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SUBJECT: Report on Expenditures for Disaster Recovery

The attached report fulfills the reporting requirement from S.L. 2021-180, Sec. 5.9(c) regarding funds appropriated for disaster recovery. This report is for the first quarter of FY 2026.

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Quarterly Implementation Status Report
State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Funds (SERDRF)
Allocated pursuant to Section 5.9A.(c) of Session Law 2021-180 for
Tropical Storm Fred Recovery

Reporting Period: July 2025 to September 2026

Prepared by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management

UPDATES

Department of Public Safety

1. Home Reconstruction Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)a.

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for home reconstruction projects in the counties impacted by Tropical Storm Fred. These funds will support home rebuilds that are not eligible for FEMA support.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and the Office of State Budget and Management-Disaster Recovery (“OSBM-DR”)

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$20,000,000.00
Expended	\$13,435,575.98
Encumbered	\$6,564,424.02
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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2. State Match for Federal Assistance Programs

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)b.

The purpose of this program is to provide state matching funds for federal disaster assistance programs related to Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$20,000,000.00
Expended	\$14,512,534.04
Obligated	\$5,487,465.96
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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3. Private Road and Bridges Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)c.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the repair and replacement of critical residential private access roads and bridges impacted by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and the Office of State Budget and Management-Disaster Recovery ("OSBM-DR")

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$15,000,000.00
Expended	\$3,140,191.29
Encumbered	\$11,859,808.71
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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4. Local Government Project Grants Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)d.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for grants to local governments in the area impacted by Tropical Storm Fred for unmet needs remaining after FEMA Public Assistance has been exhausted.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$10,000,000.00
Expended	\$ 2,391,226.96
Obligated	\$ 7,608,773.04
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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5. Short-Term Housing Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)e.

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for short-term housing needs, including travel trailers and other temporary housing, for families impacted by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and the Office of State Budget and Management-Disaster Recovery ("OSBM-DR")

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$4,000,000.00
Expended	\$775,617.50
Encumbered	\$3,224,382.50
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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6. Home Repairs and Reimbursements Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)f.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for home repairs and reimbursements for completed home repairs for families impacted by Tropical Storm Fred who are ineligible for FEMA assistance.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and the Office of State Budget and Management-Disaster Recovery ("OSBM-DR")

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$3,000,000.00
Expended	\$1,860,317.77
Encumbered	\$1,139,682.23
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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7. Rental Property Repairs Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)g.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to landlords for repairs to their rental properties impacted by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and the Office of State Budget and Management-Disaster Recovery ("OSBM-DR")

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$2,000,000.00
Expended	\$408,711.29
Encumbered	\$1,591,288.71
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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8. Local Government Support Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)h.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for grants to local governments to assist with capacity and technical support in responding to Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$1,500,000.00
Expended	\$589,347.40
Obligated	\$910,652.60
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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9. Emergency Response Equipment Grants Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. I(1)i.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for grants to local governments in the areas impacted by Tropical Storm Fred for emergency response equipment needs.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$500,000.00
Expended	\$487,866.50
Obligated	\$12,133.50
Unobligated Balance	\$0.00

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

10. Agricultural Crop Loss Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(2)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for financial assistance to farmers affected by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$29,406,700.00
Expended	\$28,914,638.25
Obligated	\$492,061.75
Unobligated Balance	\$0

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Department of Transportation

11. Grant in Aid

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(3)

The purpose of this program is to provide a grant to the Blue Ridge Southern Railroad (BLU) for recovery operations resulting from Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Transportation, Rail Division

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$1,900,000.00
Expended	\$1,900,000.00
Obligated	\$00
Unobligated Balance	\$00

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Wildlife Resources Commission

12. Dam Repairs Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(4)

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to repair dams, spillways, and related structures damaged as a result of Tropical Storm Fred. This program anticipates bidding on projects in Fall 2025.

Responsible Department and Agency

Wildlife Resources Commission

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$500,000.00
Expended	\$183,880.00
Obligated	\$0.00
Unobligated Balance	\$316,120.00

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