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Subject: State Technical Assistance and Matching Program (STAMP) Legislative Report

[S.L. 2023-134](#), Sec. 23.2 appropriated \$10 million from the Federal Infrastructure Match Reserve to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to assist state agencies in applying for federal funding opportunities made possible by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58), the Chips and Science Act of 2022 (CHIPS) (P.L. 117-167), and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) (P.L. 117-169).

This appropriation provided:

- 1) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for technical assistance to aid state agencies applying for federal grants, including hiring time-limited positions or third-party contractors or consultants.
- 2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for state matching funds to meet match requirements.

In December 2024, the White House estimated North Carolina's state and local governments, along with private businesses, had received billions in formula and discretionary awards through the IIJA, IRA, and CHIPS programs. However, the change in federal administration introduced new policy priorities. Actions taken by the President, federal agencies, and Congress over the past year have resulted in the pausing, reallocation, and, in some cases, termination of some of this funding for the state. Efforts to track which federal funding sources are affected remain ongoing, and OSBM continues to assist agencies in securing available federal funds from the remaining opportunities.

To date, OSBM has expended \$4.98 million on technical assistance and provided \$3.74 million in state matching funds. As required by S.L. 2023-134, Sec. 23.2(c), this report provides details on the allocation of these funds.

State Technical Assistance and Matching Program (STAMP)

In late 2023, OSBM introduced the STAMP program, releasing guidelines on how to apply for the [technical assistance](#) and [matching funds](#) authorized in S.L. 2023-134.

Technical Assistance

On December 1, 2023, OSBM opened applications for STAMP-Technical Assistance (STAMP-TA). Through STAMP-TA, agencies can apply for two types of technical assistance:

1. In-house Support, i.e., funding for agencies to hire time-limited positions or third-party contractors, and
2. OSBM-provided Support, i.e., direct support from a consulting team hired by OSBM to provide technical assistance.

OSBM compiles and reviews In-house Support applications every month and OSBM-provided Support applications on a weekly basis. Table 1 summarizes STAMP-TA funds allocated from December 15, 2023, to January 2026, for time-limited positions.

Table 1: STAMP-TA Time Limited Position Allocations

	Agency	Request Title	Allocation	Positions
1.	Environmental Quality	Integrated Federal Funding Opportunity Management	\$230,124	2.00
2.	OSBM	Federal Funds Analyst	\$450,000	1.00
3.	UNC-Wilmington	NOAA's Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant, Project Management and Investigators	\$181,220	2.00
TOTAL			\$861,344	4.00

Table 2 summarizes STAMP-TA funds allocated since December 15, 2023, for third-party contractors or consultants.

Table 2: STAMP-TA Third-Party Contractor/Consultant Allocations

	Agency	Request Title	Allocation	Contractor/Consultant
1.	Commerce	Gathering Resources for Offshore Wind	\$54,000	DARE Strategies
2.	Commerce	Office of Science and Technology Pitchbook License	\$30,000	Pitchbook
3.	OSBM	State Technical Assistance and Match Program – OSBM Provided Support*	\$3,970,716	Deloitte
4.	East Carolina University	EPA Pollution Prevention Grant Writer and Reviewer	\$3,000	Altaclair Consulting
5.	Natural and Cultural Resources	Appalachian Regional Commission ARISE Grant Writer	\$20,000	Sound Diplomacy
6.	North Carolina State University	IRA Clean Energy Tax Credit Consultant	\$43,617	KPMG
TOTAL			\$4,121,333	

**As of January 2026, Deloitte supported 15 discrete engagements across seven state agencies, helping to secure over \$430 million in competitive grants and to draw down \$208 million from EPA's Home Energy Rebates Program.*

State Matching Funds

OSBM launched the STAMP state matching funds (STAMP-SMF) component on January 4, 2024. OSBM reviews applications on the 15th of every month. Table 3 summarizes STAMP-SMF funds allocated since January 15, 2024.

Table 3: STAMP-SMF Allocations

	Agency	Engagement Title	Allocation
1.	Public Safety / Insurance	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant*	\$0
2.	NC A&T State University	University Transportation Center Grant	\$750,000
3.	Public Instruction	Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Grant	\$1,067,932
4.	Transportation	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant	\$225,000
5.	Transportation	Federal Railroad Administration’s Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program	\$400,000
6.	Environmental Quality	Grid Resilience Formula Grant	\$1,296,763
		TOTAL	\$3,739,695

**The NC Department of Insurance was originally awarded \$500,000 by the STAMP program; unfortunately, as of January 2026, this funding opportunity under the BRIC program was cancelled by FEMA.*

As required by S.L. 2023-134, the descriptions below provide application submission and award details for each of the five agencies that requested funds from OSBM to meet IIJA, CHIPS, and IRA state match requirements.

State Match Engagement 1

State Agency:	Public Safety / Insurance - Office of State Fire Marshal (Sub-awardee)
Federal Agency:	Homeland Security - FEMA
Grant Title:	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant
Type of Grant:	Competitive
Description:	Under BRIC Building Code Plus-Up, a state may carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities such as: Implement adoption and/or implementation of codes that reduce risk; Enhance existing adopted codes to incorporate more current requirements or higher standards; Develop professional workforce capabilities relating to building codes through technical assistance and training.
Amount Applied for from Federal Program:	\$2,000,000
State Match Required:	\$625,000
State Match Provided by OSBM STAMP:	\$500,000
Amount Awarded:	\$2,000,000*

**Notice of Funding Opportunity remains in a cancelled status by FEMA.*

State Match Engagement 2

State Agency: NC A&T State University
Federal Agency: Transportation
Grant Title: University Transportation Center (UTC) Grant
Type of Grant: Competitive
Description: The UTC Program is for eligible nonprofit institutions of higher education to establish and operate University Transportation Centers that advance transportation expertise, provide for a critical multimodal transportation knowledge base outside of the US DOT, and address critical workforce needs.

Amount Applied for from Federal Program: \$3,000,000
State Match Required: \$1,500,000
State Match Provided by OSBM STAMP: \$750,000
Amount Awarded: \$3,000,000

State Match Engagement 3

State Agency: Public Instruction
Federal Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Grant Title: Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Grant
Type of Grant: Competitive
Description: EPA's Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program provides grant funding to replace existing non-zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, support zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, and to train and develop workers.

Amount Applied for from Federal Program: \$8,680,000
State Match Required: \$4,159,980
State Match Provided by OSBM STAMP: \$1,067,932
Amount Awarded: \$8,680,000

State Match Engagement 4

State Agency: Transportation
Federal Agency: Transportation
Grant Title: Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant
Type of Grant: Competitive
Description: The PROTECT Discretionary Program helps make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk costal infrastructure.

Amount Applied for from Federal Program: \$1,803,600
State Match Required: \$451,000
State Match Provided by OSBM STAMP: \$225,000
Amount Awarded: \$1,803,600

State Match Engagement 5

State Agency: Transportation
Federal Agency: Transportation
Grant Title: Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program
Type of Grant: Competitive
Description: The Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program is a comprehensive intercity passenger rail planning and development program that will help guide intercity passenger rail development throughout the country and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation. OSBM will reserve STAMP funds for Federal Rail Administration CID's Stage 2 match requirement until the Department of Transportation has provided OSBM with the confirmation from the Federal Railroad Administration that the Asheville to Salisbury Stage 2 cost-estimate has been approved.
Amount Applied for from Federal Program: \$3,600,000
State Match Required: \$400,000
State Match Provided by OSBM STAMP: \$400,000
Amount Awarded: \$3,600,000

State Match Engagement 6

State Agency: Environmental Quality
Federal Agency: Department of Energy
Grant Title: Grid Resilience State/Tribal Formula Grants Program
Type of Grant: Formula
Description: The Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program is designed to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters.
Amount Applied for from Federal Program: \$8,645,084
State Match Required: \$1,296,763
State Match Provided by OSBM STAMP: \$1,296,763
Amount Awarded: \$8,645,084

We look forward to continuing to support state agencies in applying for these generational federal funding opportunities through the STAMP program. Please direct any questions regarding the STAMP program and information shared in this report to federalfundsnrc@osbm.nc.gov.

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