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**AGENDA**  
**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) COMMITTEE**  
**JUDGE E. MAURICE BRASWELL CUMBERLAND COUNTY**  
**COURTHOUSE- ROOM 564**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 6, 2023**  
**3:00 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
  - A. Consideration of Revision to Policy No. 10-2.9 and Request to Reopen the Application Period for the Small Business Economic Assistance Program
  - B. Consideration of Nonprofit Funding Recommendations
4. UPDATES
  - A. State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (Cornyn-Padilla Amendment)
  - B. ARP Projects
5. OTHER ITEMS
6. ADJOURN



## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

### **MEMORANDUM FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE AGENDA OF JUNE 6, 2023**

**TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE**

**FROM: TYE VAUGHT, CHIEF OF STAFF**

**DATE: 5/30/2023**

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO POLICY NO. 10-2.9 AND  
REQUEST TO REOPEN THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE SMALL  
BUSINESS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the January 11, 2022, American Rescue Plan Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to present their recommendation to adopt Policy No. 10-2.9: Small Business Economic Assistance at the Board of Commissioners regular meeting on January 18, 2022. Subsequently, the policy was adopted as the official authority and guidance for administering the County's ARP Small Business Economic Assistance Program.

However, at the time of adoption, the US Treasury had not yet finalized the American Rescue Plan's Final Rule. Therefore, the Interim Final Rule was utilized as a reference during the drafting process of Policy No. 10-2.9. Although the Interim Final Rule provided valuable guidance, it is imperative that we now revisit and update the policy to accurately reflect the changes introduced by the Final Rule and guidance provided from County partners.

The US Treasury's Final Rule outlines modifications to the American Rescue Plan, which have implications for the County's Small Business Economic Assistance Program. These updates include revised eligibility criteria, updated funding allocation guidelines, and revised reporting requirements.

To ensure the continued effectiveness and compliance of our program, it is essential that we update Policy No. 10-2.9. By doing so, we will be able to provide accurate and up-to-date information to our small business community, streamline the application process, and optimize the utilization of the American Rescue Plan funds.

Staff is also presenting a recommendation regarding the reopening of the Small Business Economic Assistance Program and requesting the authority to amend existing Small Business Contracts. This recommendation is

contingent on the approval of the revision to Policy No. 10-2.9.

Staff proposes reopening the Small Business Economic Assistance Program on July 1, 2023. The application would be open for the duration of one month, with a closing date of July 31, 2023. This timeframe will allow us to efficiently process applications while ensuring timely support for our small business community.

Staff requests the Committee to grant Management the authority to amend existing Small Business Contracts, up to a maximum amount of \$50,000, taking into consideration the principle of proportionality. This flexibility will enable us to address any unforeseen circumstances or changes that may arise during the program's reopening.

Once the application period ends on July 31, 2023, staff will diligently process all received applications. We aim to provide comprehensive recommendations to the Committee at a date to be determined in September 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION**

Staff recommends forwarding the proposed action to the Board of Commissioner's June 19, 2022 Regular Meeting:

Approve the recommended revisions to Policy No. 10-2.9: Small Business Economic Assistance and reopen the Small Business Economic Assistance application for one month beginning July 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Revision to Policy No. 10-2.9: Small Business Economic Assistance	Backup Material

The following policy was approved at the January 18, 2022, Board of Commissioner's meeting.

## Cumberland County Section

### I – Board Approved Policies

#### Subsection 10: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

#### Policy No. 10-2.9: Small Business Economic Assistance

### 1.0 PURPOSE

Cumberland County has received an allocation of funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA/CSLFRF). The Board of Commissioners approved allocating ARPA funding to establish a Small Business Economic Assistance Program (SBEAP) in response to the economic impacts experienced by small businesses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This program describes eligible activities as defined in 31 CFR Part 35.

### 2.0 SCOPE

Funds are made available by the U.S. Department of Treasury through Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) and are administered by the Cumberland County ARP Staff Committee. The goal is to provide up to \$50,000 in financial assistance to small for-profit businesses that faced economic hardship due to the pandemic. For the purpose of this program Cumberland County has defined a small business as a business with no more than two hundred and fifty (250) ~~employees~~ full-time equivalent individuals (FTEs) (which may include the owner) at the time of application submission.

~~As defined in the federal guidance in the CSLFRF Final Rule, Funds may be used for the following:~~ For the purposes of this program applicants are permitted to request funds to be reimbursed for:

- Payroll, which includes wages, benefits, and associated payroll taxes; and
- Occupancy, which includes rental lease payments, mortgages (for business property), and utilities;
- ~~Rent;~~
- ~~Costs associated with mitigation or prevention of COVID-19 such as physical plant changes to enable social distancing, enhanced cleaning efforts, barriers or partitions, or COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or contact tracing programs;~~
- ~~Technical assistance, counseling, or other services to assist with business planning needs; and~~
- ~~Other operating costs as a result of the public health emergency and measures taken to contain the spread of the coronavirus.~~

~~Funding for activities will be approved based on the business needs on or after~~ The business must have been in operation on or before March 3, 2021.

Funds under this Program may not be used ~~to: for any purpose other than reimbursement of payroll and occupancy expenses.~~

- ~~• Pay off non-business debt, such as personal credit cards for purchases not associated with the business;~~
- ~~• Purchase personal expenses such as buying a new family car or making repairs to a participant's home;~~
- ~~• Direct financing to political activities or paying off taxes and fines; and~~
- ~~• Purchase personal items or support other businesses in which the owner may have an interest.~~

### 3.0 STATEMENT OF THE POLICY

For-profit businesses operating within Cumberland County employing no more than two hundred and fifty (250) ~~individuals at the time of application submission~~ FTEs may apply.

~~(a) Employ low to moderate income individuals, being those full-time equivalent positions paying less than or equal to \$37,350;~~

~~(a)~~

~~1. The business must be located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) or employing individuals (at least 51% of total employees) with a household income at or below the income limits established in Appendix A;~~

~~2.(b) The business must possess the capacity to be successful with the use of the ARPA/CSLFRF program funds;~~

~~3. If the business is a sole proprietorship or a partnership, each person owning an interest in the business must be at least 18 years old;~~

~~(c) The business must have a valid tax identification number (EIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) for sole proprietor consisting of the owner's social security number, if the business is a sole proprietorship or Federal Employer Identification Number, if the business is other than a sole proprietorship; a State Employer Number; and a business bank account in the name of the business;~~

~~4. Be registered and in good standing with the North Carolina Secretary of State i~~

~~(d) If the business is a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, it must be registered in good standing with the North Carolina Secretary of State;~~

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~~(e) The business must not currently be in bankruptcy; if the business is a sole proprietorship or a partnership no person owning an interest in the business may currently be in bankruptcy;~~

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~~(f) The business is current with property taxes and any fees that are collected with property taxes, or has a payment plan in place with the tax administrator collector; and~~

~~0. maintain a policy of~~

~~(g) Business will have general liability insurance in policy with sufficient coverage in place at the time the assistance is received with at least as much coverage as the amount of funding received from the program;-~~

~~(h) comply with Cumberland County Policy No. 3-11: Conflict of Interest;~~

~~(i) have employees with wages reported with a W-2; and~~

~~7.(j) maintain employment of at least one full-time equivalent low to moderate income employee for one year after the first receipt of assistance under the program.~~

~~Certain business types are ineligible to apply. This includes but not limited to:~~

~~Businesses owned in part or fully by Cumberland County employees, commissioners, or their family members.~~

~~The SBEAP will be administered internally by County ARP Staff. using the following method:~~

- ~~a. Businesses with 250 or fewer employees paid with wages reported on a Form W-2 or Form 1099;~~

- ~~b. Business was in operation on or before March 3, 2021 and is currently still in operation.~~
- ~~c. Businesses must commit to retaining a minimum of one (1) employee for one year after the receipt of the assistance, owners of sole proprietorships meet the definition of one (1) employee; and~~
- ~~d. At least 51% of the retained jobs must be held by employees who reside in low-to-moderate income (LMI) households or Qualified Census Tracts, as determined by a self-verification of household income and/or address.~~

#### **4.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

~~The Cumberland County ARP Staff Committee will consider businesses qualifying under the LMI benefit categories indicated above. If a business does not qualify under the LMI criteria, then Cumberland County may consider qualifying businesses under the QCT category, which has fewer qualification requirements.~~

A contractual relationship will be established between the County and the small business to ensure compliance with county, state and federal guidelines.

~~Implementation and enforcement of this policy shall be the responsibility of County Administration, Finance, and Legal.~~

- ~~• [31 CFR 35, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Rule](#)~~
- ~~• [31 CFR 35, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule](#)~~
- ~~• [2021 HUD Income Limits, Appendix A](#)~~



**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

**MEMORANDUM FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE AGENDA OF JUNE 6, 2023**

**TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE**

**FROM: NOAH JOHNSON, NCACC STRATEGIC PROJECT COORDINATOR**

**DATE: 5/30/2023**

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF NONPROFIT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**BACKGROUND**

Staff has reviewed applications from nonprofit organizations seeking financial assistance from the COVID-19 Assistance to Nonprofits Program. Staff has verified each applicant's eligibility to receive funding based on their public purpose and fiscal responsibility and is pleased to recommend approval for funding in FY2024.

Seventeen (17) additional nonprofits have been recommended for funding adding to the twenty-three (23) previously approved. These organizations serve a variety of public purposes, including providing health services, community development, youth development and education, and fire emergency services.

Each application was thoroughly evaluated, and staff determined that all recommended applicants possess the necessary capacity to use the funding in a fiscally responsible manner while fulfilling their public purpose.

Staff's recommendations total \$804,115 and are contingent upon the successful execution of a contract with the County. If approved by the Committee and Board, each nonprofit organization approved for funding will receive a conditional award letter.

**RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION**

Staff requests that these funding recommendations be forwarded to the June 19, 2023, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting as an Item of Business for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Nonprofit Funding Recommendations	Backup Material



# Cumberland County Consideration for Non-Profit Funding Recommendations

## 1. Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County (Arts Council) supports creativity, cultural preservation, and economic development through the arts. It serves as the primary steward of public and private funding for arts in the Cape Fear Region. With over 40 years of experience, the Arts Council awards over \$1.1M in grants annually to artists and organizations. Their grantmaking programs, including Mini Grants, have grown significantly, addressing the needs of individual artists during the pandemic. The Arts Council's Grants and Finance Departments provide oversight, working closely with artists, and bringing over 30 years of collective grantmaking experience. The Arts Council plays a vital role in supporting and promoting the arts in the community.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

## 2. Cape Fear Botanical Garden

Cape Fear Botanical Garden (CFBG) is dedicated to transforming people's relationships with plants and nature. It serves as a cultural and educational hub in Cumberland County, offering guided tours, field trips, and camps that align with educational standards. With its 80-acre campus along the Cape Fear River, CFBG acts as an environmental education center and living laboratory, showcasing indigenous plants and curated collections. In the past year, CFBG has seen increased attendance in educational programs, serving over 7,300 participants, including children and adults. Through partnerships with Title 1 schools, CFBG has expanded its outreach to over 2,000 children, providing art and science learning experiences. Additionally, CFBG has developed technology-integrated environmental education programs, allowing students to explore topics such as renewable energy and water quality.

**Requested: \$49,977**

**Recommended: \$49,977**

## 3. Community Based Developmental Services

Community Based Developmental Services assists clients in achieving their personal goals of health, independence, and symptom management. Their goals are to deliver courteous and compassionate assistance from people who genuinely want to assist clients to reach their desired outcomes. They firmly believe clients have the right to be supported, encouraged, and empowered to achieve their highest potential and level of independence. They have been providing services since May 8, 1998.

**Requested: \$37,650**

**Recommended: \$37,650**

#### 4. Community Health Interventions, Inc.

Community Health Interventions, Inc. provides primary medical, chronic disease and mental health services to any individuals that are in need. Community Health Interventions, Inc. also provides outreach services and chronic disease testing in the community.

**Requested: \$37,350**

**Recommended: \$37,350**

#### 5. Cumberland HealthNET

Cumberland HealthNET (CHN) is a collaborative network of community organizations formed in 2009 to address the needs of uninsured residents in Cumberland County. Their primary focus is improving health outcomes by connecting individuals with necessary services. CHN works with community partners to enhance access to care, coordinate services, conduct needs assessments, provide education and resources, and advocate for the underserved. They operate a clinic for uninsured individuals with chronic illnesses, offering disease management, patient education, and medication support. Nurse Care Managers provide care management services to 95% of clinic patients on a quarterly basis. Recently, CHN received a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to promote COVID-19 vaccinations among underserved populations, specifically targeting neighborhoods with high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) scores. Through consistent outreach efforts, CHN administered 1,733 COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters to the underserved population in these high SVI communities.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### 6. Fayetteville Animal Protection Society

The Fayetteville Animal Protection Society (FAPS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting animal welfare in Cumberland County. Established in 1982, FAPS offers accessible and affordable veterinary care, advocates for responsible pet ownership, and aims to create a healthy and safe community for animals and humans. Their goals include providing veterinary services to economically disadvantaged pet owners, educating the community about responsible pet ownership, reducing shelter intake through support to pet owners, and fostering a compassionate community. FAPS has a proven track record, community engagement, collaborative partnerships, and a dedicated team to deliver effective services. They have organized vaccination clinics, spay/neuter initiatives, and educational campaigns. FAPS believes that every pet deserves essential care, and every owner should have the resources for responsible pet ownership. With their experience, community connections, and commitment to animal welfare, FAPS is well-equipped to make a positive impact in Cumberland County.

**Requested: \$44,748**

**Recommended: \$44,748**

## 7. Fresh Innovations Mentoring and Resources, Inc.

Fresh Innovations Mentoring and Resources objectives are to equip today's youths with tools for tomorrow's success. Providing mentoring, tutoring, mental health services, anger management, family resources for food, clothing, and employment assistants. They also assist youths through the use of hands-on training and curriculums customized to their individual needs, while addressing the family dynamics to assist with the development and success of the youth.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

## 8. Gate Beautiful

Gate Beautiful seeks to offer a clear path to freedom to men, women, and children caught in the snare of Human Trafficking, prostitution, or addiction by providing rapid response, case management, and individualized restoration planning. Working with survivors is also something that helps the organization gain a better understanding of Human Trafficking in our community.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

## 9. Global Covenant, Inc.

Global Covenant Inc., prides itself in partnering with multiple community organizations to provide training and development to youth AAU basketball athletes, life skills mentoring and training underserved men and women in an effort to enhance their quality of life. By collaborating with other non-profit organizations in Cumberland County the organization is able to offer a safe place for youth AAU basketball athletes to train and a fitness room to help residents with weight loss and management. The organization also hosts financial development classes and has a food pantry.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

## 10. Greater Sandhills Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Sandhills Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing business leadership, training, and advocacy for the local community. Their mission is to preserve and promote a strong economy, educate, build relationships, and enhance the overall quality of life. Through regular networking events, the Chamber fosters connections among businesses and offers valuable training through the Chamber Business Academy. Additionally, they organize expos and briefings to inform small businesses about available programs and initiatives. Collaborating with economic and training partners such as CEED, SBTDC, The Town of Spring Lake, Mid-Carolina, and FTCC, the Chamber aims to increase service uptake and drive the economic rebound, particularly in the Spring Lake area. Guided by a diverse Board of Directors representing various entities and

individuals, the Greater Sandhills Chamber of Commerce plays a pivotal role in supporting and strengthening the local business community.

**Requested: \$52,407**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### **11. Meeting Ground of Christ Jesus Outreach and Deliverance Ministries, Inc.**

Meeting Ground of Christ Jesus Outreach and Deliverance Ministries' mission is to reach out to our community by providing activities for all ages and ethnicity groups. They have established programs such as behavioral coaching to help assist the well-being of individuals who deal with mental health challenges, while providing an inclusive and supportive environment, in which individuals explore fun, challenging and educational experiences.

**Requested: \$37,390**

**Recommended: \$37,390**

#### **12. New Life in Christ Ministries, Inc.**

New Life in Christ Ministries, Inc. is an outreach organization that exists to serve the needs of the Cumberland Road, Fayetteville, Hope Mills, Cumberland County and surrounding communities by providing supportive services to anyone in need. The organization has been in operation for approximately 15 years focusing on low-income communities. They provide services that support the needs of the community mentally, physically, and spiritually.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### **13. Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Inc.**

Partnership for Children (PFC) has been serving the county since 1993 as one of the original Smart Start agencies in North Carolina. Their public purposes include economic development, childcare, health, education, and welfare needs of low to moderate-income individuals. PFC serves as the lead agency for Child Care Resource and Referral Network and Family Connects in the Southeastern Region. As the local Smart Start agency, PFC offers resources, referrals, and subsidies for families and supports the quality enhancement and professional development of early care and education programs. They have brought over \$300 million into Cumberland County through funding. PFC operates the Family Resource Center, a community hub for partner organizations serving children and families. They reach approximately 80% of children under age five in Cumberland County through their services. PFC also plays a role in initiatives such as Pathways for Prosperity and Strengths in Overcoming Adversity through Resiliency.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### **14. Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County, Inc.**

Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County, Inc. was founded in 1974 by representatives from the Cape Fear Valley Health System, the Fayetteville Police Department, and the Cumberland County Mental Health Center who recognized a gap in services between initial services by law enforcement and medical professionals and available services in the community. Their mission is to achieve zero tolerance for the crime of sexual and domestic violence and to reduce its trauma. They strive to reach this goal through community-wide educational programs to promote awareness about sexual assault and the issues related to the crime, and by providing compassionate, professional services to the victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Initially, the organization was operated entirely by volunteers.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### **15. Righteous Guide Ministry**

Righteous Guide Ministry is a community-oriented organization. They have established an annual scholarship fund for high school seniors to assist them in purchasing materials they may need when entering college. They also have two homes located in the downtown area that are used for transitional housing for families in need. The organization does an annual grief conference to help those within and around the community struggling and for awareness. Once a week they offer a homework helper program to any youth from elementary to high school in core subjects.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### **16. Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc.**

The Stoney Point Fire Department Inc. is an Internationally Accredited Agency with the Commission on Fire Accreditation (CFAI) and is a full-service combination volunteer and career (80% Volunteer – 20% Career) fire, rescue, and emergency medical care services agency. We provide fire protection, related rescue, and prehospital emergency medical services not only to the citizens of the Stoney Point Fire District but also our surrounding municipalities and volunteer fire districts, through automatic aid agreements. Our department also presents public Fire Life Safety Education (Fire Prevention) programs on a regular basis to our citizens, educational institutions, and civic organizations throughout the year.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

#### **17. The Tulsa Initiative, Inc.**

The Tulsa Initiative, Inc. is a non-profit organization that aims to support low and moderate-income Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) entrepreneurs through the Tulsa Leadership & Entrepreneurship Academy. Their mission is to provide positive role models, develop intellect, and

foster a healthy mindset among BIPOC entrepreneurs. The organization employs three main approaches to teaching entrepreneurship skills: entrepreneurship education, enterprise development, and experiential programs. These programs introduce the values and basics of business creation, offer support for developing viable business ideas, and provide mentorship and experiential opportunities. Tulsa has assisted over 75 young adult entrepreneurs and businesses, offering funding, consultations, and mentorship. They have helped nine entrepreneurs become full-time business owners, provided over 350 hours of mentorship to BIPOC individuals, and facilitated empowerment and education sessions for over 1,000 students and faculty through workshops.

**Requested: \$50,000**

**Recommended: \$50,000**

<b>Cumberland County Consideration for Non-Profit Funding Recommendations - 6/6/2023</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Non-Profit</b>	<b>Recommended Funding Amount</b>
1	Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County	\$ 50,000
2	Cape Fear Botanical Garden	\$ 49,977
3	Community Based Developmental Services	\$ 34,650
4	Community Health Interventions, Inc.	\$ 37,350
5	Cumberland HealthNET	\$ 50,000
6	Fayetteville Animal Protection Society	\$ 44,748
7	Fresh Innovations Mentoring and Resources, Inc.	\$ 50,000
8	Gate Beautiful	\$ 50,000
9	Global Covenant, Inc.	\$ 50,000
10	Greater Sandhills Chamber of Commerce	\$ 50,000
11	Meeting Ground of Christ Jesus Outreach and Deliverance Ministries, Inc.	\$ 37,390
12	New Life in Christ Ministries, Inc.	\$ 50,000
13	Partnership for Children of Cumberland County, Inc.	\$ 50,000
14	Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County, Inc.	\$ 50,000
15	Righteous Guide Ministry	\$ 50,000
16	Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc.	\$ 50,000
17	The Tulsa Initiative, Inc.	\$ 50,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 804,115</b>



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**TO: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE**

**FROM: TYE VAUGHT, CHIEF OF STAFF**

**DATE: 5/30/2023**

**SUBJECT: STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL FISCAL RECOVERY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DISASTER RELIEF FLEXIBILITY ACT (CORNYN-PADILLA AMENDMENT)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Cornyn-Padilla Amendment and the potential use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) related expenditures is currently under review. Our program staff has been actively engaged in researching and assessing the applicability of these funds in alignment with the amendment.

As you may be aware, the Cornyn-Padilla Amendment was passed in December 2022. The amendment allows local governments to utilize SLFRF funds for CDBG-related expenditures, providing an opportunity to address critical community development needs. However, despite the passage of the amendment, the US Treasury has yet to issue guidance specifically pertaining to its implementation.

In light of this, staff have been collaborating closely with the UNC School of Government and the NCACC to conduct comprehensive research on allowable expenditures using SLFRF funds in accordance with Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Although we await specific guidance from the US Treasury, we have made significant progress in understanding the potential applications of these funds.

Based on our preliminary findings, it appears that local governments are permitted to use either \$10 million or 30% of their total SLFRF allocation, whichever is greater, for CDBG-related expenditures. In the case of Cumberland County, our total allocation amounts to \$19.5 million.

We are committed to maximizing the impact of these funds on our community's development and well-being. Therefore, as soon as the US Treasury issues guidance on the Cornyn-Padilla Amendment, we will diligently



review the recommendations and incorporate them into our planning. This will ensure that our utilization of SLFRF funds aligns with federal requirements and enables us to address critical housing and community development needs effectively.

In the meantime, we will continue to work closely with the UNC School of Government, the NCACC, and other relevant stakeholders to stay updated on any developments or guidance regarding the amendment. Our goal is to be well-prepared to make informed decisions and swiftly allocate resources once the necessary guidance is provided.

**RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED ACTION**

No action is required for informational purposes only.