

Cumberland County, North Carolina **Recovery Plan**

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Cumberland County, North Carolina, has been allocated \$65.2 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

The County has not incurred any expenditures as of July 31, 2021, the end of the first reporting period.

The seven-member Board of County Commissioners established a three-member ARP Committee to lead the County's planning process and bring project and expenditure recommendations to the full board for approval. The committee held its first meeting on May 25, 2021. Minutes from all meetings are posted on the County's ARP webpage at cumberlandcountync.gov/ARP.

During July 2021, the County conducted a citizen survey and held community meetings to gather feedback about the recovery funding. The ARP Committee members participated in all the community meetings. In early August 2021, the committee received the online survey results and directed staff to submit a proposed framework in September 2021 to the committee outlining short-, mid- and long-term goals in the funding categories. The committee also instructed staff to create proposed criteria and process for small businesses and non-profits to apply for funding. In addition, committee members want to develop a rental assistance program to help residents who do not meet the income guidelines in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

On August 16, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved using ARP funding not to exceed \$3 million to renovate the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse as a board meeting chamber that would meet pandemic protocols, social distancing, and ADA requirements. The board's current meeting chamber is not designed for pandemic protocols and would require renovations. A consultant will report back to the board with a renovation cost estimate.

Uses of Funds

Cumberland County will not be using recovery funds to replace lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County is expected to expend funds in the other categories – Public Health, Negative Economic Impacts, Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Premium Pay, Infrastructure and Administrative. Once the funding framework has been established and approved by the Board of Commissioners, the County will submit an updated Recovery Plan to Treasury and publish the report on the County website.

Promoting equitable outcomes

Promoting equitable outcomes will be a strong driver in designing and selecting programs and projects.

Community Engagement

The ARP Committee sought public feedback on uses for the proposed ARP funding by hosting four in-person meetings, holding a virtual session, and conducting an online survey throughout July. The online survey received 687 responses, which were combined with feedback from 88 people who participated in the meetings to create a dashboard available on the County website.

In addition to the ARP-specific feedback, there are other recent community assessments that will provide information valuable to designing programs that address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic and provide services to disproportionately impacted communities. These reports include the Community Health Assessment, which describes the health needs of the community and develops strategies to address those needs. Cumberland County also completed a Homelessness Strategic Plan and Gap Analysis.

Labor Practices

Water and sewer infrastructure projects are expected to be included in the County's Recovery Plan and workforce practices will be described in future reports.

Use of Evidence

There are no projects underway.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	0	
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	0	
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	0	
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	0	
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)	0	
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	0	
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	0	
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	0	
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	0	
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	0	

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1.10	Mental Health Services	0	
1.11	Substance Use Services	0	
1.12	Other Public Health Services	0	
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	0	
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	0	
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	0	
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	0	
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	0	
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	0	
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	0	
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)	0	
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*	0	
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)	0	
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations	0	
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	0	
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	0	
2.13	Other Economic Support	0	
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff	0	
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	0	
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning	0	
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	0	
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services	0	
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services	0	
3.5	Education Assistance: Other	0	
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	0	
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	0	
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System	0	
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other	0	
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing	0	
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	0	
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	0	

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other	0	
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	0	
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	0	
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions	0	
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	0	
4.1	Public Sector Employees	0	
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	0	
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	0	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	0	
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	0	
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	0	
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	0	
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	0	
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	0	
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	0	
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	0	
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	0	
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	0	
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	0	
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	0	
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	0	
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	0	
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	0	
5.17	Broadband: Other projects	0	
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement	0	
6.1	Provision of Government Services	0	
7	Administrative and Other	0	
7.1	Administrative Expenses	0	
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis	0	
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government	0	
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

PROJECT INVENTORY

There are no projects underway.

Performance Report

There are no projects underway.