

Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21)

Annual Grant Report



OVERVIEW

In FY21, City staff managed over \$71 million in federal and state awards.

Annual grant funding the City received supported Strategic Plan objectives in the Safe, Vibrant, Healthy Community and the Transportation & Transit Key Focus Areas. Data points for annual grant funding are found on page 1. One-time grant-funded projects completed in FY21 are highlighted on pages 2-3.

From June 2020 through June 2021, the City was awarded \$52.4 million in COVID stimulus funding. Page 4 of this report provides awarded amounts and the impact of these funds through June 2021.

Annual grant funding supported objectives in the following Strategic Plan Key Focus Areas:

SAFE, VIBRANT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY KFA



209

New or preserved affordable rental units.



34 motorcycle safety classes conducted.



197 Home-buying counseling sessions.



64 overtime hours worked by detectives investigating drug trafficking and money laundering cases.

611

People assisted at emergency shelter.



153 local missions by Hazmat Units within Raleigh and Wake County.

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT KFA



Commute miles reduced: 3,620,484.



2,944,260

Pounds of CO² release prevented.



316,200 GoRaleigh Access trips.

Grantor: Duke Energy

Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

GoRaleigh and the City obtained a \$200,000 grant from Duke Energy toward the purchase and installation of high-capacity charging units for use on the initial five Proterra electric buses. The chargers were tested and commissioned, and initial rollout started in June 2021. New software will allow GoRaleigh to take maximum advantage of off-peak and sequential charging of the electric buses. Currently, there are a total of six dispensers, but the project built in capacity for additional chargers and dispensers. The additional chargers, dispensers, and management software means GoRaleigh is well positioned for electric bus fleet growth.



Grantor: Verizon Wireless and Bank of America Partnership Raleigh – Community Climate Intern Program

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION



The Partnership Raleigh Community Climate Intern Program, supported by grant funding, provided an opportunity for college students to engage with City departments in support of the Raleigh Community Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate equity, and build community resilience. Starting with the FY21 inaugural cohort, interns received technical training in fields such as engineering, civic engagement, data analysis, green and sustainable infrastructure, and equity evaluations; and they increased their knowledge of climate equity, sustainability and climate issues specifically affecting the Raleigh community. The program provides local North Carolina youth with practical professional work experience in a municipal government department while focusing on climate and sustainability related issues and resulted in the Cleantech Talent Development Award.

Grantor: The Kaleidoscope Project

Durant Accessible Nature Play

SAFE, VIBRANT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The City of Raleigh PRCR and Timmons Group, in conjunction with invited experts from the Nature Learning Initiative at NCSU, engaged with the local community to develop a Concept Plan for the future All Children's Nature Playspace located at Durant Nature Preserve in Raleigh. Grant funding was used to hire a consultant to create the final report and concept plan.





Grantor: National Recreation & Parks Association

10-Minute Walk Planning Grant & Technical Assistance

GROWTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Raleigh received \$40,000 through the 10-Minute Walk planning grant, which was used to supplement the Community Engagement budget for Raleigh's Capital Area Greenway Master Plan (CAG Plan). This grant enabled Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources staff to go above and beyond traditional outreach methods to ensure equitable engagement with all communities throughout Raleigh and it allowed for the dedicated resources necessary to encourage participation and amplify the voices of historically underrepresented groups and neighborhoods.

Grantor: Department of the Interior,
National Parks Service

John Chavis Memorial Park

SAFE, VIBRANT AND HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES

The City received an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant for \$747,600 to support specific outdoor amenities in the John Chavis Memorial Park project.

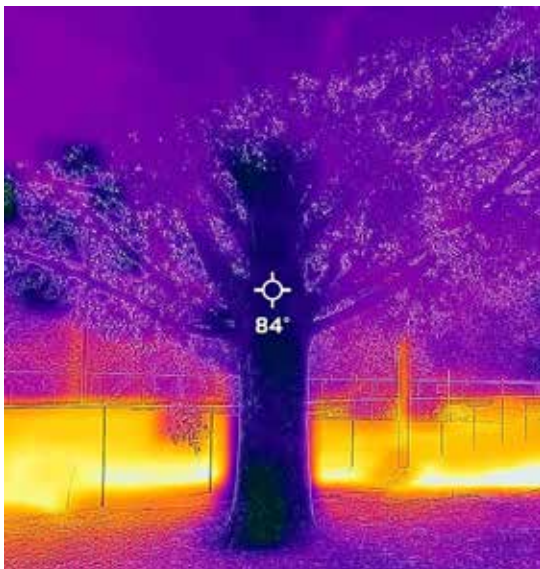


Grantor: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Urban Heat Island Mapping

GROWTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

In July of 2021, the City of Raleigh partnered with NOAA, the National Weather Service, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the Museum of Life and Science, Durham County and Activate Good on a citizen science project to collect data needed to create maps of Raleigh's urban heat islands. Community volunteers used heat sensors mounted on cars and bicycles or carried in their pockets and traveled throughout Raleigh to collect data, which was then compiled into a map by NOAA and CAPA Strategies to show where our heat islands are. The data from this project will help the City and community members prepare for and respond to extreme heat. The maps and additional information are available on the city of Raleigh webpages for urban heat.

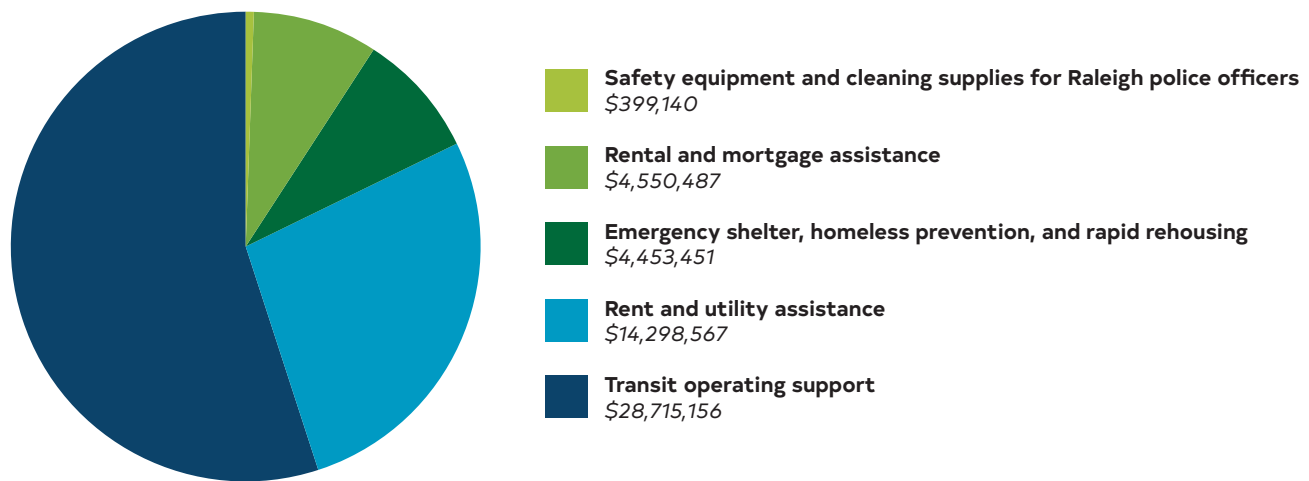


COVID Stimulus Grant Funding

The City received direct federal grant funding allocations through Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act in FY21. The funding is provided to help the community deal with the fallout from covid. Many people experienced financial struggles due to the economic impacts of the pandemic. In FY21, the grants funded:

- Safety equipment and cleaning supplies for police officers
- Rent and utility assistance
- Emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing
- Transit operating support

The amount and type of funding received is noted in the pie chart below.



As of June 30, 2021, COVID Stimulus funding provided support in the following ways:

608

households were provided emergency rental assistance

250

individuals were provided emergency shelter

68

individuals were provided Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

129

individuals prevented from homelessness

18

households received mortgage/utility assistance

171

households received Emergency rental/utility assistance

COVID stimulus money paid bus driver salaries for fixed route operations which allowed the City to suspend bus fares.

Provided PPE, cleaning supplies and other means of keeping Public Safety employees safe.