



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**



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TO: Senator Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore

Representative Destin Hall
Speaker of the House

FROM: Mark Bondo
Assistant State Budget Officer

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SUBJECT: Disaster Grant Award Report for Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Pursuant to Session Law 2024-51, Sec 6.2 the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submit the attached Notification of Grant Award for the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Department), Division of Land and Water Stewardship. The Grant, FY 2025 Good Neighbor Agreement Hurricane Helene Recovery, awarded by United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$10,196,600.

The State and the Forest Service will enter into this agreement as a collaborative effort to assess impacts of Hurricane Helene on the unique biological and ecological resources of the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests and adjacent lands with the focus on documenting rare species populations. This agreement will support staff assessment and monitor damage impacts over a 10-year project period. Assessments will inform recommendations for restorations and managements actions for long term resilience of rare species and their natural habitats.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Budget Analyst Unika Ashe-Valentine at unika.valentine@osbm.nc.gov or Mark Bondo mark.bondo@osbm.nc.gov.

Thank You.

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Notification of Grant Application/Award, FY 2025-26

Office of State Budget and Management 984-236-0600.

Instructions at <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budget/common-agency-requests/agency-reporting-grant-applicationsawards>

Please indicate if Notification is for a GRANT APPLICATION or GRANT AWARD

☐ Application

☒ Grant Award

- 1 Department
- 2 Division (except in DHHS).....
DHHS only, choose division from drop down list.....
- 3 Contact person (name)
- 4 Phone number
- 5 E-mail
- 6 Funding Entity (grantor)
- 7 CFDA number.....
- 8 Grant title
- 9 Grant application deadline (MM/DD/YY)
- 10 Start date of grant (MM/DD/YY)
- 11 End date of grant (MM/DD/YY)
- 12 Application type
- 13 Is this grant already in agency's base budget?
- 14 Budget Code the grant will be expended in (XXXXX).....
- 15 Budget Fund (XXXXXX or NA)
- 16 Is there a state matching requirement?
- 17 If yes, what is the matching requirement?
- 18 If yes, what is the source of state funds being used to match grant funds.
- 19 Is there a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement?
- 20 If yes, what is the MOE?
- 21 Is an additional General Fund appropriation required to meet the state match requirement?
- 22 Will any of these funds be passed through to local governments or non-state entities?
- 23 If yes, identify affected entities by type
- 24 Will additional state funds be required to continue the program if grant expires or is reduced?
- 25 If yes, is this a requirement of the grant?
- 26 Are new FTEs funded through the grant?.....

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| Department of Natural and Cultural Resources |
| Land and Water Stewardship |
| Stephanie Horton |
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| stephanie.horton@dncr.nc.gov |
| USDA Forest Service |
| 10.691 |
| Good Neighbor Helene Recovery |
| 05/18/25 |
| 06/24/25 |
| 6/23/2035 |
| New |
| No |
| 14800 |
| 105136 |
| No |
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| No |
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| No |
| No |
| No |
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| Yes |

- 27 If yes, give the number by type for each year: Permanent
Time-Limited

- 28 Amount of grants funds applied for in each year
- 29 Amount of grants funds awarded in each year

| SFY 2024-25 Actual | For 2025-26 Complete <u>either</u> Authorized or Proposed | | SFY 2026-27 Proposed | SFY 2027-28 Proposed | SFY 2028-29 Proposed |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | SFY 2025-26 Authorized | SFY 2025-26 Proposed | | | |
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| \$0.00 | \$936,654.44 | | \$897,407.69 | \$919,677.88 | \$972,479.43 |

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| 30 Purpose of grant or amendment | Under this agreement, the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program will partner with the US Forest Service to assess impacts of Hurricane Helene on the unique biological and ecological resources of the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests and adjacent private lands, with focus on documented rare species populations, natural heritage areas, and USFS Special Interest Areas. The agreement will support eight new Natural Heritage Program permanent time-limited FTE's for a 10-year period. In addition, one hourly position (hired through Temp Solutions) will work in Croatan and Uwharrie National Forests for 6 months supporting recovery from Hurricane Florence. |
| 31 Comments | The full budget code is: 4600 105136 4600621 4605700 3025 4G0006001 |
| Return completed form as email attachment and indicate in message that proper agency sign-offs have been obtained. Contact your OSBM budget analyst if you have questions. | |