Attachment F
Covid-19 Grant Outcomes and Accomplishments Final Report

To finalize this award, you are required to provide to the Agency with a narrative of the outcomes and accomplishments related to the funds spent for the specific purpose as stated in the grant contract. You can provide images, brochures, and other information to illustrate your outcomes and accomplishments.

1. Organization:	
Organization Name:	Town of Biltmore Forest

2. Outcomes and Accomplishments:

The Town of Biltmore Forest is appreciative to Buncombe County and the State of North Carolina for providing us the means to navigate the Covid-19 crisis during the past seven (7) months. As a small town, our specific needs and demands are significantly less than those of larger jurisdictions – but the impact of losses (both economic and personnel) are likely felt more acutely because of our smaller staff and budget.

The funding provided to the Town for reimbursement was utilized directly to the benefit of our Town employees' safety and the safety and protection of the public who interacts with the staff. The initial thrust of our purchases were on personal protective equipment such as face coverings, disinfecting supplies, and medical equipment for employee health. The greatest expense early on were multiple deep clean/disinfecting of each building and then contracting with a local vendor for weekly cleaning of all buildings. Prior to this, the Town had cleanings performed on an irregular schedule, and even then it was not uniform to each building. These weekly cleanings ensure Town facilities are cleaned and safe for our staff.

The Town also used funds for reimbursement of emergency paid sick leave (EPSL). Throughout the past seven months, we had three (3) employees who tested positive for Covid-19, but we had multiple exposures. In addition to the EPSL that covered quarantine and isolation orders, we also utilized reimbursement funds for rapid, antigen testing at a local urgent care. This allowed the Town to determine quickly whether employees with exposures were positive allowed quick and effective notification to other employees of potential exposures. Our initial request assumed that more than three (3) employees would end up testing positive for Covid-19, and that EPSL for isolation orders would be greater than they were. We are, unquestionably, pleased that this was not the case.

Several large pieces of health-grade purification and disinfecting equipment were also made. This included three (3) health grade air purifier systems. Each unit was placed centrally within one of the three town buildings and ensured that the air circulation through each building was as clean as possible. This purchase was made in late September and the units put into service in October. The Town's largest purchase was an Aeroclave Room Decontamination System (RDS) 3110. The equipment was received in mid-November and the bill paid in December. This RDS system is used to disinfect rooms and the hand applicator is being used to disinfect specific equipment, including Town police vehicles, sanitation vehicles, and public works vehicles. The benefits of the RDS system are numerous, but chief among them is the ability to ensure that decontamination occurs within our public safety and public works department if necessary. Another significant purchase were keyless locksets that allow keyless entry to the Town Hall, Police Department, and Public Works buildings. The installation of this equipment will allow manually entry doors to be opened with a key card and electronic means.