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TO: House Appropriations Committee

Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Brian Matteson, Director, Fiscal Research Division

FROM: Kristin Walker, State Budget Director Kustur Walker

SUBJECT: Report on Funds Appropriated for Disaster Recovery

The attached report fulfills the reporting requirement from S.L. 2021-180, Sec. 5.9(a) regarding funds appropriated for disaster recovery. This report is for both the third and fourth quarters of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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Quarterly Implementation Status Report State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Funds (SERDRF) Allocated pursuant to Section 5.9.(a) of Session Law 2021-180 for Various Disaster Recovery Purposes

Reporting Period: January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025
Prepared by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management

Department of Public Safety

1. State Match for Federal Assistance Programs

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(1)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to state agencies from the State Emergency and Disaster Relief (SERDF) for the required state match tied to FEMA assistance for hurricanes, wildfires, and other declared disasters that occurred prior to July 1, 2021 (excluding the COVID-19 pandemic).

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$20,000,000.00
Expended \$19,999,999.81
Obligated \$0.19
Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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2. State Match for Federal Assistance Programs

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(2)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to state agencies from the State Emergency and Disaster Relief (SERDF) for the required state match tied to FEMA assistance that may arise from future disaster declarations.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$10,000,000.00

Expended \$7,187,918.09

Obligated \$2,812,081.91

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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3. Disaster Relief and Mitigation Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(3)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to state agencies, units of local government, and non-profit corporations for flood mitigation efforts.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$15,000,000.00 Expended \$5,385,820.02 Obligated \$9,614,179.98

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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4. Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(4)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to state agencies, units of local government, and non-profit corporations to facilitate transportation resilience against natural disasters.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$15,000,000.00
Expended \$8,519,914.49
Obligated \$6,480,085.51
Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc. -

5. Small Project Mitigation and Recovery Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(5)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to establish and administer the Small Project Mitigation and Recovery Program to disburse grants up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to disburse to units of local government for flood mitigation and recovery projects. The grants may be used for planning or as matching funds when applicable.

Responsible Department and Agency

Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc.

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$25,000,000.00 Expended \$5,994,647.03 Obligated \$18,826,126.68 Unobligated Balance \$179,226.29

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Department of Environmental Quality

6. Coastal Storm Mitigation Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(6)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to local governments for coastal storm damage mitigation projects in accordance with G.S. 143-215.73M. Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) is to be used by the Town of Oak Island as matching funds for shoreline stabilization to recover from Hurricane Isais. Two million (\$2,000,000) is to be disbursed to the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to provide grants for living shorelines, oyster reefs, and marsh restoration to protect other coastal communities that are vulnerable to storm surge and tidal flooding. These funds are being utilized by local governments for sand fencing, dune vegetation planting, future sand sources, management plans, and beach nourishment projects.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$40,000,000.00 Expended \$40,000,000.00

Obligated \$0.00

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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7. Flood Resiliency Blueprint Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(7)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to contract with an organization to develop a statewide Flood Resiliency Blueprint for major watersheds impacted by flooding, including, among others, the Cape Fear River and the Neuse River Basins.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Mitigation Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$20,000,000.00

Expended \$7,235,997.20

Obligated \$8,540,817.60

Unobligated Balance \$4,223,185.20

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8. Dam Safety Emergency Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(8)

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$4,000,000.00

Expended \$0.00

Obligated \$0.00

Unobligated Balance \$4,000,000.00

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9. Stoney Creek Pilot Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(9)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to create one or more pilot projects addressing chronic flooding in the Stoney Creek watershed impacting businesses, roadways, and access to emergency services in Wayne County and Goldsboro.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Mitigation Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$3,500,000.00 Expended \$725,646.32 Obligated \$1,280,000.00 Unobligated Balance \$1,494,353.68

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10. State Match for Federal Assistance Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(10)

Funding provided under SL 2021-180 5.9(a)(10) provides state match (total of approximately \$1.4 million) for state revolving fund (SRF) programs that leverages over \$8.6 million in federal funding under the federal Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (ASADRA). ASADRA provides funding for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facilities impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Funds provided in SL. 2021-180 supplement funds provided in SL 2019-250 to provide state match for Federal Funds. Funds from S.L 2019-250 will be expended prior to the funds obligated in S.L. 2021-180.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$1,400,000.00

Expended \$1,400,000.00

Obligated \$0.00

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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11. Resilient Coastal Communities Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(11)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to be used to provide community resilience planning, design, and project implementation grants.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$1,150,000.00
Expended \$193,300.28
Obligated \$470,180.11
Unobligated Balance \$486,519.61

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12. Coastal Resiliency Planners

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(12)

The purpose of this allocation is to provide funds to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management, to create two time-limited, full-time positions for two years to staff the Resilient Coastal Communities Program

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$300,000.00 Expended \$236,419.50

Obligated \$0

Unobligated Balance \$61,580.50

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

13. Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(13)

The purpose of this program is to assist an eligible grantee in protecting and restoring the integrity of drainage infrastructure through routine maintenance to existing streams and drainage ways by removing blockages caused by accumulated debris or sediment, stabilization and restoration of streams and streambanks, and for rehabilitation or improvement of small watershed structural projects constructed pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, as amended.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$38,000,000.00 Expended \$30,213,185.97 Obligated \$6,965,083.51

Unobligated Balance \$821,730.52

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14. Community Conservation Assistance Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(14)

The purpose of this program is to provide cost-sharing funding through the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) for the installation of stormwater best management practices by nonagricultural landowners and land users.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$1,500,000.00 Expended \$634,796.00 Obligated \$865,204.00

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

15. Floodplain Grants Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(15)

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to counties, municipalities, nonprofit corporations, and other state agencies for projects addressing the protection and restoration of floodplains and wetlands for the purpose of storing water, reducing flooding, improving water quality, providing wildlife and aquatic habitat, and providing recreational opportunities.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$15,000,000.00

Expended \$1,418,277.41

Obligated \$13,581,722.59

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

Summary of Activities

The North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF) was required to "develop criteria to score projects based on the ability of a project to reduce flood risks" per SL 2021-180. The NCLWF Board approved a grant process and rating criteria, and awarded the following grants: (see next page)

Award Order	Project Number/Name	Award	County	
FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECTS				
1	2022-FRR20 - Haywood Waterways Association - Upper Pigeon River Flood Mitigation Planning	\$2,000,000	Haywood	
2	2022-FRR01 - NC Div Soil & Water Conservation - Automated Water Management to Reduce Flooding and Restore Wetland Hydrology in the Cape Fear	\$110,000	Bladen	
3	2022-FRR24 - City of Hendersonville - Mud Creek Flood Risk Reduction	\$1,120,929	Henderson	
4	2022-FRR48 - The Nature Conservancy - Restoring Former Ag Land in the Cape Fear River Basin	\$495,000	Bladen	
5	2022-FRR28 - City of Lumberton - Lumberton Loop Five Mile Branch and Saddletree Swamp Confluence	\$2,000,000	Robeson	
6	2022-FRR03 - NC State University - Caswell Farm Water Farming Demonstration and Research Project	\$571,633	Lenoir	
7	2022-FRR35 - NC Coastal Federation - Newport River Restoration Initiative Phase II	\$1,600,000	Carteret	
8	2022-FRR12 - City of Durham - South Ellerbe Restoration Project	\$1,000,000	Durham	
9	2022-FRR16 - NC State University Dept of Forestry and Environmental Resources - Hofmann Forest Water Farming Demonstration and Research Project	\$383,191	Onslow	
10	2022-FRR34 - New River Conservancy - Boone Creek Peacock Lot	\$789,960	Watauga	
11	2022-FRR07 - Buncombe County - Buncombe County Flood Prevention and Conservation Plan	\$1,008,500	Buncombe	
12	2022-FRR26 - City of Kinston - Adkin Branch Flood Mitigation Phase I Construction	\$2,000,000	Lenoir	
13	2022-FRR42 - Town of Seven Springs - Town of Seven Springs Restoration	\$380,001	Wayne	
14	2022-FRR44 - The Conservation Fund - Cherry Hospital Floodprint	\$176,000	Wayne	
15	2022-FRR30 - Charlotte Mecklenburg Storm Water Services - Barlowe Road Flood Mitigation and Water Quality Improvement Project	\$500,000	Mecklenburg	
16	2022-FRR29 - Town of Maysville - Maple Street Green Stormwater Improvement Project	\$236,000	Jones	
17	2022-FRR61 - City of Whiteville - Whiteville Stormwater Park	\$628,786	Columbus	
	TOTAL	\$15,000,000		

- All projects are under contract. Ten projects secured additional matching funds and have expanded their contracted floodwater storage capacity and scope.
- Work has begun on all projects with design and permitting complete in some cases.
- Construction is underway at three sites.
- Two of the smaller projects are complete but for final billing and closeout visits.
- Large requests for reimbursement are expected in future quarters including large reimbursements for land acquisition.
- NCLWF pays on a reimbursement basis, so payments will lag on-the-ground progress.

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Wildlife Resources Commission

16.Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(16)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for the removal of the remaining abandoned and derelict vessels identified following natural disasters since 2018.

Responsible Department and Agency

Wildlife Resources Commission

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$1,500,000.00 Expended \$1,377,692 Obligated \$122,308

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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17. Lake Rim Hatchery Project

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(17)

The purpose of this project is to provide funds for the Lake Rim sediment and stream bank hardening project.

Responsible Department and Agency

Wildlife Resources Commission

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$500,000.00 Expended \$383,976.35 Obligated \$115,126.30

Unobligated Balance \$897.35

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Robeson County

18. Robeson County Multifamily Project

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(18)

The purpose of this project is to provide funds for a multifamily affordable housing project in Robeson County, which must meet elevation requirements for construction in a floodplain.

Responsible Department and Agency

Robeson County

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$10,000,000.00

Expended \$0.00

Obligated \$0.00

Unobligated Balance \$10,000,000.00

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Department of Public Safety

19. Insurance Underwriting Association Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(19)

The purpose of this program is to provide a grant to the North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association for resilient roof replacement grants.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management/Disaster Recovery

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$7,000,000.00 Expended \$3,096,647.07 Obligated \$3,903,352.93

Unobligated Balance \$0

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20.Local Government Assistance Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(20)

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Governments ("NCARCOG") to provide technical assistance with local recovery funds.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management/Disaster Recovery

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$6,000,000.00 Expended \$5,999,975.62 Obligated \$00.00

Unobligated Balance \$24.38

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21. Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina, Inc. Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(21)

The purpose of this program is to provide a grant to the Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina, Inc. ("NCHFH"), a nonprofit corporation, as a grant for pilot program to build and repair homes for families to move out of flood-prone areas.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management/Disaster Recovery

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$2,000,000.00 Expended \$1,986,573.54 Obligated \$13,426.46 Unobligated Balance \$00.00

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22. Wayne American Legion Project

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(22)

The purpose of this project is to provide a directed grant to Wayne American Legion Auxiliary Unit #011, Inc. ("WALA#11"), a nonprofit corporation, to repair damage from Hurricanes Florence and Matthew.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management/Disaster Recovery

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$350,000.00 Expended \$276,321.45 Obligated \$73,678.55

Unobligated Balance \$00.00

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Department of Environmental Quality

23. Stoney Creek Acquisitions Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(23)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for the acquisition of vulnerable property in the Stoney Creek watershed.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Environmental Quality

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$5,000,000.00

Expended \$0.00

Obligated \$0.00

Unobligated Balance \$5,000,000.00

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Department of Public Safety

24. Railroad Floodgate Project

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(24)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for the CSX Floodgate project in Robeson County as referenced in the May 1, 2018, Lumber Basin Flood Analysis and Mitigation Strategy report.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation U Appropriated Expended Obligated Unobligated Balance	### ##################################		
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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

25. Avery County Soil and Water Conservation District Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(25)

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the Avery County Soil and Water Conservation District to address storm damage.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$4,000,000.00 Expended \$4,000,000.00 Obligated \$00

Unobligated Balance \$00

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26. Swain County Soil and Water Conservation District Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(26)

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the Swain County Soil and Water Conservation District to address storm damage.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$3,000,000.00 Expended \$3,000,000.00 Obligated \$00

Unobligated Balance \$00

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Department of Transportation

27.Town of Princeton Project

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(27)

The purpose of this project is to provide funding for drainage pipe replacement at Princeton High School.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Transportation

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$750,000.00 Expended \$475,541.96

Obligated \$0.00

Unobligated Balance \$274,458.04

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28. Moore County Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(28)

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to address new waterflow issues from roadwork upstream from the Town of Aberdeen and to repair the dam in front of Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Transportation

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$50,000.00 Expended \$50,000.00

Obligated \$00

Unobligated Balance \$00

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29. Rattlesnake Branch Project

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(29)

The purpose of this project is to provide funding for the Rattlesnake Branch project in Duplin County.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$27,500.00

Expended N/A

Obligated N/A

Unobligated Balance N/A

Contact

N/A

Department of Public Safety

30. Grants in Aid

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9 (a)(30)

The purpose of this program is to provide directed grants appropriated by the N.C. General Assembly to the specific units of local governments outlined in the legislation for varied projects and purposes.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated \$37,342,000.00 Expended \$32,540,504.00 Obligated \$4,801,496.00

Unobligated Balance \$0.00

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