Center.
- j. Employees with covered employee status with the City, meaning members of the City's classified service, shall be considered full-time County employees with covered employee status as of their date of hire, and shall receive starting salaries as County employees no lower than they would have received had they remained City employees as

of the effective date of July 1, 2021. City personnel who do not have covered status at the time of hire will come over to the County with their current number of months of service.

- i. Such employees shall be subject to the County's Personnel Ordinance and policies.
- ii. Should any City employee decline a position with the County, offered in accordance with this agreement, neither party shall be obligated to find the employee a different position within either organization.
- k. Appoint personnel to serve as members of the Communications Steering Committee ("CSC") and ensure their reasonable attendance at CSC meetings.
- l. Upon consolidation, the County shall move the City's police radio traffic from the City's audiologger to the County's audiologger.

C. City's Responsibilities

1. Beginning January 1, 2022, the City will:
 - a. Budget \$963,591 for dispatch services for the period of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. The City will be invoiced quarterly based on actual salary and operating costs, and payments will be made to the County quarterly for the initial term of this agreement and every quarter thereafter as long as this agreement remains in effect.
 - b. Notify the County of any process or technology changes, such as adding radio channels, which would increase the cost of operating the 911 Call Center. If these changes would increase the number of positions needed to provide coverage to city radio consoles, the City and County would work together to determine impact to the cost share.
 - c. The City agrees to pay the full cost for the integrated AIS recording with their current Motorola Radio system, which is required for City's police radio traffic to be recorded on the County's audiologger.
 - d. The City, through City employees voluntarily filling the County shifts, shall provide assistance to the County for dispatching operations. However, if the City is unable to get sufficient volunteers to fill the County shifts, the City is under no obligation to require its employees to work a County shift.

- e. Appoint personnel to serve as members of the Communications Steering Committee (“CSC”) and ensure their reasonable attendance at CSC meetings.
- f. Retain responsibility for the maintenance, repair and updating of all receivers and field units associated with its radio system.
- g. Revise existing agreements with other entities, including but not limited to Motorola, to allow the County to be billed directly for radio console maintenance.

III. Operational Decisions

- A. Final decisions regarding call receipt, call processing and response plans, defined as responding agency plans that contain categories defining quantity, types of units, and type of response to any given area or nature code, for City Public Safety Responders shall be made by the City. Additionally, the County will work directly with the City to ensure that call taking and processing operations align with accreditation requirements and do not impede overall operations of the consolidated center or the City. However, any decisions that would impact multiple agencies shall be brought before the Communications Steering Committee for recommendation.
- B. All other decisions relating to the 911 Call Center, including its budget and all operational decisions not relating to response plans, shall be made by the County Manager with input from the Communications Steering Committee as provided below.
- C. The County reserves the ability to make day to day operation decisions as needed. The CSC will be updated on such decisions at the next meeting.

IV. Transition

- A. Both parties agree to cooperate in the many complex elements involved in transitioning to a consolidated call center.
- B. Both parties agree to follow the attached proposed implementation timeline plan to the best of their abilities. A copy of the Implementation Plan is attached as Exhibit A.

V. Term

- A. This Agreement shall have an “Initial Term” running from January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022 and shall thereafter automatically renew for one (1) year renewal terms (each a “Renewal Term”) running from July 1 until June 30 of successive years if not earlier terminated in accordance with its provisions.

VI. Termination:

- A. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party written notice six (6) months in advance of the July 1st renewal date.
- B. Upon termination:
 - 1. The City will reinstate the call center at 100 Court Plaza to the City. The County will transfer equipment to the City based on what is allowable per the 911 Fund and the number of seats required as determined by the state. The equipment transferred from the. A current list of the Backup Center and 911 Call Center City inventory is included in Exhibit B.

VII. Public Information Requests:

The City will be responsible for responding to a public record request directed toward the City. The County will be responsible for providing the document and/or data to the City, who in turn will be responsible for distributing the information to the requestor.

VIII. Communications Steering Committee (CSC):

- A. The County Manager of the Buncombe County will be responsible for the creation of the budget for the 911 Call Center and all operations in the 911 Call Center.
- B. The County shall create a steering committee that will remain active for so long as a cost share is implemented for the operation of the 911 Call Center.
- C. The Communications Steering Committee (CSC) will consist of the following membership:
 - 1) Buncombe County Director for 911 Communications,
 - 2) Sheriff or designee,
 - 3) Chief of Asheville Police Department or designee,
 - 4) Asheville Fire Chief or designee,
 - 5) Buncombe County Management designee,
 - 6) a representative from among other municipalities' law enforcement agencies dispatched through the 911 Call Center,
 - 7) a representative from among other municipal and county fire departments dispatched through the 911 Call Center, and
 - 8) one (1) community member at large.
- D. The selection for places 6 and 7 will be determined via majority vote of those agencies to a two year term. The County will coordinate those voting processes.

- E. The Community Representative will be selected through a competitive application process. From that list, the CSC will select the representative by a majority vote for a two year term. The CSC responsibilities are defined below.
- F. The CSC will meet at least quarterly to review performance and compliance data and to consider and resolve questions, issues, and disputes relating to 911 call center operations.
- G. The County shall be responsible for convening the CSC, setting and distributing its agenda, and providing timely information regarding meetings to all members and member agencies.
- H. Any CSC member, or member agency, may place an item on the CSC meeting agenda for discussion.
- I. All medical protocols will have final approval and/or disapproval by the EMS Medical Director separate and apart from this Committee.
- J. The Director for 911 Communications will provide a recommended 911 Call Center budget to be submitted to the County Manager for consideration in the annual County Budget.
- K. The Director for 911 Communications will serve as the CSC Committee Chair and have the authority and responsibility:
 - 1) To preside at regular and special meetings of the CSC;
 - 2) Facilitate the election of a Vice Chair from the CSC members. The Vice Chair will serve a two-year term and may be re-elected for subsequent terms;
 - 3) To call special meetings;
 - 4) To appoint committees;
 - 5) To represent the CSC or appoint another member to represent the CSC at various jurisdictional meetings where consolidated dispatch is on the agenda; and
 - 6) To provide the County Manager with performance reviews of the County 911 Leadership position and make written recommendations regarding his or her performance, utilizing the County Personnel Policies & Procedures, as may be amended from time to time, and with significant input from the CSC members.

IX. City's Radio Maintenance Fund

- A. Pursuant to Section 7 of Addendum #2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County dated September 2, 2003, the County was required to pay the City an annual amount of money for the maintenance and capital improvement of the City's radio system (herein "Radio Fund").

B. The current fund balance of the Radio Fund is \$837,604.8.

C. Both Parties agree that the City shall be allowed to use money from the Radio Fund to pay the cost sharing amount of this Agreement.

X. AMENDMENTS:

This Agreement may be amended by approval of the Asheville City Council and the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners.

XI. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 2022. This Agreement is in place of, supersedes, and replaces any existing Interlocal 911 Agreement.

XII. CANCELLATION OF THE PRIOR 911 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY

Upon the adoption of this Agreement, the Interlocal Agreement dated September 2, 2003 between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville, the first Addendum dated December 13, 2005, and the second addendum dated September 25, 2009, are hereby cancelled effective January 1, 2022. The third Addendum is hereby cancelled upon the 911 Board ceasing payments to the County for the City being a secondary PSAP.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Notice. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices and communications required to be sent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand delivery, certified mail, return receipt requested, or by Federal Express or similar overnight courier service, addressed as follows:

To City: Debra Campbell
City Manager, City of Asheville
70 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801.

To County: Avril Pinder,
County Manager
200 College Street, STE 300
Asheville, NC 28801.

All such notices and other communications, which are addressed as provided in this Paragraph, shall be effective upon receipt. The parties hereto may from time to time change their respective addresses for the purpose of notice to that party by a similar notice specifying a new address, but no such change shall be deemed to have been given until it is actually received by the party sought to be charged with its contents.

2. Whole Agreement. This Agreement contains all of the agreements and representations between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. None of the terms of this Agreement shall be waived or modified to any extent, except by written instrument signed and delivered by both parties.
3. Severability/Survival. If any provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. The covenants contained in this Agreement, which by their terms require their performance after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall be enforceable notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
4. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of North Carolina.
5. Duplicate Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
6. Authority. The individuals signing this Agreement personally warrant that they have the right and power to enter into this Agreement on behalf of City and County, to grant the rights granted under this Agreement, and to undertake the obligations undertaken in this Agreement.
7. Captions. The captions or headings in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and they in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of this Agreement or the intent of any provision hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Addendum to be executed in their respective names, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF ASHEVILLE

By: _____

COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____

EXHIBIT A
911 Consolidation Timeline

- **November 2021**
 - Governing body briefings & IGA approval
- **November - January 2021**
 - Begin filling open positions
- **January 2022 – February 2022**
 - Staff conversion
 - All City positions convert to County positions
 - Run promotional process for any supervisory positions
 - Separation of DCI accounts
 - Sign DCI Servicing Agreement
 - Purchase and installation of additional terminals
 - Present consolidation to NC 911 Board
- **March 2022**
 - Demonstrations of APCO and Priority Dispatch Protocol Systems for all serviced agencies
- **January 2022 – April 2022**
 - Telecommunicator Certification for City Police Telecommunicators
- **May 2022 – October 2022**
 - Implement protocol system with City of Asheville
 - Purchase additional licenses needed
 - Police Protocol certification training for City Police Telecommunicators
 - Implement fire protocol system with City and County Fire
 - Purchase licensing
 - Fire Protocol certification training for County Law and all Fire/Medical Telecommunicators
- **November 2022 – April 2023**
 - Certification for City Police Telecommunicators in medical and fire protocols
 - Crosstrain
 - Crosstrain all City Telecommunicators on all phone call types
 - Crosstrain all County Telecommunicators on city phone call types
- **May 2023 – June 2023**
 - Merge all 911 phone systems to ring on all consoles
- **July 2023 – December 2023**
 - Crosstrain all Law Enforcement Dispatchers to handle all Law Enforcement radio channels
 - Note: Radio channels will not be combined, we are just training all law enforcement dispatchers to sit at any law enforcement dispatch position
- **January 2024**
 - Consolidation completed

EXHIBIT B

Backup and 911 Call Center City Inventory as of September 2021

Backup Center Inventory

Item	Qty	City/County
Lenovo radio console pc	5	County
Avtec radio console media workstation	5	County
HP 23 inch monitor	16	County
NEC touchscreen monitor	8	County
Viewsonic touchscreen monitor	8	State (allocated to county)
BK KNG-B800 base station	2	County
Lenovo desktop pc	8	County
Kyocera p2040dw printer	1	County
HP 15 inch monitor	1	County
HP server	1	County
Eventide nexlog 740	1	County
Cisco switches	2	County
Exalt microwave	1	County
HP servers-out of service	7	County
Cisco router-out of service	2	County
Server rack	2	County
Desks	8	City
Motorola Radio Consoles	3	City
Motorola Radio Monitors	3	City
Motorola Radio Keyboards	3	City
Motorola Radio Rollerball Mouse	3	City
Chairs	8 to 10	Mix of City and County
Eaton rack UPS	1	County
Surge protectors	16	County
HP Keyboards	8	County
HP Mouse	8	County

911 Call Center City Inventory

Item	Qty	City/County
Desks	6	County
Chairs	8 to 10	Mix of City and County
Lenovo desktop pc	8	County
HP 23 inch monitor	26	County
HP Keyboards	7	County
HP Mouse	7	County
Widescreen Sony TV	2	County
Turnstyle bookcases	3	County
Connecting Desk pieces with assorted filling drawers	1	County



911 Consolidation Interlocal Agreement (ILA) w/ City of Asheville

Presented by

DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
November 16, 2021



911 Consolidation

- Benefits to consolidation include improved service provision and increased opportunity to leverage 911 Fund allocation
- Consolidation is an important step in the implementation of behavioral health strategies, increasing access to care and reimagining public safety:
 - Behavioral health and justice collaborations, to include pre-arrest diversion strategies
 - Potential expansion of community paramedic responses, to include calls that have historically been law enforcement calls for service



911 Consolidation Agreement

- Agreement Terms
 - ILA continues dispatch services for Asheville Fire and expands dispatch services for Asheville Police
 - FY22 Cost Share with City of Asheville - \$963,591 (January 2022 to June 2022)
 - 6 months cost for 22 positions & operational overhead to be invoiced quarterly based on actual staff costs, including overtime for coverage
 - Calculated as a percentage of population and calls for service for both Fire and Police calls.
 - City will transfer existing employees that are currently dispatching for the Asheville Police, making all employees in the 911 Call Center Buncombe County employees and subject to the County's Personnel Ordinance and policies
 - County remains responsible for maintaining call for service data and individual agencies will be responsible for distributing information



911 Consolidation Agreement

- Agreement Terms Continued
 - City will provide backup staff support for up to 6 months, based on city staff availability
 - Primary Call Center will remain at 164 Erwin Hills Rd. and back up Call Center currently at 100 Court Plaza; any future relocation will be at discretion of the County
 - Agreement will establish a Communications Steering Committee (CSC) and will remain active as long as the cost share is implemented
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 2. Sheriff or designee,
 3. Chief of Asheville Police Department or designee,
 4. Asheville Fire Chief or designee,
 5. Buncombe County Management designee,
 6. a representative from among other municipalities' law enforcement agencies dispatched through the 911 Call Center,
 7. a representative from among other municipal and county fire departments dispatched through the 911 Call Center, and
 8. one (1) community member at large.



911 Consolidation Agreement

- Agreement Terms Continued
 - CSC shall be responsible for:
 - Reviewing and recommending revisions to operational protocols
 - Review and recommend 911 call center budget
 - Resolve questions, issues and disputes presented to the body
 - CSC shall not be responsible for:
 - Creation of the budget for the 911 call center
 - Operations in the 911 call center
 - Recruitment, selection, and supervision of the Department Leadership and 911 staff



Board Action Request

1. Approve of the Interlocal Agreement regarding 911 dispatch services between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville
2. Approve Budget Amendment:
 - A. Transfer and increase the 911 FY22 budget by \$1,093,325
 - Add 24 full-time positions
 - 19 telecommunicators
 - 3 telecommunicator supervisors
 - 1 - 911 communications director
 - 1 operations manager
 - Establish a departmental budget
3. Approve a resolution to waive 12 month probationary period for property interest in job and required up to 4.5% increase for transferred staff that have been with the City twelve (12) or more months



Discussion





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

New Business

Department: Budget

Presenter(s): Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Jamie Judd, Emergency Services
Taylor Jones, Emergency Services

Subject: Collaborative Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment Team – Dogwood Health Grant

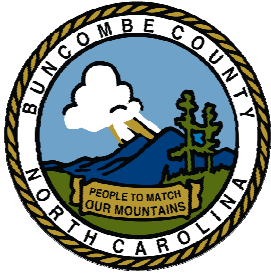
Brief Summary:

Buncombe County Emergency Services has received a grant for expansion of the Post Overdose Response Team in the amount of \$500,000 to provide mobile suboxone administration and serve as a 24/7 access front-line bridge to care, in partnership with Mahec's Substance Use Disorder Provider team and AMCHC. The expansion will add an additional team (4 grant-funded Community Paramedics, one peer support coordinator, and start up vehicle and equipment costs) for 6 months of the MAT pilot program.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

1. Accept the grant
2. Establish five grant-funded positions
3. Approve budget amendment

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends approval.



ORDINANCE #21-11-18

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Granting Agency:	Emergency Services
Grant Name:	Medication Assisted Treatment Team

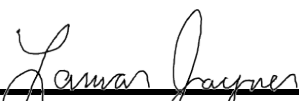
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Funding Source:
Dogwood Health Trust

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Fund 327: Grant Revenue	\$ 500,000	
Fund 327: Salaries and Benefits		\$ 213,934
Fund 327: Operating		\$ 133,000
Fund 327 Capital Outlay		\$ 153,066
TOTAL	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board



Collaborative Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment Team – Dogwood Health Grant

Presented by

Commissioners Meeting

November 16, 2021



Dogwood Trust Awards \$500,000

- Awarded \$500,000 for one Medicated Assistance Treatment (MAT) team and one Peer Support Coordinator position
- Funds one Community Paramedic team; allowing 24 hour coverage 7 days a week
- Funds one peer support coordinator or to coordinate with non profits performing peer support in our community
- Allows for \$100,000 to support community non-profit lead peer support.
- Covers start up equipment costs and 6 months of MAT in partnership with MAHEC
- Anticipated outcomes:
 - Increased enrollment in rehab services
 - Decreased deaths from opioid use



6 Month Cost Breakdown

Team Template	Total Staff	Salary w/Benefits
Paramedics	4	\$172,462
Peer Support Coordinator	1	\$41,472
Contract Position Vehicles and Response Equipment	4	\$100,000
Computers and Software		\$153,066
		\$33,000
Total		\$500,000



Request for Board Action

- Accept Dogwood Health Trust Fund Grant & appropriate funds - \$500,000
- Approve the addition of full-time time limited positions
 - 4 - Community Paramedics
 - 1 - Peer Support Coordinator
- Approve Budget Amendment





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

New Business

Department: County Manager

Presenter(s): Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager

Subject: Behavioral Health Planning Grant

Brief Summary:

Dogwood Health Trust has awarded Buncombe County \$496,472 to fund Collaborative Planning for Substance Use Disorder and Behavioral Health. These dollars will support two grant-funded positions for two years to plan for upcoming Opioid settlement dollars. A Program Manager II for Behavioral Health will be located in the County Manager office and a Management Analyst to provide evaluation services will be located in the Office of Strategy and Innovation. \$10,000 of these funds will support equipment and office supplies.

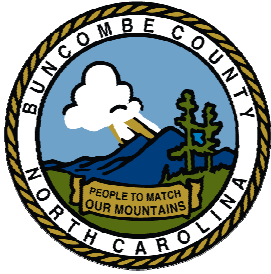
Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment
Establish two grant-funded positions

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-11-19



BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 2021.

Granting Agency:	Dogwood Health Trust
Grant Name:	Behavioral Health Planning Grant

Description:

Dogwood Health Trust has awarded Buncombe County \$496,472 to fund Collaborative Planning for Substance Use Disorder and Behavioral Health. These dollars will support two grant-funded positions for two years to plan for upcoming Opioid settlement dollars. A Program Manager II for Behavioral Health will be located in the County Manager office and a Management Analyst to provide evaluation services will be located in the Office of Strategy and Innovation. \$10,000 of these funds will support equipment and office supplies.

Funding Source:

Dogwood Health Trust

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Fund 327: Grant Revenue	\$ 496,472	
Salaries and Benefits		\$ 486,472
Operating Expenses		\$ 10,000
TOTAL	\$ 496,472	\$ 496,472

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Chairman of the Board



Dogwood Health Trust Substance Use Disorder / Behavioral Health Collaborative Planning Grant

Presented by

Commissioners Meeting

November 16, 2021



Dogwood Health Trust Supports Opioid Settlement Planning

After the July 21, 2021 announcement of the historic \$26 billion national opioid settlement agreement, DHT invited counties in western NC to apply for planning grants up to 2 years in duration to :

- Facilitate and or coordinate planning
- Conduct needs assessment, data collection and analysis
- Promote partnership building
- Develop implementation and sustainability plans
- Promote capacity building



Application & Award Timeline

- August 31, 2021
 - Buncombe County submitted grant application
 - Request: \$496,472 over 2 years
- October 19, 2021
 - Notification of Award for complete request
 - Substance Use Disorder / Behavioral Health Collaborative Planning
- January 1, 2022
 - If accepted by BOCC, funding award will be made available



Grant Structure/ Deliverables

- Two positions / 2 years funding:
 - Behavioral Health Manager*
 - Behavioral Health Analyst*
- Grant goals / purpose:
 - Coordinate and integrate existing county behavioral health/ substance use initiatives across county departments
 - Create a sustainability/ expansion plan for these efforts
 - Collaborate with community partners in system wide efforts
 - Provide community education
 - Track and analyze data for successful trends with an equity lens

* working titles



Request for Board Action

- Accept Dogwood Health Trust Fund Grant & appropriate funds - \$496,472
- Approve the addition of full-time time limited positions
 - Program Manager II
 - Management Analyst





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

New Business

Department: Strategic Partnerships **Presenter(s):** Rachael Nygaard

Contact(s): Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director

Subject: Recovery Fund Awards

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County has been awarded a total of \$50,733,290 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("Recovery Fund") via the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds have been officially accepted and budgeted by the Board of Commissioners, and the first tranche in the amount of \$25,366,645 has been received by Buncombe County from the U.S. Treasury.

Following a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, Commissioners announced the first round of awards on August 31, 2021 totaling \$11,309,495 in awards as of that date. Since that round of awards was announced, the board has conducted additional diligence including holding several public input sessions and hearing public comment from all applicants.

The next round of awards is anticipated to be approved at this meeting on November 16, 2021, not to exceed the amount remaining in the first tranche or \$14,057,150.

Following these awards, any economic development allocations will require subsequent public notice, hearing and authorization. Staff will negotiate written agreements for all projects once fully approved.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Consider approval of Recovery Funding awards

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends approval



Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

Presented by



Today's Focus

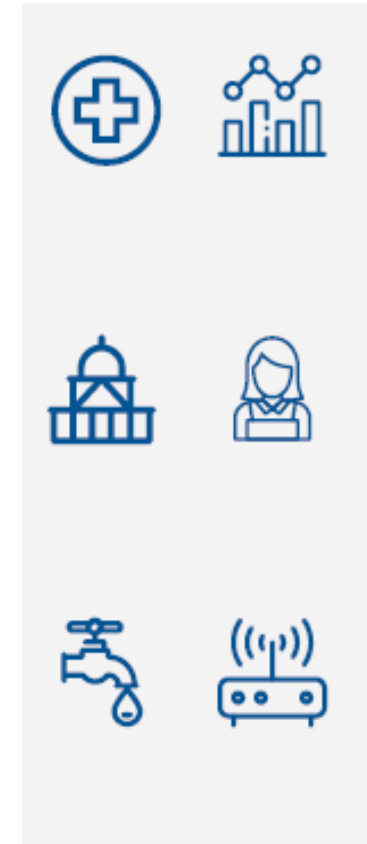
- Recovery Fund Background
- Buncombe County's Process
- Other Funding Opportunities
- Consideration of Additional Awards



Recovery Funds

- “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds”
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal aid to governments
- Funds to turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout & lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery
- Direct, flexible funding
- Buncombe allocation - \$50.7 Million
- First half of funds received May 2021, second half scheduled for 2022

www.BuncombeCounty.org/RecoveryFunding

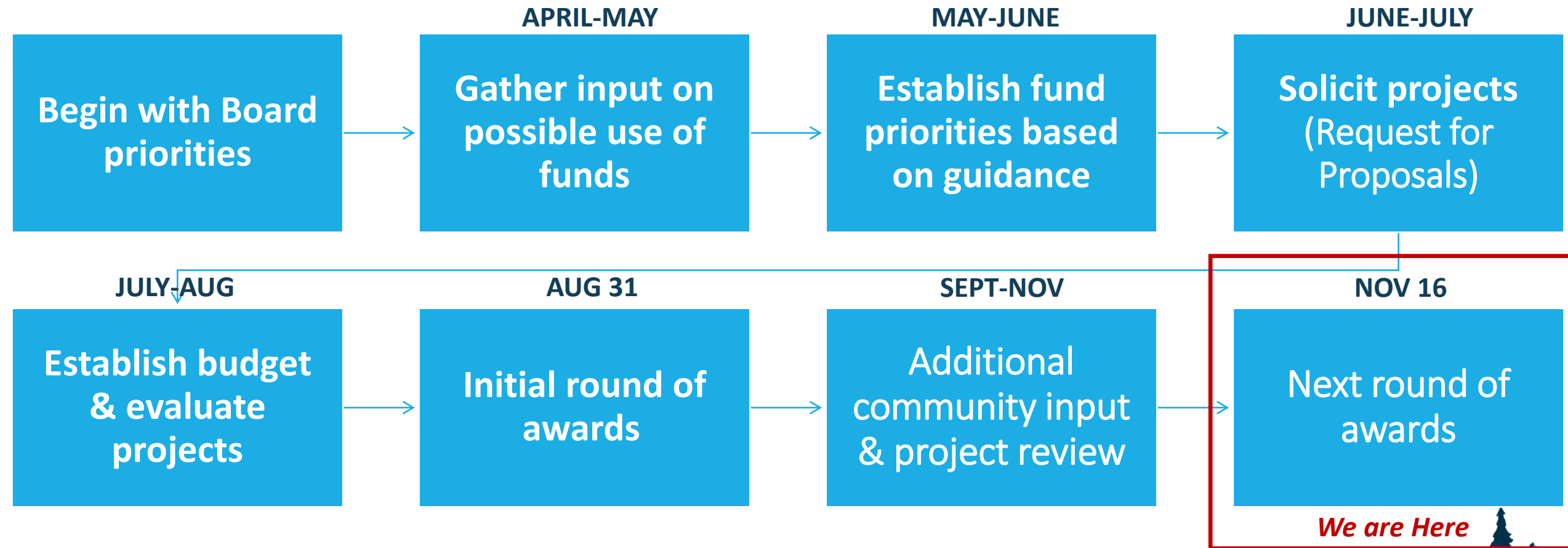


Eligible Uses of Funds

Eligible Category	Example Allowable Uses
1. Public Health	Vaccinations, Testing, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services
2. Negative Economic Impacts	Household Assistance, Job Programs, Business Relief
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	Education Assistance, Healthy Environments, Housing Support, Homelessness Services
4. Premium Pay	Public Sector Employees
5. Infrastructure	Broadband, Water, Sewer
6. Revenue Replacement	n/a – Buncombe ineligible
7. Administrative	Staffing



Buncombe Process (2021)



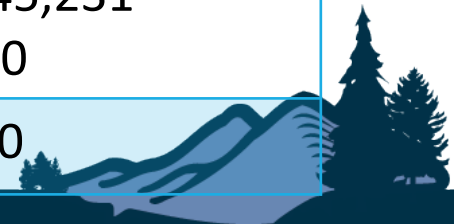
\$11,309,495 Awarded as of 8/31/21

Public Health	• COVID Vaccination Support: \$543,714 • COVID Contingency: \$1,000,000
Negative Economic Impacts	• One Buncombe Small Business Grants: \$500,000 • Center for Agricultural and Food Entrepreneurship, Building Capacity for Food Entrepreneurs: \$200,000
Disproportionately Impacted Communities	• Verner Center for Early Learning, Flexible Extended Care: \$419,309 • Homeward Bound, Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion: \$3,000,000
Premium Pay	• Buncombe County Incentive for COVID Risk: 1,040,000
Infrastructure	• Broadband Infrastructure Expansion: \$4,000,000
Administrative	• Fund Administration: \$606,472



\$11,035,004 Potential Additional Awards 11/16/21

Public Health	- RHA Health Services, All Access to Care: \$1,300,000 - Buncombe County Community Paramedic Collaborative: \$1,074,873
Negative Economic Impacts	- Asheville Area Arts Council, Creative Sector Recovery: \$50,000 - Asheville Museum of Science, AMOS Recovery Plan: \$130,000 - Babies Need Bottoms, Diaper Assistance: \$50,000 - Eagle Market Streets Development, Community Equity Fund: \$375,000 - Green Built Alliance, Clean Energy Upgrades: \$250,000 - Mountain BizWorks, Mountain Community Capital Fund: \$1,250,000 - The Arc of Buncombe County, I/DD Household Assistance: \$50,000 - We Give a Share, Southside Community Kitchen: \$160,000 - Working Wheels, Affordable Vehicle Repairs: \$92,400
Disproportionately Impacted Communities	- Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity, Infrastructure: \$1,600,000 - Buncombe County Home Repair & Supportive Services: \$400,000 - Mountain Child Advocacy Center, Child Trauma Response: \$262,500 - Mountain Housing Opportunities, Recovery Starts at Home: \$2,545,231 - The Mediation Center, Continuum of Victims' Services: \$1,000,000
Infrastructure	Land of Sky Regional Council, Internet Access & Literacy: \$445,000



Next Steps

- Public notice, hearing & authorization for any economic development allocations
- Written agreements for all projects (subrecipients & departments)
- Monitoring & reporting (fiscal & impact)
- Rolling awards and possible additional application rounds
- Anticipate second tranche of funds (~\$25.4 M) in May 2022
- Continue monitoring related legislation and funding sources



Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure & Disaster Relief Flexibility Act

- General Government
- Natural Disasters
- Transportation & Infrastructure Projects

<https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/legislative-analysis-counties-state-local-tribal-and-territorial-fiscal-recovery>



Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

- Transit
- Greenways
- Weatherization
- Cybersecurity
- Carbon reduction
- Broadband

<https://www.naco.org/resources/legislative-analysis-counties-infrastructure-investment-jobs-act>



Today's Requested Board Action

- Consider approval of Recovery Funding awards





Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action
Meeting Date: 11/16/2021

Board Appointments

Department: Legal & Risk

Presenter(s): Michael Frue

Contact(s): Michael Frue

Subject: Board appointments to the Buncombe County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority

Brief Summary: the Buncombe County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority was established by the Board of Commissioners in 1976 pursuant to NCGS Ch. 159C. The Authority is an instrument for conduit financing and issues bonds, with the consent of this Board, for projects from time to time. The Authority is comprised of seven commissioners appointed by this Board and the Authority last met in September 2018. There are currently three Authority members available who are serving on expired terms per statute until a successor is appointed.

Ingles Markets and Wells Fargo have requested that the Authority grant permission to extend the due date of the Series 2010 Recovery Zone Facility Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$99,740,000 that the Authority issued in connection with the Ingles Markets warehouse expansion project on December 29, 2010 as well as to amend the Indenture documents to account for the demise of the LIBOR Index. The LIBOR Index is the benchmark interest rate at which major banks lend to one another. Amendments to the Indenture documents must be accomplished to replace the LIBOR references because that index expires on December 31, 2021.

In order to meet the Authority needs a quorum to conduct business.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: (1) Appoint the following persons to the Buncombe County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority:

Michael Frue	[reappointment / Jan. 2009]
John Lyda	[reappointment / Sept. 2014]
Christopher Bradford	[reappointment / Feb. 2009]
Don Warn	[new appointment]
John Hudson	[new appointment]

(2) Direct the Clerk to announce vacancies for the Authority.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Manager recommends approval as presented.