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INFORMATION:

Face Mask Distribution Pilot Project for Vulnerable Populations

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WakeMed hospital, Wake County Government, and the City of Raleigh have partnered on a pilot project to distribute face masks and provide COVID-19 educational materials to populations disproportionately exposed to poverty, unemployment, underemployment, and other quality of life challenges.

With approximately 82,000 residents, Zip Code 27610 has been identified as the area with the most COVID-19 cases in Wake county and has the fourth highest number in the state. Efforts to distribute face masks will begin with a pilot to reach 10,000 people living within that zip code with three masks per person.

Demographic information will be collected (not including names) in order to assess the correlation between COVID-19 exposure and zip code, as well as the effectiveness of the program.

WakeMed is the fiscal agent of the project and have acquired the masks needed for the first phase of the pilot program. They will purchase any other needed supplies using funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). They will also provide educational materials printed in both English

and Spanish, coordinate marketing, and deliver masks and materials to the distribution sites. Wake County will serve as the liaison between the planning committee and community partners and will assist in setting up a specific schedule with locations, a site coordinator for each location, and a list of volunteers. The City has offered volunteers, marketing assistance, and potential locations to distribute the materials.

The Raleigh Fire Department, Raleigh Police Department, and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department are all participating in the project. RFD and PRCR have volunteered Fire Stations and community centers in the area as distribution sites, while RPD has volunteered off-duty officer assistance with putting together and distributing materials.

The committee will reconvene on June 22 to discuss next steps. Specific dates and locations for distribution will be determined soon.

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Connect Raleigh Lecture Series: Discover the Art of Science

Staff Resource: Megan Hinkle, City Manager's Office, 996-4668, megan.hinkle@raleighnc.gov

The next installment of the *Connect Raleigh* lecture series has been scheduled for this Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 P.M. The City partners with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences as the host site for these events; that partnership will continue with this first ever virtual *Connect Raleigh* event. Participation is free and no registration is required.

This installment of the series – “Discover the Art of Science” – will feature guest speaker and local artist Alyssa Miserendino, who will explore and answer questions about what can result from projects and partnerships among seemingly different fields, and how art exploration through science and technology ignites transformation and imagination. Staff from Raleigh Arts will discuss the importance of cross-collaboration in public art within the community.

The event will stream on the museum's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ncnaturalsciences>

Participants are advised to use headphones to experience 3D sound recordings (binaural recordings) that will occur during the talk.

The lecture series is coordinated by an interdepartmental team representing the City Manager's Office, Engineering Services, Housing & Neighborhoods, and Planning & Development. The series aims to highlight issues of interest or initiatives in the adopted strategic plan. Past events have focused on placemaking, strategies to support small and minority-owned businesses, water quality, and building healthy communities through design. Anyone may submit ideas and concepts for future events by sending an email to ConnectRaleigh@raleighnc.gov.

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Bus Rapid Transit Grant - Federal Transit Administration Planning Grant

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The City has been awarded a grant from the Federal Transit Administration *Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development* (TOD) along the New Bern Avenue corridor. The federal award is \$600,000 and the

local match is \$150,000. The grant application, developed jointly by the Planning and Development and Transportation departments, was one of 24 grants selected for funding nationally.

The grant will fund station-area planning work around Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations along New Bern Avenue. This planning work will build on the Equitable Development Around Transit (EDAT) planning process, which focused on housing affordability, sustainability, and equity issues along BRT corridors. The EDAT process is complete, with a final report expected in July.

Staff is working to develop a strategy and scope for the planning work, with a continuing focus on equity and on addressing displacement.

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House Bill 77 - DOT 2020-21 FY Budget/Governance

Staff Resource: Michael Moore, Transportation, 996-4093, michael.moore@raleighnc.gov

A bill introduced in the General Assembly (House Bill 77) proposes significant appropriation reductions to a number of annual funding programs from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Two specific annual funding programs would have a deleterious effect on the adopted City of Raleigh FY21 budget in amounts totaling between \$5.5M to \$6.0M. A summary of potential impacts and funding uses are as follows:

HB77 proposes a full elimination of State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP) funding in FY2021 due to the NCDOT budget shortfall. This would result in a loss of up to \$3.0M in funding to GoRaleigh. Statewide, the proposed reductions in transit operating support exceeds \$32M.

- The intention of annual SMAP funding is to provide operating assistance to urban, small-urban, and urban regional fixed public transit routes and commuter bus systems. Eligible uses of the funds are limited to a system's operating costs. Preventive maintenance and ADA service costs are also defined as and considered operating expenses for the purpose of SMAP funding.
- SMAP funds cannot be used as a local match to other state funded programs, such as the urban technology program grants or the Transportation Demand Management program. The funds support statewide mobility interests including cross jurisdictional travel.

HB77 also proposes a reduction in Street Aid (Powell Bill) funding in FY21. The impact to Raleigh would be a \$2.5M to \$3.0M reduction in projected Powell Bill funding.

- Powell Bill allocations are made to incorporated municipalities that establish eligibility and qualify. The general statute requires that an appropriation of funds by the General Assembly to the NCDOT for State aid to municipalities from the State Highway Fund. These funds are distributed to qualified municipalities in two allocations: on or before October 1 and on or before January 1.
- Funds are to be expended primarily for the purposes of resurfacing streets within the corporate limits of the municipality but may also be used for maintaining, repairing,

constructing, reconstructing or widening of local streets, in addition to the planning, construction and maintenance of bikeways, greenways or sidewalks.

The legislation is still under deliberation in the Senate as of June 19 and will return to the House for further deliberation.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the June 2 City Council Meeting

Small Business Fund Geographic Distribution (Council Member Buffkin)

Staff Resource: Veronica Creech, Economic Dev. & Innovation, 996-2707, veronica.creech@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested information on the distribution of awards from the Small Business Fund, which Council appropriated funding to during the April 21 special meeting.

Included with the *Weekly Report* materials are two maps; the first displays the location of applicants and awards from the funds being administered by the Carolina Small Business Development Fund. The second map displays awards from small business funds allocated to Wake Tech.

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Follow Up from the June 16 City Council Meeting

Five-Year Overview of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Production (Mayor Pro Tem Branch)

Staff Resource: Niki Jones, Housing & Neighborhoods, 996-4278, niki.jones@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested a report on the number of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units created over the past five years. This request came after staff presented a chart depicting data associated with LIHTC unit production. The chart noted that over a five-year period, the City approved funding for or facilitated the construction of 2,709 tax credit units.

As a reminder, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) provides a subsidy for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income households. There are two types of tax credit programs – 4% and 9%. Additionally, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issues the tax credits to State agencies for disbursement. In North Carolina, the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) provides guidelines that affordable housing developers must adhere to when building tax credit units.

The City's role in the tax credit process is two-fold. First, the City will solicit and evaluate affordable housing proposals. Second, the City will recommend how much gap financing a development should receive based on an evaluation of sources and uses, the proforma, and City priorities.

Subsequent to the approval of the 2015 Affordable Housing Improvement Plan, the City has committed over \$46 M to gap financing for tax credit developments. These commitments cover both the 4% and 9% tax credit programs. Nearly 90% of the City's gap financing commitments have been in conjunction with the 4% tax credit program and is projected to produce 2,260 affordable rental units. 2,300 of the total units target households at 60% AMI while 319 of the total units targeted households at or below 50% AMI.

Table 1 below represents the affordable housing commitments, production, and income targeting over the past five (5) year period:

4% or 9%	# of Projects	Total Units	City Funding	County Funding	30% Units	40%-50% Units	60% Units	70% Units
4%	14	2,260	\$41,567,704	\$6,069,296	N/A	173	1,997	90
9%	6	449	\$5,233,000	\$1,888,000	87	59	303	N/A
TOTAL	20	2,709	\$46,800,704	\$7,957,296	87	232	2,300	90

Table 1 2015-2019 Tax Credit Funded Projects

Of the twenty (20) total projects that are incorporated in Table 1, nine (9) have yet to begin construction. Staff projects that construction of these projects will begin over the next 12 months; Table 2 below further describes the status of current and future affordable rental production.

Status	Total Units
Completed	1,015
Under Construction	499
Committed & Future Construction	1,195
TOTAL	2,709

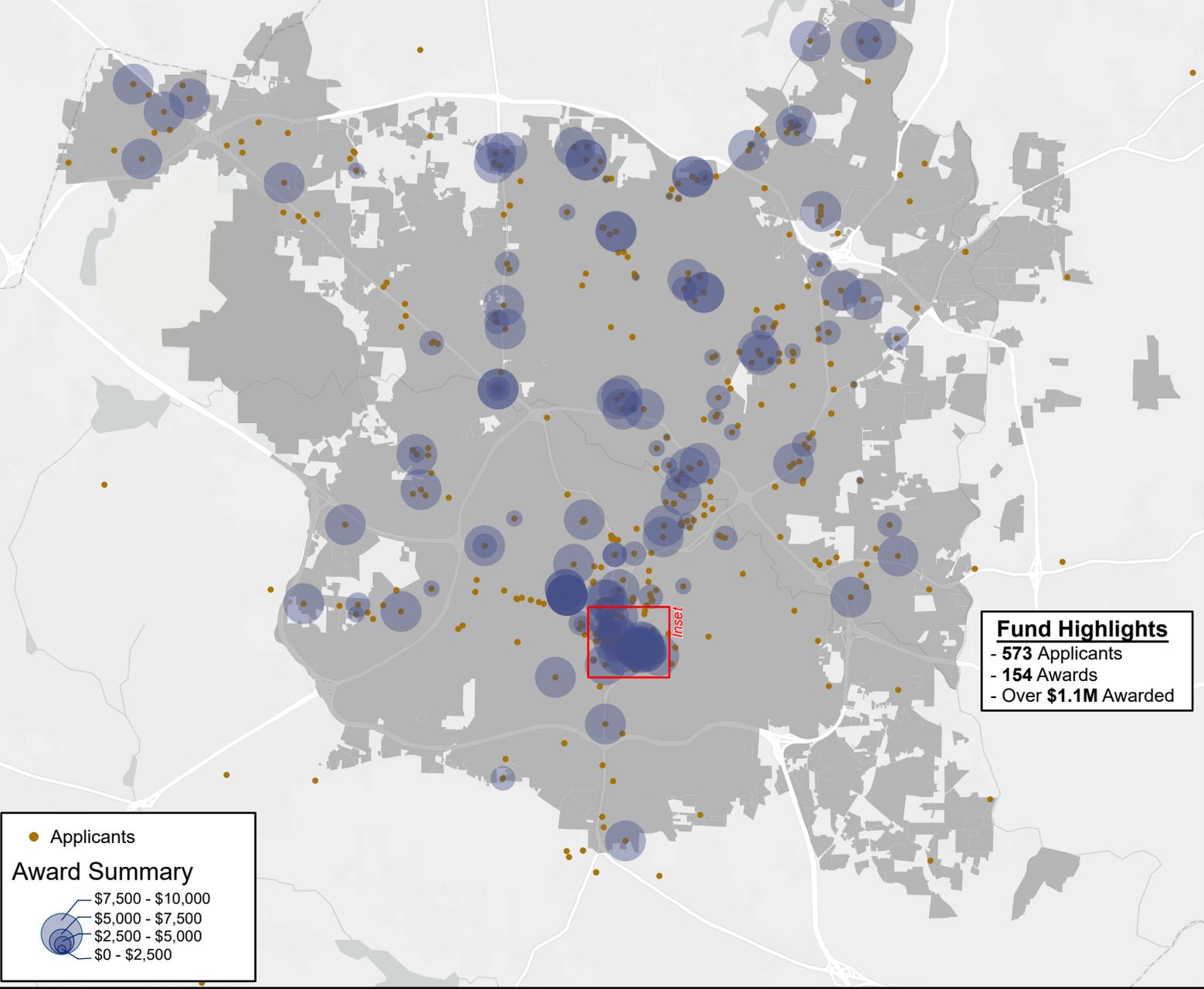
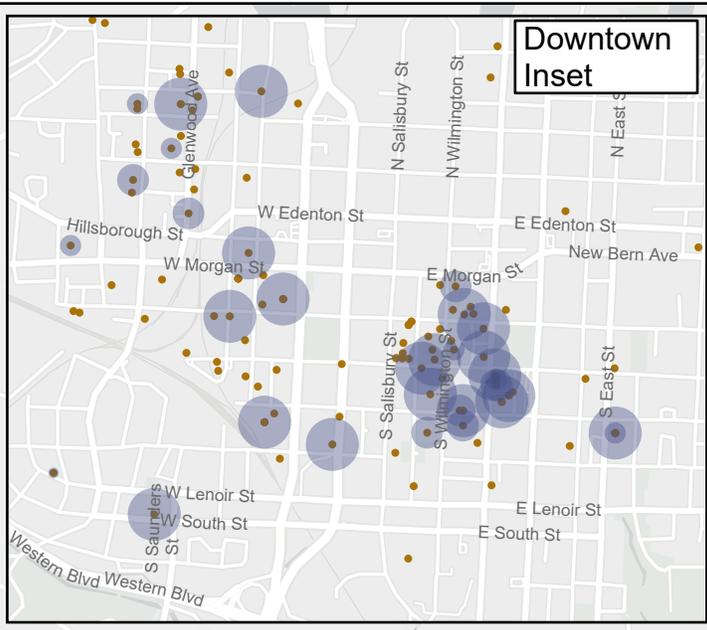
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Council Member Follow Up

Carolina Small Business

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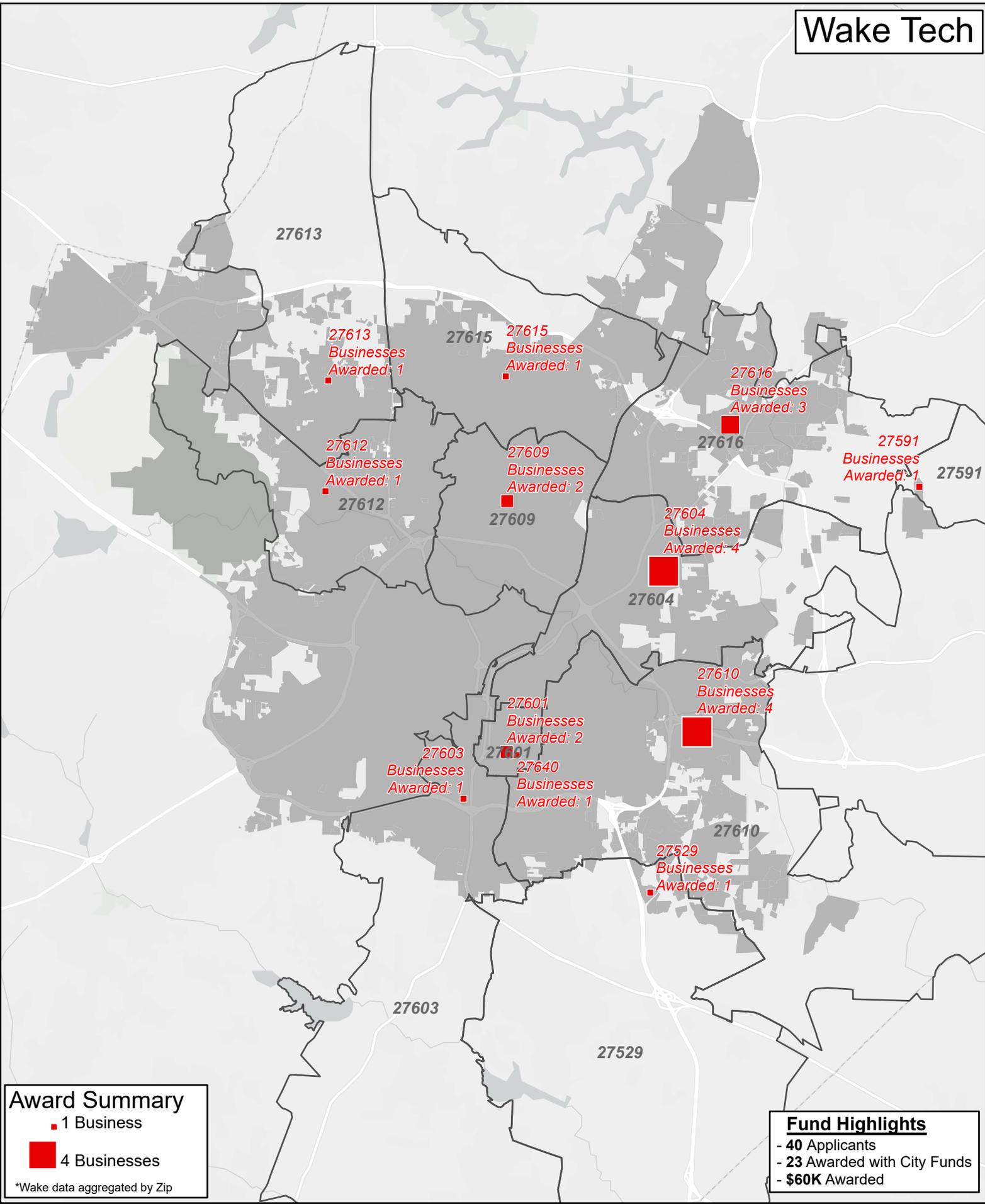


Fund Highlights
 - 573 Applicants
 - 154 Awards
 - Over \$1.1M Awarded

● Applicants

Award Summary

- \$7,500 - \$10,000
- \$5,000 - \$7,500
- \$2,500 - \$5,000
- \$0 - \$2,500



Award Summary

- 1 Business
- 4 Businesses

*Wake data aggregated by Zip

Fund Highlights

- 40 Applicants
- 23 Awarded with City Funds
- \$60K Awarded

