

Alamance County: Town of Elon

Covid-19 Grant Outcomes and Accomplishments

County and local governments used these funds in many ways, including: supporting public health and safety personnel, equipment for health departments, grants for small businesses and non-profits, and economic support to individuals.

Session Law	Item	Total Funding Authorized to Town of Elon
S.L. 2020-4	Local Government Assistance	\$ 141,201.81

The Town of Elon was able to purchase cleaning supplies for all of our departments and foggers to disinfect areas that have high traffic with the funding. It helped us to prevent the spread of COVID to our employees and the public. We also rented hand washing stations and soap for our parks when they were able to reopen to help prevent the spread of COVID and keep our citizens safe and healthy. We have one employee in Public Works that has been in charge of cleaning and disinfecting the Public Works building, Town Hall and the Police Department daily. We used the funding to cover his salary. We also purchased PPE including masks and gloves for all of our employees. All of these measures have prevented us from having cases of COVID from spreading in all of our departments and we have not had any cases traced back to our park facilities.

We purchased laptops for our Management Team and most of our assistant department heads so we could continue to serve our citizens even when the offices were closed and for teleworking as we opened back up. In the beginning of the shutdown it was very difficult to telework without laptops. The laptop purchases have been instrumental in keeping all of us working and connected. We also were able to purchase a few webcams and microphones for older laptops and desktops that did not have them that helped with remote meetings.

Our Board of Aldermen have been able to continue meeting with the help of Zoom, upgraded wireless access points, and a camera and microphone system that was installed in the meeting room. Without the funding this would not have been possible. It has allowed us to stay socially distanced while also allowing the public to view and be able to comment during our meetings.

The town used funding for picnic tables, bistro sets, and barricades to setup three outdoor dining areas downtown. We started with one area and expanded to two other areas due to the popularity. The dining areas are placed on three different streets to allow dining space near different downtown restaurants. The areas have allowed safe dining space for our businesses at a time when they have not been able to open for indoor dining. All of the owners were very grateful for the assistance because it has helped them financially to have the safe space for customers to enjoy a meal. All of the restaurants were able to remain in business and hire back employees that were laid off when the virus first started.

We added a drive up drop box for water and tax payments that has been very well received. Since our office has been closed to the public the drop box has been very useful for our citizens to make payments in a timely manner and keep our employees and citizens safe.

The funds were used to pay Emergency Paid Sick Leave, Emergency FMLA, and public safety employees. We have been able to meet the FFCRA mandates because the funding was available to us. We also were able to retain all of our public safety employees by using a portion of the funding to pay for fire department salaries.





Payment Dropbox



Public Works Cleaning Town Hall



Outdoor Dining Downtown



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Social Distancing Sidewalk Decals



Park Employee Fogging Tables



Two of the Handwashing Stations



Playground Gate so it could be Locked



Photos of the Offices at Public Works to Allow Employees to Socially Distance