

Stanly County: City of Albemarle

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 City of Albemarle
S.L. 2020-4	Local Government Assistance	\$330,943.08

The City of Albemarle has been able to maintain proper levels of service delivery, while responding to the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. 100% of the city's allocation will be used to reimburse payroll expenses. This has resulted in the following accomplishments:

The Police Department has been able to enforce executive orders and the Fire Department has been able to respond to life safety calls during this pandemic. The city had some COVID-19 related staffing issues in the Fire Department that had to be addressed using a significant amount of overtime. However, service delivery was not impacted.

Since July 2020, they have been able to keep the Parks and Recreation facilities in compliance with all executive orders, maintain a minimal level of programming to address community needs for recreation, and keep the public safe in the facilities.

The Public Utilities Department has been able to work individually with customers to address payment of outstanding utility bills and help them manage what is and will be a huge financial burden for both residential and commercial customers.

Less than a dozen city employees have tested positive for COVID-19 since the pandemic was declared. There has been success of limited COVID-19 transmission at work due to the strong safety measures that were implemented early in this pandemic. In addition to disinfecting and sanitizing work areas and requiring masks, the paid COVID-19 leave offered to employees has helped mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among staff by eliminating the fear of having to take leave without pay or using other benefit time, which could lead to employees coming to work knowingly sick.

They have also been able to address the challenging issues employees face relating to childcare and the closing and reopening of schools during this pandemic. Through a combination of teleworking where applicable, and COVID-19 leave, employees have been able to navigate professional and personal challenges presented by this pandemic.

