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9	Spring Hope Depot Restoration	Town of Spring Hope (Nash County) \$800,000 grant will support the Spring Hope Depot Restoration project and will rehabilitate the town-owned historic railroad depot that is a focal point for the district. The anticipated outcome will be an event venue for generating visitor traffic during evenings and weekends that will benefit the small business located throughout the district.
10	South Barnes Streetscape Project	Town of Nashville (Nash County): \$675,000 grant will assist the Barnes Streetscape project to increase the walkability, safety, and overall growth in retail business opportunities within the downtown district. The anticipated outcome will be an enhanced district that will encourage commercial business influx, pedestrian accessibility, and increased safety with additions of exterior streetlights.
11	Venter's Park Improvements	Town of Richlands (Onslow County): \$330,000 grant will support the Town of Richland's Venter's Park, located near the historic downtown district. The project will help to increase visitor traffic. Additionally, construction of a permanent restroom building and a covered stage structure to serve as an entertainment villa for public concerts and community events; installation of a shade structure at the existing playground; enhancement and construction of an ADA-compliant 6-foot wide walkway to connect park features.
12	Water Street Transformation Project	City of Elizabeth City (Pasquotank County) \$641,000 grant will support the Water Street Transformation Project to make transformative streetscape and park improvements to Water Street, which is a highly visible and heavily traveled corridor through Elizabeth City's downtown waterfront. The anticipated outcome is to elevate Elizabeth City as one of North Carolina's premier coastal destinations.
13	Hertford Riverfront-Downtown Connectivity	Town of Hertford (Perquimans County): \$725,000 grant will support the improvements to the area adjacent to the town docks and near the Town Hall, and the sidewalks linking this area to the Downtown. These improvements are a high priority in order to prepare for the commencement of Fast Ferry service between Hertford and four other inner banks communities.
14	Downtown Revitalization from Park to Patterson	Town of China Grove (Rowan County): \$680,000 grant will support the completion of streetscape improvements in three blocks of downtown. The anticipated outcome is private investment, increased pedestrian safety, and accessibility, creation of a beautiful, walkable small-town downtown area that is vibrant, prosperous, and resilient to retain businesses and attract visitors.
15	East Main Streetscape	Town of Spindale (Rutherford County): \$395,000 grant will support the Town of Spindale's Streetscape project that will implement 350 linear feet of new sidewalk and provide connectivity to the Thermal Belt Rail Trail at the Town's new Skatepark and Pump Track. This project is located in an economically distressed Tier 1 county and within a neighborhood of the town considered to be historically disadvantaged and disproportionately underserved.
16	Growing Downtown Roseboro Roots, Building Rehabilitation Project	Town of Roseboro (Sampson County): \$825,000 grant will support the Town of Roseboro. The town purchased 109 C Roseboro Street and will rehabilitate the vacant 2- story building. The anticipated outcome is a high-quality, rehabbed space that will be leased for retail or restaurant use on the 1st floor, and two one-bedroom apartments on the 2nd floor to address affordable housing.

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17	Restoration of 127 Main Street	City of Laurinburg (Scotland County): \$650,000 grant will support the City of Laurinburg as they spearhead the rehabilitation of 127 Main Street, which is critical to the economic transformation of downtown. The anticipated outcome is a high-quality, rehabbed space that will be leased for a restaurant on the 1st floor and a multi-use event space with a permanent stage on the 2nd floor.
18	Yadkin Valley Heritage & Trails Center Community Expansion Project	Town of Elkin (Surry County): \$800,00 grant will assist the Heritage & Trails Center's surrounding property which will be enhanced with as an event venue located on the Yadkin River. The anticipated outcome is a safe, accessible, large-scale, outdoor entertainment and community gathering place that will leverage visitor traffic to downtown Elkin.
19	Main Street Streetscape	Town of Bryson City (Swain County): \$600,000 grant will support the Town of Bryson City's plans to complete the design and construction of a streetscape project on Main Street from the intersections of Veterans Boulevard to Everett Street. The anticipated outcome will include improvements to 1,880 linear feet of pedestrian infrastructure and street lighting allowing the Town to capitalize on its ability to attract visitors to the downtown district.
20	Renewing Marshville's Prosperity	Town of Marshville (Union County): \$200,000 grant will assist the Town of Marshville to make streetscape, pocket park, and parking improvements in the downtown district. The anticipated outcome is a pedestrian friendly district that will attract visitor traffic, new business investment, and community gathering space.
21	Plymouth Streetscape Project	Town of Plymouth (Washington County): \$725,000 grant will support the Town of Plymouth to widen and improve one block of the streetscape on Water Street from Washington Street to Jefferson Street. These improvements will prepare Plymouth for increased traffic as a result of the Fast Ferry service between Plymouth and four other Inner Banks communities.



	Community Enhancement	
1	Downtown Bladenboro Property Acquisition & Demolition Project	The Town of Bladenboro (Bladen County): \$325,000 grant will assist in the implementation of the Town of Bladenboro's downtown redevelopment program, a five phase plan. The RTGF will be used for phase two: acquisition, demolition, and cleanup of five strategically placed properties along Seaboard Street in the downtown area to continue downtown revitalization efforts after the hurricane damage. The newly acquired property will be turned into a greenspace to allow for a small playground, walking path, open event area, and additional parking for downtown businesses.
2	Project Acquisition	Cherokee County: \$550,000 grant will support the acquisition of 27.58 acre wooded property to be marketed for economic development purposes.
3	Stabilization to Transformation: Enhancing Clay County through Property Acquisition and Public Health Facilities Expansion	Clay County: \$850,000 grant will support the acquisition of a 13.3 acre property that is adjacent to the existing County Services Complex for redevelopment into a permanent home for the Community Paramedicine Program, a new Farmer's Market, and expansion of the current EMS facilities.
4	Emergency Management Warehouse	Franklin County: \$450,000 grant will support funding to acquire and clear property to house a new Emergency Management Warehouse giving the County a centralized location to store and distribute supplies needed for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as well as any other needed emergency response.
5	The Gathering on Main	Town of Louisburg (Franklin County): \$450,000 grant will support the rehabilitation of a dilapidated former gas station/convenience store to create a public, multipurpose indoor/outdoor venue. This project also represents a larger EPA Brownfields project to create a safe, community space.
6	Access Chowan	Hertford County: \$725,000 grant will support the acquisition of parcels of land that connect the Chowan River wit the existing County Government Complex. The acquisition would allow for all-inclusive recreation and central social gathering area. Access Chowan is a beginning phase of the Hertford County Center; a mixed use development with access to the Chowan River and residential neighborhoods.
7	Drexel Heritage Village at Marion Station Cleanup and Development Plan	City of Marion (McDowell County): \$450,000 grant will support the removal of two concrete structures and three building pads that remain onsite, contract with a design professional to prepare a site redevelopment plan, and grade the site for a mixed-use transit-oriented development
8	St. Pauls Farmers Market	Town of St. Pauls (Robeson County): \$150,000 grant will assist in the demolition and clearing of a vacant property to transform the space into a permanent Farmer's Market location.



	Resilient Neighborhoods	
1	Town of Vass	Town of Vass (Moore County): \$650,000 grant will assist with the connection of the Vass- Lakeview Elementary School to the Sandy Ramey Keith Park and eventually to Vass' downtown district. The Town currently has almost no sidewalks and is in critical need of providing safe ways for residents and visitors of all ages and physical capabilities to walk and bike throughout town. The pedestrian improvements will also include bike racks, benches, micro libraries, activities for children, public art, and landscaping/trees - to uplift the community aesthetically and spur greater economic activity and private investment.
2	Town of East Spencer	Town of East Spencer (Rowan County): \$580,000 grant will support resilient and healthy neighborhoods by providing safe and accessible sidewalks, renovation of concession stand, gateway entry signs, and directional signs. The Town will also improv Royal Giants Park by adding hand sanitation stations, water bottle filling stations, resurfacing of the basketball court, and new playground equipment. This is the town's RC2 implementation project.
3	Town of Rosman	Town of Rosman (Transylvania County): \$450,000 grant will support plans to construct a 6' x 120' Pedestrian Bridge across the French Broad River. This project is a part of a park master plan.
4	Town of Seven Springs	Town of Seven Springs (Wayne County): \$400,000 grant will assist the Town to revitalize vacant lots and others left over from the 1999 flood with RV Sites to generate additional income, revitalize and expand the Town's community park and develop Phase II to include a picnic pavilion, a historical spring house, parking area for park. The Town will also renovate a historical spring house and convert the town's jail into a museum, place a mural on a community building to enhance business district, clear the Town's main drainage system, and add a new welcome sign at the entrance of the Town.
5	Town of Saratoga	Town of Saratoga (Wilson County): \$300,000 will support the rehabilitation of the "Walston/Triangle" building – acquired by the town by gift, and currently vacant. The pre-1930 rural store building will be converted into a multi-purpose community center for weekend outdoor and indoor markets; meeting space for community organizations; health and wellness events; and other purposes requiring indoor community space.



	Rural Community Capacity (RC2)	
1	Access Chowan Planning	Hertford County: \$49,999 grant will support the development of the Access Chowan Master Plan. This plan will allow the County to implement Access Chowan and establish a recreation park that allows visitors and residents to have access to nature trails and water activities.
2	Develop a Comprehensive Utilities Plan for Sewer Feasibility	Town of Wilson's Mills (Johnston County): \$49,999 grant will be used by the Town to complete develop a Comprehensive Utilities Plan. The plan will assist the Town in understanding their current sewer infrastructure and anticipate the needs required for future development.
3	Downtown Amphitheater	Town of Maysville (Jones County): \$49,999 grant will be used by the Town to construction a small amphitheater in their downtown.
4	North Main Street Small Area Plan	Town of Mars Hill (Madison County): \$49,999 grant will be used to complete a small area plan for the Town. The plan will explore opportunities for mixed used development in the downtown business district.
5	Downtown Spruce Pine Streetscape Project	Town of Spruce Pine (Mitchell County): \$49,999 grant will be used by the Town to do a downtown streetscape design plan.
6	Garysburg Town Center: Master Plan	Town of Garysburg (Northampton County): \$49,999 grant will be used to complete a Master Plan with detail renovation plans and preliminary estimates to support the renovation of the multi-use Town Center. The Town Center will be designed to include a business incubator, outdoor and indoor recreation spaces, special event rental and meeting for spaces for local nonprofits.
7	Downtown Streetscape - Rural Capacity Implementation in Archdale	City of Archdale (Randolph County): \$49,999 grant will support downtown streetscape improvements that will enhance the area's sense of place and address pedestrian connectivity and safety.
	Liberty Heritage Museum Public Community Meeting and Educational Space Feasibility Study	Town of Liberty (Randolph County): \$49,999 grant will assist the Town as they conduct a planning and feasibility study to renovate a 3,000 square foot space on the 2nd floor of the Liberty Heritage Museum. The Town would like to transform the space in to a community meeting and educational space.
9	Pilot Mountain Marketing Plan & Strategy	Town of Pilot Mountain (Surry County): \$49,999 grant will be used to develop a marketing plan and strategy for the Town. The Town will use the plan to further attract visitors and tourist from the region into their community.
10	Rosman French Broad Riverfront Park Master Plan	Town of Rosman (Transylvania County): \$49,999 grant will be used by the Town to develop a Master Plan for a riverfront park in downtown.
11	Master Plan	Town of Jonesville (Yadkin County): \$49,999 grant will be used the Town to complete a Master Plan that will guide the communities growth and development. The plan will provide guidance to local elected officials when making decision on development and growth issues.