



Legislation Text

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TITLE

DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PANDEMIC RECOVERY - \$545,535

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BACKGROUND

The federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses. A component of ARPA is the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds which provide state, local and tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery. With this, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for additional funding of communicable disease programs at the local level to ensure that all communicable disease activities are able to be completed.

Funding provided in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is delineated in Senate Bill 105 for 2021-2023. The NC Division of Public Health has awarded the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division \$545,535 to expand communicable disease surveillance, detection, control and prevention activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and other communicable disease challenges impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds will allow the department to return to, and in some instances, exceed pre-pandemic service delivery for other communicable diseases through expanded communicable disease surveillance, investigation, detection, control, reporting and prevention activities by hiring one additional communicable disease nurse and assisting with the software renewal cost associated with SAS Viva to assist with communicable disease reporting.

BUDGET IMPACT

Budget Ordinance Amendment

General Fund

\$545,535 Increase in Federal and State Revenue

\$545,535 Increase in Appropriation to Health and Human Services (Public Health)

NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve an increase of \$545,535 in Federal and State Revenue and increase the FY2021-22 Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount. Approve the addition of one (1) Nurse Specialist II position to serve as a communicable disease nurse, contingent upon continued award funding.