



Lexington County Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2025 Report

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The Lexington County Recovery Plan Performance Report will provide citizens and the U.S. Treasury information on the projects that Lexington County Council is undertaking with program funding and how the County is planning to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner.

Periodically the plan administrator will add information to the report that is appropriate to provide information to our citizens on efforts we are taking to respond to the pandemic and promote an equitable economic recovery.

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Introduction to the State and Local Recovery Funds.

The U.S. Department of Treasury is releasing Federal dollars to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs.
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Tranching of Funds

Local governments will receive funds in two tranches, with 50% provided beginning in May 2021 and the balance delivered approximately 12 months later.

Use of Funds

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, and more equitable economy as the country recovers. Recipients may use these funds to:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
- **Revenue Replacement**, the 2022 final rule allowed recipients the ability to take a “Standard Allowance” of \$10 million to cover lost revenue due to the public health emergency.
- **Administrative Expenses**, this allowed for a dedicated e-mail address to allow citizens to respond and submit requests to the County.

Within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. Read more at <https://home.treasury.gov/>

Lexington County will receive \$58,028,685.00

Executive Summary

Lexington County Council is fully committed to using the State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in a responsible and transparent manner to make the largest impact for the good of the County, its businesses and its citizens. All uses of these funds must receive approval from County Council. County Council has approved and committed all funds as of the December 31, 2024 deadline.

Uses of Funds

a. Public Health (Expenditure Category 1)

Funding will be used to replace and purchase new Emergency Services vehicles for both Fire Service and EMS. During the pandemic, Emergency Services ran an increased number of calls on top of their normal call volume. This led to increased wear and tear on the Emergency Services vehicles which shorten the vehicles lifespan. An additional set of Bunker Gear was purchased for Fire Service, this gave each firefighter a second set. During the pandemic, Fire Services were running response calls back to back, which did not give them time to decontaminate or air out their bunker gear. Both the EMS and Fire Training facilities will be upgraded, which will allow for a better learning environment. The last use under this category will be for a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) at the County's EOC building which houses our 911 Call Center. This PLC will allow the center to be move promptly to a Generator Power Source during a power outage, allowing the 911 Call Center to remain operational.

b. Negative Economic Impacts (Expenditure Category 2)

Funding will be used to help out the Community as well as the County Staff. Three community partners reached out about the negative impact the pandemic had on them. Each of these community partners bring a value to the community and would benefit from SLFRF funding. Big Red Barn was established to help assist Military veterans and First Responders. Midlands Fatherhood Coalition helps keep fathers in their kids live and help guide them as fathers. Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission requested funding to help them expand greenspace, which can be used by the Community to have a place to go and get fresh air without worrying about close contact. The other negative impact we saw were individuals leaving the Emergency Services and Law Enforcement during the pandemic. We set up a new hire incentive program to try and draw individuals into the Emergency Services and Law Enforcement positions.

c. Premium Pay (Expenditure Category 4)

Lexington County recognizes the extraordinary effort that its employees gave to continue to provide essential services to our citizens and support their fellow employees on the forefront of the County's response to the Covid pandemic. In recognition of this effort and in accordance with the authorized use of funding from the SLFRF, County Administration and County Council developed a plan to provide Premium Pay to the County employees that work through the pandemic.

d. Revenue Replacement (Expenditure Category 6)

Lexington County took the Standard Allowance of \$10 million to cover lost revenue.

e. Administrative (Expenditure Category 7)

The County established a dedicated e-mail account for citizens to respond and submit questions to the County.

f. Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters (Expenditure Category 8)

The County outfitted one of our buildings to be used as a Community Shelter when the need arises. The County is also outfitting one first station and building another to help with a quicker response to an emergency.

Community Engagement

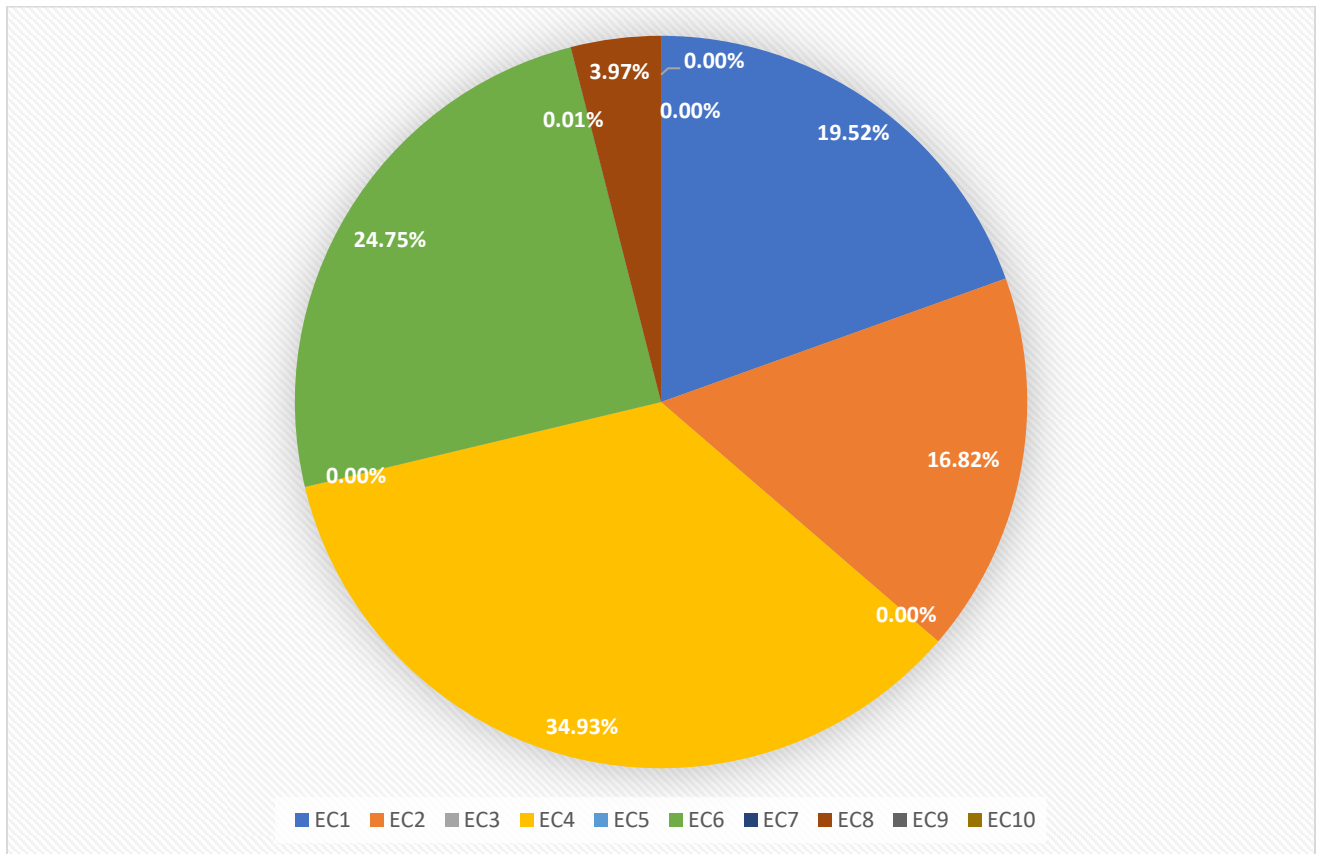
Lexington County developed a citizen engagement survey to let the County citizen's voice their most urgent and impactful needs that County Council can address within their communities with the use of these funds. The engagement survey was accessible through the County website and available at the Administration building information desk for citizens who wish to submit their survey in person.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

In this section, the amount of funds used in each Expenditure Category is listed. The table will include cumulative expenses to date within each category. Note that some categories may be covered by other funds/ grants or other assistance programs and will not incur any expense against the SLFRF.

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	\$1,141,165.70	\$0.00
1.9	COVID-19 Assistance to Small Businesses	\$347,788.16	\$0.00
1.14	Other Public Health Services	\$6,397,685.08	\$4,383,883.29
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.10	Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment support or incentives)	\$5,736,096.57	\$5,420,700.49
2.34	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impact or Disproportionately Impacted)	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
2.35	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	\$709,128.76	\$225,470.00
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees	\$14,113,784.26	\$14,113,784.26
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
7	Expenditure Category: Administrative		
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$354.75	\$250.25
8	Expenditure Category: Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters		
8.1	Temporary Emergency Housing	\$437,851.30	\$0.00
8.6	Other Immediate Needs: Public Infrastructure Repairs	\$1,166,917.32	\$0.00

Percentage of Fund by Expense Category



Some of these monies have been committed or approved but not spent.