

## GRANT ACTIVITY AND ARPA REPORT – October 1, 2021- December 31, 2021

### Applications made during this time:

Granting Entity	Grant Project	Type	Amount Requested	Match Required	Match Source	Department	Purpose
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation	Virginia Community Flood Preparedness	State	\$225,000	\$75,000	Capital Climate Protection Program	Facilities and Environmental Services	Funding will provide support to reduce the impacts of flooding, including flooding driven by climate change.
Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC)	American Rescue Plan Tourism Recovery Program	Federal	\$660,000	0	None	Charlottesville Albemarle Visitors Bureau	American Recue Plan funding used to support tourism and the hospitality industry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County of Albemarle VTC Funding: \$400,000</li> <li>City of Charlottesville VTC Funding: \$260,000</li> </ul>
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund	State	\$500,000	\$500,000	Pledges and Private Capital Campaign	Department of Social Services	Funding will be used to remove failing septic and oil tanks at Southwood redevelopment site.

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**Awards received during this time:**

<b>Granting Entity</b>	<b>Grant Project</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Match Required</b>	<b>Match Source</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Virginia State Corporation Commission	COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Municipal Utility Relief	Federal	\$195,359	0	None	Albemarle County Service Authority	Provisions within the Appropriation Act make residential municipal utility system customers eligible for relief due to ongoing matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Department of Justice	FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance	Federal	\$16,264	\$0	None	Police	Supports community assignments such as: National Night Out, Operation Safe Shopper, River RATT Operation, Illegal Hunting Operations
Virginia Department of Emergency Management	Local Emergency Management Grant	State	\$19,272	\$25,000	Operating	Emergency Communications Center	Provides financial support to conduct training for first responders and partners as well as helps host educational programing for our citizens.

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### Comprehensive Look at Potential Five Year Financial Plan Grant Impacts:

The following chart includes grants that are expected to end within the next five years and an estimate of the County’s potential costs over the next five years if the grant-supported positions, projects, or programs are continued after the grant ends. The continuation of those positions, projects and programs will be considered as part of the County’s annual budget process.

Granting Entity	Grant Name	Grant Project	Grant Period	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25											
Charlottesville Area Community Foundation	2019 Strengthening Systems Grant	Yancey School Community Center (YSCC)	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022						Funds a dedicated full-time Program Coordinator, infrastructure for a community garden, and support for community programming for rural Southern Albemarle.										
Grant Funds				\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000														
County Funding*						\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000											
Granting Entity	Grant Name	Grant Project	Grant Period	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25											
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant (SAFER)	Staffing (10 Firefighters) Crozet & Pantops Stations	1/11/21 - 1/10/2024						The funds for this grant will be used to add 10 firefighters to staff two daytime (Monday – Friday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM) engines – one at Crozet Volunteer Fire Department (Station 5) and one at Pantops Public Safety Station (Station 16).										
Total Costs				\$ 403,987	\$ 807,026	\$ 829,645	\$ 853,081	\$ 877,372											
Grant Funds				\$ 323,280	\$ 646,560	\$ 646,560	\$ 323,280												
County Funding**				\$ 80,707	\$ 160,466	\$ 183,085	\$ 529,801	\$ 877,372											
Granting Entity	Grant Name	Grant Project	Grant Period	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26											
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant (SAFER)	Staffing (10 Firefighters) North Garden, Earlysville, and Stony Point Stations	2/22/2022 - 2/26/2024						The funds for this grant will be used to add 10 firefighters to staff three daytime (Monday – Friday 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM) engines – at North Garden Volunteer Fire Company (Station 3), Earlysville Volunteer Fire Company (Station 4) and Stony Point Volunteer Fire Company (Station 6).										
Total Costs				\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060											
Grant Funds				\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060													
County Funding**							\$ 628,060	\$ 628,060											
* <b>Strengthening Systems grant</b> - If the program proves successful based on the performance criteria, staff expects to request the permanent addition																			
** <b>SAFER grant</b> - The grant covers starting salaries and benefits only. Raises and adjustments as well as other operating and one time costs																			

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Activity – July 1, 2021- December 31, 2021**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Project Expenditure Subcategory</b>	<b>Total Obligations</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Emergency Responder Premium Pay	4-Premium Pay	4.1-Public Sector Employees	\$977,252	\$793,975	Albemarle County Police and Fire Rescue sworn, and uniformed employees were provided with a one-time, lump sum payment of \$3,000 per employee with a full-time equivalent of 0.7 and above. As well as providing for a sign-on payment of \$3,000 to all sworn or uniformed full-time and part-time regular employees of the Albemarle County Police Department and the Albemarle County Department of Fire Rescue hired after December 1, 2021. In addition, the Board of Supervisors approved a provision of a \$3,000 one-time bonus to the remaining 15 sworn personnel in the Sheriff's offices, not covered by the Compensation Board funding (provided by the State of Virginia).
Program Support	7-Administrative and Other	7.1-Administrative Expenses	\$177,075	\$42,185	This project supports administrative expenses for administrating the County's ARPA funding.
Housing Counselor	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	3.10-Housing Support: Affordable Housing	\$80,000	\$0	The goal of the program is to engage and educate owners and renters on the availability of rent and mortgage relief programs. Funds will be used to hire a temporary Housing Counselor to identify low-income residents struggling with housing costs due to COVID-19 impacts and connect them with available rent and mortgage relief resources. Housing Counselor responsibilities include outreach to property owners and tenants of rental properties; assisting homeowners, renters, and landlords to apply to rent and Project Description mortgage relief programs: follow status of applications and follow up with issuing agencies to resolve any issues. Program outcomes include reductions in evictions for unpaid rent as a result of income loss/reduction due to the COVID-19 pandemic; decrease in the number of homeowners at risk of foreclosure; preservation of affordable rental units; prevent an increase in overcrowded housing due to eviction-related homelessness, as well as increased risk of exposure to, or infection by, the COVID-19 virus; prevent homelessness or reduce the number households at risk of homelessness.

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Rental Application Fee Program	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	3.12-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$60,000	\$0	<p>The Rental Application Fee (RAF) Program reimburses Albemarle County Office of Housing program participants for out-of-pocket rental application fees, as charged by many rental providers for processing an applicant's rental application. RAFs can prove to be costly as program participants often apply for multiple units before successfully being approved. Under Virginia's Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, an application fee is nonrefundable and cannot be more than \$50.00 (LIS, 2021). In addition, some landlords ask applicants to pay for other application fees, including criminal history or background checks. For a low-income program participant, these fees may prove to be prohibitive as the participant may limit the number of places they choose to apply due to costs incurred. The RAF program provides program participants with a budget of \$250 to be used towards rental application fees. By reimbursing Rental Application Fees, ACOH is enabling access to stable, affordable housing for some clients who are experiencing homelessness. For non-homeless program participants, the RAF program is facilitating access to housing vouchers and helping HCV program participants increase economic opportunity by decreasing financial instability.</p>
Security Deposit Program	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	3.12-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$100,000	\$0	<p>Security Deposits (SD) are required by all participating landlords for rental units where Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program participants live. As an industry standard, SDs enable landlords to recover some incurred costs including unpaid rents or tenant damage to the unit, in accordance with tenets of a rental lease. However, SDs can prove to be a financial hardship for lower-income renters, as they often amount to 1 to 2 times the Contract Rent. Unfortunately, the HCV program only subsidizes a portion of rent, not a portion of the required security deposit. While the program provides affordable rental units for program participants, they still face a barrier to accessing this affordable rental by way of a cost-prohibitive security deposit. By paying for security deposits, Albemarle County Office of Housing enables clients to experience financial stability as they obtain safe, affordable housing.</p>

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The Good Neighbor Program	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	3.12-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$28,800	\$0	The Good Neighbor Program (GNP) provides a forum through which Albemarle County tenants and landlords are provided the tools and resources to build positive, pro-social tenant-landlord relationships. The current program is aimed towards providing renters services after a halted eviction. While the CDC's evictions moratorium staved off evictions for many renters with past-due rent, the moratorium has now ended, and evictions may soon become a reality for many renters in Albemarle County. While counsel and rent-relief efforts are a focus of separate programs, the GNP serves as the final step in the process, providing resources for enabling renters to recover from their inability to pay rent, both economically and through job connections if needed, and provide a deeper understanding of their protections under fair housing law.
Bonus Bucks	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	3.12-Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$24,000	\$0	Through the Bonus Bucks incentive program, Albemarle County Office of Housing (ACOH) provides lease-up incentive bonuses to owners, simultaneously encouraging new lease-ups of searching clients and expanding the long-term supply of affordable housing in our community. This program has short- and long-term benefits, including quick lease-up for families, intentional and grassroots owner outreach, new owner retention, and positive engagement with the community around affordable housing. This program directly responds to the challenges of finding and renting affordable units in our community – challenges that have been further exacerbated by the extraordinary conditions of COVID-19. The Bonus Bucks incentive program provides immediate housing support to ACOH Housing Choice Voucher program clients who earn 50% or less of AMI. The Bonus Bucks incentive program also addresses systemic economic challenges by increasing and deconcentrating the long-term availability of safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in our community.

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<b>Albemarle County Broadband</b>	5-Infrastructure	5.16-Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	\$4,500,000	\$45,000	This award is to support the Albemarle Broadband Authority's match for the VIRGINIA TELECOMMUNICATION INITIATIVE (VATI) 2022 grant through Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) and Firefly. The goal of the VATI 2022 grant application is to bring fiber to rural areas and make last mile connections. On December 13, 2021 Governor Ralph Northam announced the award of \$79 million in Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grants to Firefly Fiber Broadband, a wholly owned subsidiary of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative, and its partner Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC). The funding will support the \$288 million project which endeavors to offer universal access to gigabit speed broadband service to 36,000 unserved homes and businesses in 13 counties in Central Virginia (including Albemarle County). The fiber construction will take approximately three years to complete and will include 4,000 miles of fiber. Dominion Energy Virginia will support the extension of broadband to unserved areas by deploying middle-mile fiber that Firefly will use to connect end-customers to the internet.
<b>TJACH – Premier Circle</b>	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	3.11-Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	\$600,000	\$0	The Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless (TJACH) has partnered with Virginia Supportive Housing and Piedmont Housing Alliance to provide emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness. TJACH will maintain safe shelter and supportive housing beds for individuals experiencing homelessness that are prioritized through the coordinated system of care. TJACH will report out on the number of individuals provided shelter and supportive housing during the project period. People experiencing homelessness are at significantly higher risk of contracting COVID and for more serious disease presentation.
<b>The Haven</b>	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.10-Aid to nonprofit organizations	\$100,000	\$34,149	The Haven operates a low-barrier day shelter for people experiencing homelessness. The day shelter provides a breakfast meal, showers, phone, storage, mail services, social support, connection to substance abuse, mental health, and housing resources; and opportunity to be out of the elements. This funding supports staffing for the shelter.

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<b>Beyond Pathways</b>	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.13-Other Economic Support	\$125,000	\$0	These funds will be used to assist individuals seeking emergency financial assistance as a result of COVID economic impacts that fall outside the scope of the United Way Pathways project. Hotline operators will assess the need for consideration of these additional funds.
<b>Local Food Hub</b>	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs	\$150,000	\$42,420	Food shares are distributed directly to community members in need as identified by community partners. Food shares are generally distributed every other week in neighborhoods of concern.
<b>Pathways Program</b>	2-Negative Economic Impacts	2.2-Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	\$1,600,000	\$1,432,515	A collaborative effort of United Way, Albemarle County, and the City of Charlottesville, Pathways seeks to provide an expedient and effective way for impacted community members to request financial assist. A dedicated phone line is used to receive calls in both English and Spanish. If callers require interpretation services in other languages, screening staff will use the interpreter line to secure the appropriate interpreter. Screeners use a script to ask questions about the need, COVID-19 impact, and financial status of the applicant. Supervisors oversee hotline staff members and approve requests for payments. Supporting documentation is requested to demonstrate financial need including, but not limited to, lease agreements, bank statements, and paystubs.
<b>General Government Testing</b>	1-Public Health	1.2-COVID-19 Testing	\$350,000	\$43,920	On August 11, 2021, the County Executive issued County Emergency Order No. 21-3 (EO 21-3), pursuant to VA. Code Section 44-146.21(C), in order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 among Albemarle County employees and the public; protect those who are at higher risk for adverse health complications; and maintain essential services for the public. EO 21-3 requires that all full-time, part-time and contract County employees provide verification of their full vaccination status or submit a weekly COVID-19 test through the County's screening clinic.