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Per S.L. 2024-53, Sec. 3.1(g) and 5.6, the Office of State Budget and Management is required to report quarterly on the uses of Helene disaster recovery and assistance funds:

Allocation Reporting Requirements. – Beginning January 15, 2025, for the previous quarter, OSBM shall report to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and to the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly on the implementation of this act on a quarterly basis until the end of the quarter in which all funds are expended and shall also provide any additional reports or information requested by the Fiscal Research Division. In reporting on the use of State disaster recovery and assistance funds expended pursuant to this act and federal funds received by State agencies for disaster relief and recovery efforts, OSBM shall include, regardless of which State agency, federal agency, or non-State entity that administers the funds, all of the following for each program:

- (1) *The purpose of the program.*
- (2) *The responsible department or agency.*
- (3) *Current, year-to-date, and total cumulative funds appropriated, receipted from non-State sources, expended, encumbered, and obligated by program and by source of funds.*
- (4) *A summary of activities.*
- (5) *The total program spending by county, where practicable.*
- (6) *Funds returned to the Savings Reserve pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, as applicable.*

Non-State entities that administer or receive any funds appropriated in this act shall assist and fully cooperate with OSBM in meeting OSBM's obligations under this section.

Please find the first such report on the following pages, covering the fourth quarter of 2024.

Note that many transactions and activities could not yet be reported, since many records are not reported and certified until after the month's end. **OSBM recommends that the quarterly reporting deadline be extended 30 days** (that is, the next report would be due May 15, covering January 1st through March 31st), to empower more effective reporting.

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the state and federal funds dedicated to Hurricane Helene relief and recovery efforts to date, and how North Carolina uses those resources to aid affected communities, as required by [SL 2024-53 \(SB 743\) § 3.1\(g\) and § 5.6](#).

This initial quarterly report encompasses activities from the onset of the storm through December 31, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

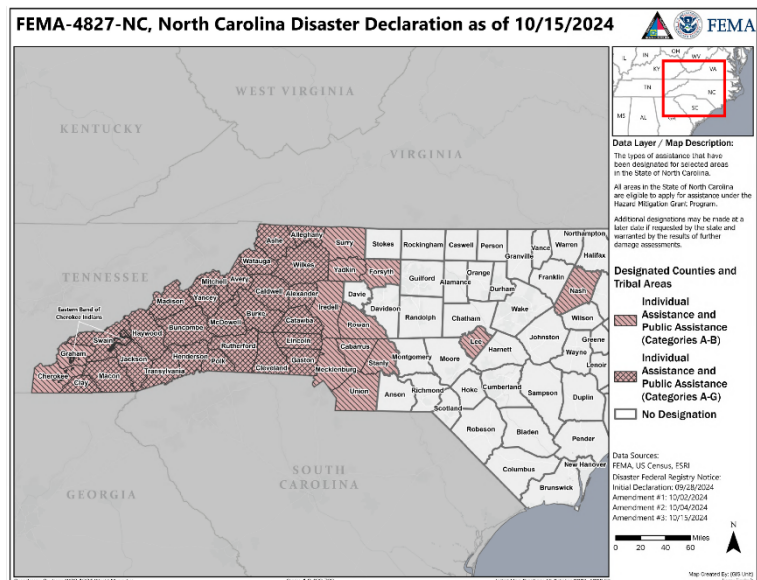
HURRICANE HELENE’S IMPACT - \$59.6B

Hurricane Helene reached North Carolina on Friday, September 27, bringing historic rainfall, strong winds, and tornadoes generated by the storm.

The President declared a Major Disaster and FEMA has designated 39 counties for federal disaster assistance. An estimated 4.6 million people – more than 40% of the state’s population – live in one of the designated counties. The region accounts for 45% of the state’s GDP.

Hurricane Helene has left significant, long-term impacts on western North Carolina. In addition to the devastating loss of over 100 lives, the storm destroyed thousands of homes and damaged tens of thousands more. Millions of North Carolinians lost access to critical services like water and sewer, electricity, telecommunications, and healthcare facilities. Thousands of miles of roads and bridges were damaged, cutting communities off and limiting egress for residents and entrance by essential response and recovery teams. The region’s economy has suffered a severe blow, threatening livelihoods and the long-term viability of communities.

Updated estimates as of December 13, 2024, indicate Helene caused direct damages of \$44.4 billion in the region, an additional \$9.4 billion in indirect or induced economic losses, and \$5.8 billion needed for strengthening and mitigation.¹ Totaling more than \$59.6 billion across the state, these damages and needs are roughly three and a half times the \$16.7 billion impact of Hurricane Florence in 2018.



¹ Office of State Budget & Management (Dec 13, 2024). “Hurricane Helene Recovery, Revised Damage and Needs Assessment.” <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/hurricane-helene-dna/open>

TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR RECOVERY EFFORTS - \$4.5 BILLION

To date, taxpayer dollars totaling over \$4.5 billion have been directed to aid Western North Carolina communities in the wake of Hurricane Helene, including **\$1.1 billion** appropriated by the NC General Assembly (NCGA), **\$1 billion** in federal direct assistance and grants, plus **at least \$781 million** in existing state operational resources redirected toward response and recovery efforts. Federal agencies are beginning to allocate to states the new supplemental relief funds passed in late December, including a **\$1.65 billion award** to North Carolina from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced January 7th.

\$971 million spent or obligated by state agencies

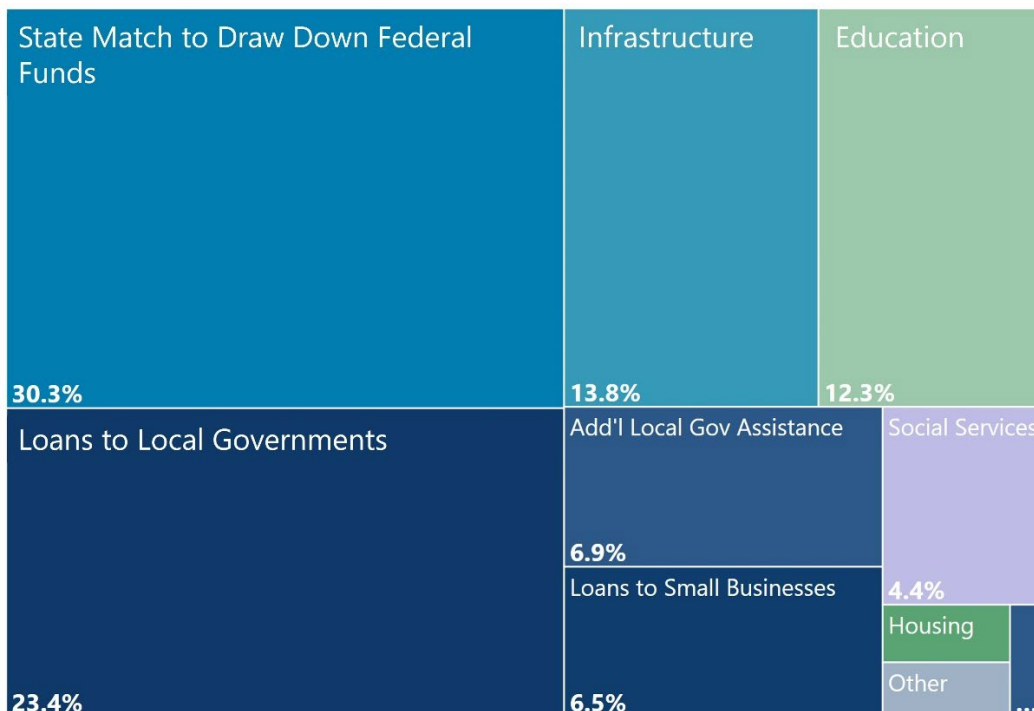
- \$781 million from existing operational funds
- \$188 million from new state appropriations
- \$2 million from federal grants in hand

\$1.1 Billion state funds appropriated to date

The NC General Assembly has dedicated \$1.13 billion to the Helene Fund - \$904.15 million appropriated and \$255 million set aside – and reallocated another \$202.3 million to support response and recovery efforts through Session Laws 2024-51, 2024-53, and 2024-57. See details in [Tables A2](#) and [A3](#).

Nearly a third is to match federal funds

Nearly a third is for loans to local governments and small businesses

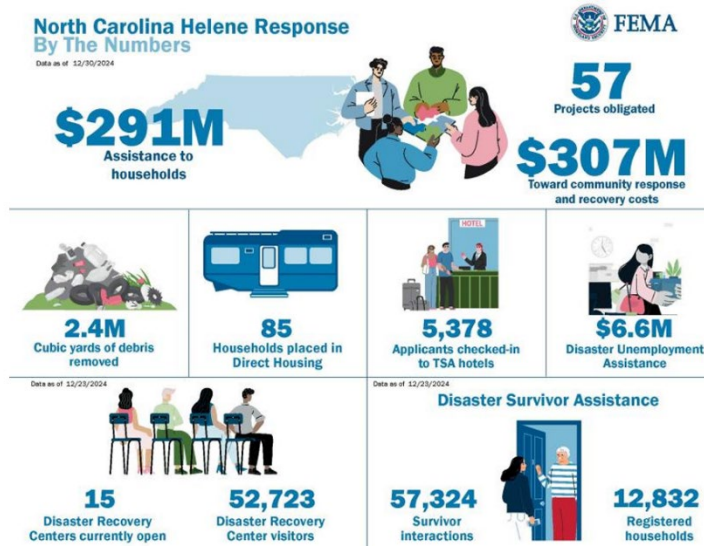


Additional Economy and Workforce Assistance

North Carolina continues to receive direct assistance from the federal government.

Highlights include:

- **\$291.8 million** in FEMA Individual Assistance approved to over 142,000 households and individuals. That includes housing assistance, unemployment assistance, and other critical supports to help households navigate their recovery.
- **\$307.7 million** in Public Assistance funding obligated to support community recovery.
- **85 households** placed in direct housing.
- **2.4 million cubic yards** of debris removed from public rights of way by FEMA and USACE.
- **\$56.9 million** homeowner and small business loans disbursed as of Jan 8. The SBA is still accepting loan applications.



Source: FEMA Disaster Fact Sheet 067 – DR-4827-NC

Congress passed additional federal relief funding on December 21, 2024, to support recovery of communities across the Southeast and Appalachia from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Federal agencies will soon begin allocating those funds to states. How much may be directed to North Carolina is uncertain at this time. As recently as January 7th, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$1.65 billion to North Carolina: \$1.43 billion to the state and \$225 million directly to the City of Asheville. Future quarterly reports will track new federal funding to North Carolina as awards are made.

DATA LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE GOALS

This first quarterly report provides an overview of Hurricane Helene recovery expenditures and activities to date, noting the current data limitations and goals for future reporting capabilities:

Data timing: This report provides the most recent state and federal programmatic and financial data available through December 31st, 2024; data cutoff dates are noted throughout.

In some cases, quarterly data is not complete, verified, and available from the system of record until well after the end of the previous quarter. OSBM recommends the NCGA extend the date of future reports to at least 45 days after the end of the previous quarter to enable complete and accurate reporting.

Not yet available data: This document includes state appropriations and federal awards, expenditures, and activities reported to OSBM through Jan 10, 2024. OSBM is coordinating with agencies to establish accounting structures, reporting processes, and technology solutions that will enable comprehensive and efficient reporting moving forward. Many data are still being collected and organized for reporting to OSBM; these data are not available for this first report but will be included in future reports.

Use of multipurpose state and federal funds will be tracked by activity in future to the extent possible: Work is in progress to establish the data collection and accounting structures necessary to track where and how broad state and federal resources that will support a wide array of needs across the region – such as FEMA programs and state matching funds – are ultimately used. This initial report disaggregates expenditures and activities wherever possible given available data.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

Legend:

STATE Programs solely or primarily funded with new state funds net appropriations through Session Laws 2024-51, 2024-53, and 2024-57.

FEDERAL Programs solely or primarily funded through new grants to the state or as direct federal assistance to eligible individuals or entities.

REDIRECTED Agencies have redirected significant existing staff time and operational resources toward Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. Some portion of expenses for these activities will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. But a significant portion will be borne as state opportunity costs – the effect of redirecting resources away from other activities.

The process of recording and identifying these Helene-related activities in the NC Financial System is an ongoing effort; data will continue to be updated moving forward.

Budget and Expenditures Tables:

Terms	Definitions
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	New state funds available for the activity
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	New federal funds available for the activity
- Expenditures	Payments or disbursements to date
- Obligations	Binding contracts, invoices, etc. to be paid
= Balance	Funds remaining - new state and federal funds less expenditures and obligations

Quarterly and cumulative progress: Future quarterly reports will include expenditures for the current quarter, year to date, and life to date. For this first quarterly report since the onset of the storm, those values are largely the same. For clarity and simplicity, this report provides total cumulative budgets and expenditures to date.

HELENE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

1. CROSS-CUTTING APPROPRIATIONS AND DIRECT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1.1 Federal Disaster Assistance: State Share

STATE State Matching Funds - \$325,000,000 (SL 2024-51, 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Safety – NC Emergency Management

Purpose: Session Laws 2024-51 and 2024-53 provided a total of \$325 million for state match for federal disaster assistance programs for state and local governments. These funds will draw down an estimated \$2.9 billion in federal receipts, assuming a 90/10 federal match rate.

Expenditures:

FEMA provides direct assistance to individuals and households affected by Hurricane Helene and also provides funding to state, local government, and nonprofit applicants to support response and recovery efforts. State agencies typically pay the costs of their emergency response, infrastructure repair, and program delivery activities up front and then seek reimbursement from FEMA through NC Emergency Management (NCEM) for the federal share of eligible expenses. The respective federal and state share of disaster recovery costs varies by program, by project, and over time.

In total, FEMA had obligated over \$600 million to North Carolina as of December 31st through the Public Assistance (PA) program and the Individual Assistance (IA) - Individuals and Households Program, and other direct assistance programs. FEMA had approved a total of 142,572 IA registrants and 329 PA applicants. The deadline to apply for IA and PA Helene assistance has been extended to February 6th. The application process for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is in the early stages.

Activities and spending associated with federal disaster assistance programs are described in more detail throughout the report.

FEMA Obligations by Program

FEMA Program	Federal Obligations 12/31	Federal Paid 12/31
Public Assistance	\$307,670,000	\$270,322,308
IHP - Housing Assistance	\$87,477,459	Direct to Applicant
IHP - Other Needs Assistance	\$204,347,214	Direct to Applicant
Private Roads and Bridges	\$9,824,641	Direct to Applicant
Disaster Unemployment	\$8,760,111	\$8,760,111
Hazard Mitigation	\$24,987	\$0
Total	\$618,104,412	\$288,907,280

NCEM has expended \$38 million of the available state matching funds as of January 13th, 2024. These expenses reflect the state’s 25% cost share for the FEMA IA – Other Needs Assistance program to date. Millions more are currently obligated toward FEMA programs for active projects and aid.

State Match Expenditures

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$325,000,000
- Expenditures	\$37,953,754
- Obligations	*
= Balance	\$287,046,246

*NCEM estimates state match obligations based on future expected federal funding. These estimates are in progress and will be available in future quarterly updates as FEMA continues to receive and approve applications and initiate individual services throughout the course of the recovery.

1.2 Emergency Protective Measures

FEDERAL Public Assistance: Emergency Protective Measures

\$147,293,446 FEMA obligated

\$472,010,723 NCEM currently unfunded State obligations

Federal Agency: FEMA

State Share: See Section 1.1

Purpose: The FEMA Public Assistance program provides reimbursement to local, tribal, and state government agencies for the costs of emergency response, debris removal, and restoration of disaster-damaged public facilities and infrastructure. The program also can reimburse certain private non-profits or houses of worship for response and recovery items.

Emergency work funded under FEMA Category B: Emergency Protective Measures includes activities to save lives; protect public health and safety; protect improved property; or eliminate or lessen an immediate threat of additional damage.

State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Activities:

NCEM is the lead state agency for the SERT, made up of state departments, private volunteer organizations, and private non-profit organizations who mobilize and coordinate together in response to disasters. Activities and associated costs encompassed by the SERT's efforts during the initial Helene response phase include (not exhaustive):

- Deployment of North Carolina's first responder teams and those of the National Guard and partner states and local governments for missions including search and rescue, evacuations, and clearing emergency access to the affected region
- Sheltering, feeding, and provision of water and essential supplies
- Security and public safety
- Emergency management personnel and overtime
- Materials and equipment
- State Emergency Operation Center logistical, communication, and coordination efforts across state, local, federal, and nonprofit volunteer partners

Expenditures:

As of December 31, FEMA had obligated a total of \$147.3 million to North Carolina, including \$142.7 million to NCEM and \$4.6 million to local applicants. An additional 145 projects are in various stages of assessment and approval.

FEMA Emergency Protective Measures Obligations 12/31/24

Applicant	Projects	Federal Obligated	Federal Paid	Federal Unpaid
NC Emergency Management	1	\$142,709,810	\$142,709,810	\$0
Asheville, City of	1	\$3,472,358	\$3,472,358	\$0
Biltmore Forest, Town of	1	\$5,555	\$5,555	\$0
Mountain City Public Montessori	1	\$9,353	\$0	\$9,353
Mitchell County	4	\$270,096	\$265,050	\$5,046
Beech Mountain, Town of	1	\$826,274	\$826,274	\$0
Total	9	\$147,293,446	\$147,279,047	\$14,399

As of January 13th, NCEM's total costs for SERT response efforts amounted to \$614.7 million, including \$113 million in expenditures to date and an additional \$501.3 in current obligations. To date, FEMA has provided \$142.7 million toward these costs, leaving NCEM with \$472 million in unfunded obligations.

NCEM is seeking additional funding from FEMA; discussions are in progress.

NCEM SERT Costs: \$472 million Obligations Currently Unfunded

Costs and Reimbursements	Cumulative to Date
Expenditures	113,379,810
Obligations	501,340,724
Total	614,720,534
- Less Federal Paid	142,709,810
Remainder Unfunded	472,010,723

REDIRECTED: In addition to the **\$472 million** as-yet unfunded State Emergency Response Team (SERT) obligations discussed above, state agencies have reported redirecting **\$1.5 million** of their existing operational resources on emergency protective measures to date. This is an incomplete estimate that will continue to be updated. See more details in [Appendix A](#).

Agencies are seeking FEMA reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measure expenses.

1.3 Needs Not Covered by Insurance or Aid

STATE State and Local Government Unmet Needs - \$50,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Safety, NC Emergency Management

Purpose: The NCGA allocated funding to NCEM for state agencies and units of local government in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene for unmet needs not covered by insurance or available federal aid.

These funds will be used to cover expenditures by state agencies and units of local government that have been determined to be ineligible for reimbursement by FEMA under the Public Assistance program, following individual review of project worksheets by FEMA and conclusion of the formal determination process.

Expenditures: NCEM had expended \$2.2 million of the available funds as of January 13th.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$50,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$2,178,156
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$47,821,844

2. ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS

2.1 Housing

STATE Rental Assistance - \$1,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services

Purpose: To distribute funds to county departments of social services in counties with a federal disaster declaration to provide rental assistance to households who have suffered hardship due to Hurricane Helene and are facing a housing crisis, such as imminent risk of eviction.

Expenditures: DHHS has disbursed 100% of the available funds to county DSS agencies.

Over 4,000 households have self-reported their homes were destroyed

175,700 reported minor-major damage

-FEMA, 12/23/24

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$1,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$1,000,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$0

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

Disbursements by County are as follows:

County	Allocation	County	Allocation
Alexander	\$10,913	Jackson	\$12,405
Alleghany	\$7,059	Lincoln	\$16,656
Ashe	\$27,859	Macon	\$10,643
Avery	\$17,414	Madison	\$23,950
Buncombe	\$199,296	McDowell	\$50,935
Burke	\$73,294	Mitchell	\$19,378
Caldwell	\$82,101	Polk	\$18,449
Catawba	\$31,477	Rutherford	\$74,724
Clay	\$6,945	Transylvania	\$28,262
Cleveland	\$29,261	Watauga	\$42,823
Gaston	\$45,646	Wilkes	\$20,353
Haywood	\$51,357	Yancey	\$21,744
Henderson	\$77,056		
Grand Total	-	-	\$1,000,000

STATE Weatherization Assistance - \$10,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Purpose: Funds to supplement existing federal funds for weatherization services in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene. Weatherization helps to reduce utility bills and energy costs and increases home safety.

Expenditures: DEQ has not incurred any expenses as of December 31st.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$10,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$10,000,000

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

FEDERAL Individual Assistance: Housing Assistance - \$87,477,459

Federal Agency: FEMA

Recipient: Direct Assistance

State Share: See Section 1.1

Purpose: The FEMA Housing Assistance program provides financial assistance and direct aid to eligible disaster survivors to repair, replace, or secure temporary housing when their primary residence is damaged or destroyed, but insurance or other resources are insufficient.

Activities: Over 4,000 households have self-reported to FEMA their homes were destroyed; another 175,700 reported minor to major damage. See details by county in [Table A4](#). FEMA inspections are underway to verify self-reported damage.

As of December 31st, FEMA has approved a total of \$87.5 million for housing assistance to western North Carolina. Highlights are provided below regarding the latest available data on the types of housing assistance FEMA has provided. See details by county in [Table A5](#).

- **Transitional Sheltering Assistance:** Of the nearly 200,000 eligible applicants to date, 12,345 households have checked in to hotels and motels for transitional shelter. More than 5,300 households are currently checked in (as of 12/31).
 - On January 7th the Governor issued an Executive Order to increase the supply of Temporary Housing, authorizing the purchase of 1,000 units to begin the Non-Congregate Sheltering (NCS) Program.
- **Direct Housing Assistance:** 85 households have been placed in temporary housing units provided by FEMA across 15 counties. FEMA has contracted with 15 commercial parks to place units and is working with 16 other parks for potential contracting (as of 12/31).
- **Home Repair/Replacement:** Over 13,000 homeowners have received a total of \$78 million to restore their homes (as of 12/23).
- **Rental Assistance:** 625 households have received a total of \$1.8 million in rental assistance (as of 12/23).
- **Mold Remediation:** Over \$5 million has been provided to 3,586 homeowners for cleaning and mold remediation (as of 12/23).

FEMA Individual Assistance	
12/31/24	
# Registered:	276,526
# Approved:	142,572
Housing Assistance	\$87,477,459
Other Needs Assistance	\$204,347,214
Total:	\$291,824,674

FEDERAL Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) - \$3,000,000

Federal Agency: HUD

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

State Share: 100% federal

Purpose: The RUSH Program serves people experiencing or at risk of homelessness whose needs are not otherwise served or fully met by other federal disaster relief programs. HUD's RUSH funding can be used to provide emergency shelter, rapid rehousing with up to 24 months of rental assistance, move-in financial aid, and supportive services for those already experiencing homelessness before the disaster. It can also be used for rental and utility assistance, supportive services, and outreach to help individuals at risk of homelessness stabilize their housing situations.

Expenditures: DHHS has not incurred any expenditures to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$3,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$3,000,000

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

2.2 Health, Social Services, Other

STATE Child Welfare Essential Services - \$3,000,000 (SL. 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services

Purpose: Distribute funds to county departments of social services to provide essential services and supports to children involved in the child welfare system who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene.

These funds shall not be used for any reason other than the provision of services and supports.

Expenditures: DHHS has spent \$2.7 million (90%) of the available funds.

DHHS estimates there were over 4,000 children in impacted counties in the custody of DSS and their resource parents as of early December, and there has been an increase in applications for emergency services handled by local departments of social services.

Hurricane Helene Damage and Needs Assessment, p. 108-9

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$3,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$2,700,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$300,000

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

Disbursements by County are as follows:

County	Allocation	County	Allocation
Alexander	\$33,525	Jackson	\$38,271
Alleghany	\$33,051	Lincoln	\$38,746
Ashe	\$72,266	Macon	\$34,475
Avery	\$43,757	Madison	\$46,133
Buncombe	\$469,011	McDowell	\$128,095
Burke	\$262,323	Mitchell	\$62,763
Caldwell	\$211,245	Polk	\$77,017
Catawba	\$65,085	Rutherford	\$232,627
Clay	\$25,220	Transylvania	\$65,139
Cleveland	\$75,525	Watauga	\$77,017
Gaston	\$107,085	Wilkes	\$74,576
Haywood	\$193,427	Yancey	\$59,199
Henderson	\$174,422		
Grand Total	-	-	\$2,700,000

STATE Essential Services for Vulnerable Adults - \$1,400,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services

Purpose: Funds to distribute to county departments of social services to provide essential services and supports to vulnerable adults who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene to reduce the need for protective services and institutionalization.

Expenditures: DHHS has spent \$1.2 million (90%) of the available funds to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$1,400,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$1,260,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$140,000

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

Disbursements by County are as follows:

County	Allocation	County	Allocation
Alexander	\$14,503	Jackson	\$15,951
Alleghany	\$14,825	Lincoln	\$19,650
Ashe	\$55,086	Macon	\$12,734
Avery	\$16,545	Madison	\$33,270
Buncombe	\$157,618	McDowell	\$65,994
Burke	\$131,441	Mitchell	\$34,724
Caldwell	\$111,806	Polk	\$41,269
Catawba	\$39,272	Rutherford	\$78,356
Clay	\$12,573	Transylvania	\$40,542
Cleveland	\$41,202	Watauga	\$34,724
Gaston	\$51,656	Wilkes	\$27,370
Haywood	\$63,812	Yancey	\$35,452
Henderson	\$109,625		
Grand Total	-	-	\$1,260,00

STATE Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) - \$10,000,000
(SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services,
Division of Child & Family Well-Being

Purpose: Funds to assist DCFW and county departments of social services in matching federal funds for the administrative expenses incurred in operating D-SNAP, a federal program to provide food assistance to low-income households with food loss or damages caused by Hurricane Helene.

Nearly two in ten individuals in the impacted region were food insecure prior to Helene.
Hurricane Helene Damage and Needs Assessment, p. 106, 110

Expenditures: DHHS has not recorded any expenses to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$10,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$10,000,000

Activities: According to the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services, County DSS staff in impacted areas processed more than 45,000 D-SNAP applications over the course of the program ([source](#)).

For the first time, the state introduced a dedicated D-SNAP call center to handle the unprecedented need for assistance. County DSS employees collectively logged more than 8,000 hours staffing the call center and a further 10,000 hours of onsite and remote support was contributed by non-affected counties.

Through close coordination with NC DHHS, all pre-registrants were processed by the USDA's November 1 deadline, with over 20,000 pre-registrants finalized by October 25.

STATE Utility Assistance: \$9,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services

Purpose: County Departments of Social Services, in counties with a federal disaster declaration, to provide rental assistance to households who have suffered hardship due to Hurricane Helene and are facing a housing crisis, such as imminent risk of eviction.

Expenditures and Activities: DHHS has not recorded any expenses to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$9,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$9,000,000

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

STATE Child Care Centers & Family Child Care Homes Disaster Relief - \$10,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education

Recipient: North Carolina Partnership for Children

Purpose: The North Carolina Partnership for Children will distribute funds to Smart Start Local Partnerships that serve counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene. The Smart Start Local Partnerships will use the funds for affected childcare centers and family childcare homes to provide assistance in reopening and maintaining operations, including, but not limited to, cleaning, repairs, and relocating.

While access to facility damage data is limited, Division of Child Development and Early Education DCDEE confirmed at least 55 childcare centers sustained damage that prevented reopening as of early December.

Hurricane Helene Damage and Needs Assessment, p. 111

Expenditures: DHHS has not disbursed any funds as of December 31st.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$10,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$10,000,000

Activities: DHHS and NCPC are in the process of contract development.

STATE Mental Health Crisis Supports & Support for Individuals with I/DD - \$25,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support

Purpose: Funds are for mental health crisis supports and for support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Funds that are used for mental health must be used for crisis services.

Expenditures: DHHS has not incurred any expenses to date.

The DHHS Division of Mental health (DMH) estimates that there are more than 400,000 uninsured individuals across impacted counties that will need access to coordinated care to ensure their behavioral health needs are met.

There are nearly 14,000 individuals on the Innovations Waiver in the affected areas.

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Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$25,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$25,000,000

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

STATE Line of Duty Death Benefits: \$500,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of State Treasurer

Purpose: To pay line of duty death benefits under Article 12A of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures and Activities: DST has not issued any Line of Duty Death Benefits to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$500,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$500,000

FEDERAL Individual Assistance: Other Needs Assistance - \$204,347,214

Federal Agency: FEMA

Recipient: Direct Assistance

State Share: See Section 1.1

Purpose: The FEMA Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program provides financial assistance to disaster survivors for necessary expenses such as funeral costs, personal property replacement, cleaning and mold remediation after flood damage, and serious needs not covered by insurance such as equipment for repairs, generators for medical needs, or other essential items required for recovery.

Expenditures and Activities: As of December 31st, FEMA has provided a total of \$204.3 million in direct assistance to individuals and households through the ONA program. Highlights from the latest available data by assistance type are below.

FEMA Individual Assistance	
12/31/24	
# Registered:	276,526
# Approved:	142,572
Housing Assistance	\$87,477,459
Other Needs Assistance	\$204,347,214
Total:	\$291,824,674

Number Served by FEMA ONA Program (as of 12/23/24)

Type of Assistance	Individuals/Households
Misc. & Serious Needs	At least 143,770
Clean & Sanitation	At least 55,650
Personal Property Loss	At least 7,445
Transportation	At least 47
Funeral Assistance	At least 21
Moving and Storage Assistance	At least 14
Childcare	More than 10
Medical and Dental Care	More than 10

FEDERAL Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program - \$2,912,532

Federal Agency: FEMA

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

State Share: 100% Federal

Purpose: Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program (ISP) is a short-term disaster relief initiative designed to provide immediate psychological and emotional support to individuals and communities affected by disasters. FEMA activated ISP to address the mental health needs of residents dealing with stress, trauma, and challenges resulting from the storm's destruction.

The DHHS Hope4NC Crisis Counseling Program provides immediate support and crisis counseling services at no cost for North Carolinians following Helene via the Hope4NC Helpline.

Expenditures: DHHS has not recorded any expenses to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$2,912,532
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$2,912,532

Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

3. ECONOMIC RECOVERY

3.1 Business Support

STATE Small Business Recovery Bridge Loans - \$50,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Commerce

Recipient: Golden LEAF Foundation

Purpose: To contract with authorized lenders to administer loans to small businesses in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

The allocated funds will support a loan program aimed at assisting qualifying businesses under specific guidelines. Loan recipients must certify in writing that proceeds will be used consistently with allowable uses under the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Business Physical Disaster Loan programs. Loans are capped at \$100,000 per business, with terms extending no later than June 30, 2030. Interest rates during the interest-only period are capped at 1%, transitioning to a maximum of 6% post-period, with full amortization over the remaining term. To manage risks, lenders may take prudent steps such as restructuring terms, provided interest rates remain within prescribed limits, and the term does not extend past the deadline. Agreements mandate businesses to certify estimated losses, secure loans through financing statements, and prevent benefit duplication by requiring repayment from overlapping federal assistance or insurance reimbursements. Lenders are tasked with directing businesses to appropriate federal aid resources and may retain interest paid. New loans under this program must be awarded no later than October 31, 2028.

Expenditures: Commerce has disbursed 100% of the funds to Golden Leaf.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$50,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$50,000,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$0

Activities: Golden Leaf released \$27.5 million to Mountain BizCapital, which issued 383 loans totaling \$23.5 million to date across 22 counties. Loans continue to be processed. There are approximately 345 open applications in varying stages of review and processing. Demand has decreased slightly, as expected when considering time elapsed and the renewal of SBA funding.

County	Loan Amount	Total Loans	County	Loan Amount	Total Loans
Ashe	\$80,000	1	Macon	\$53,800	1
Avery	\$631,340	8	Madison	\$236,300	7
Buncombe	\$15,387,830	249	McDowell	\$856,615	15
Burke	\$470,000	7	Mecklenburg	\$140,000	2
Caldwell	\$287,950	3	Mitchell	\$141,000	2
Cherokee	\$8,200	1	Rutherford	\$657,742	11
Gaston	\$100,000	1	Surry	\$7,500	1
Graham	\$25,000	1	Swain	\$70,000	2
Haywood	\$741,000	12	Transylvania	\$227,000	5
Henderson	\$2,256,750	36	Watauga	\$898,500	15
Jackson	\$79,000	1	Yancey	\$130,000	2
Grand Total	-	-	-	\$23,485,527	383

STATE Visit NC Tourism Promotion: \$5,000,000 (SL 20204-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Commerce

Recipient: Economic Development Partnership of NC (EDPNC)

Purpose: To promote western NC tourism, including a targeted media campaign aimed at encouraging both in-state and out-of-state tourists to return to the region. Visit NC will work with local businesses in its promotion of western NC tourism.

Tourism accounts for over 50,000 jobs in the western North Carolina region - according to Visit NC's 2023 Visitor Spending Report.

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Expenditures: Commerce has disbursed 100% of the funds to EDPNC.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$5,000,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$0

Activities: As of January 7, the EDPNC's Visit NC team has spent \$1,587,977 of the \$5 million allocated for tourism recovery funding. Most funding was used to advertising promoting the fact that the western part of the state is open for business. Additional funds were used for research projects that are designed to set baselines and track the impact of the recovery advertising campaign. While looking to extend the recovery campaign through all four seasons, additional

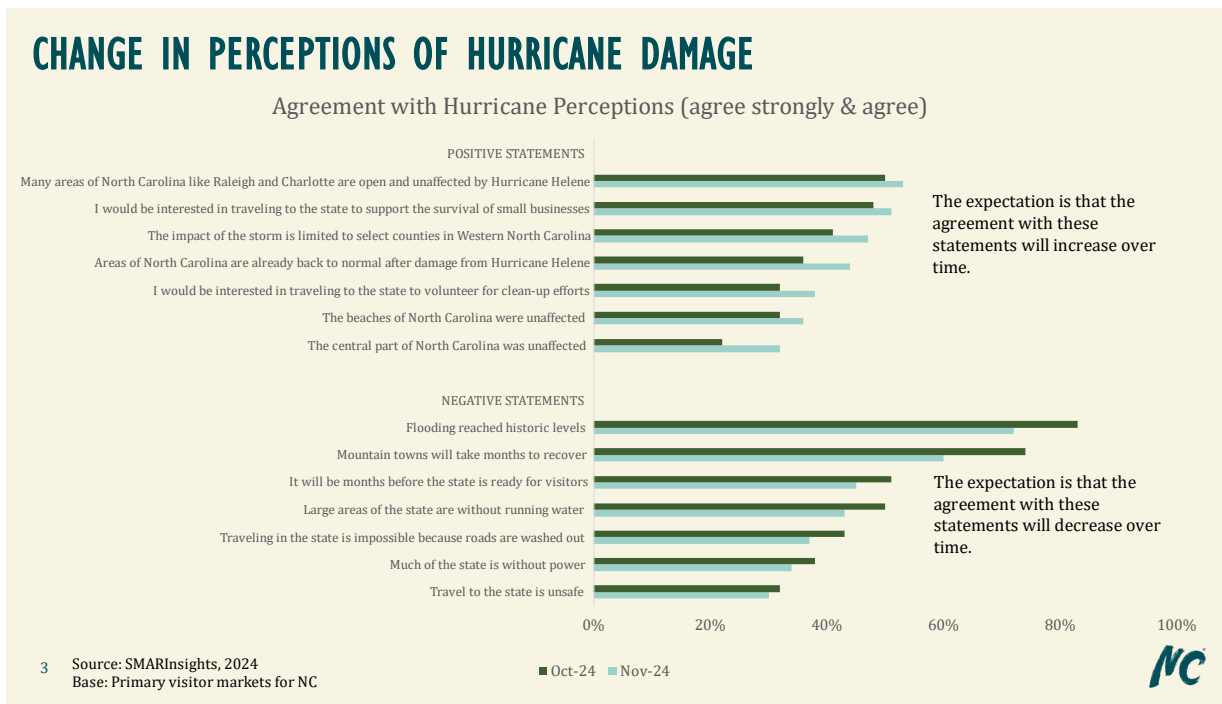
emphasis has been placed on inspiring travel during the holiday, winter, and spring travel seasons to stimulate economic recovery as quickly as possible.

Comprehensive reporting will be regularly available as the campaign progresses, but a few early performance highlights include:

- Beyond visiting the campaign landing page, audiences on Meta are engaging with the ads with more than 900 saves and 1,400 shares to date.
- Messaging is also resonating at a high level on Pinterest, with a 0.88% CTR (click-through rate) and 1,576 engagements to date among Enrichers, a priority target audience for the campaign (Pinterest benchmark ranges from 0.22% - 0.88%).

Research Insights to Date:

- Travel interest in visiting North Carolina has risen from 41% to 43%, marking the highest rating since data collection began two years ago.
- After just over a month of advertising, visitor perceptions of North Carolina have improved across most categories.



FEDERAL Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans – \$202,897,200

Federal Agency: SBA

Responsible Agency: Direct Assistance

State Share: 100% Federal

Purpose: SBA Physical Disaster Loans and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) provide financial assistance to help individuals and businesses recover from the impacts of declared disasters.

Physical Disaster Loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profits to repair or replace property damaged by a disaster, including real estate, machinery, inventory, and personal belongings.

EIDL loans offer working capital to small businesses, agricultural cooperatives, and non-profits that experience substantial economic injury due to a disaster, even if they have not sustained physical damage.

Activities: SBA announced that it had exhausted funds for its disaster loan program on October 15, soon after the storm. SBA paused new loan offers pending renewed appropriations from Congress. Though SBA continued to accept applications, as of December 11th, SBA had disbursed \$4.3 million to only 113 borrowers before funding was exhausted. Nearly 14,000 NC homeowners and business owners had applied for Physical Damage or EIDL loans.

SBA Loan Activity as of December 11 (funds exhausted October 15)

Loan Type	Initial Application Submitted	Applications Approved	Loans Disbursed	\$ Disbursed	Disbursement Avg
Home	5,643	1,227	89	\$3,808,413	\$42,791
Business	4,544	473	11	\$344,228	\$31,293
EIDL	3,718	442	13	\$185,000	\$14,231
Total	13,905	2,142	113	\$4,337,641	\$38,386

Congress authorized additional SBA loan funding for eligible borrowers in the American Relief Act, 2025, passed on December 21. As of January 8th, the SBA has approved loans totaling \$202.9 million and paid out \$56.9 million. Over 15,000 applications have been submitted. The SBA is still accepting loan applications.

SBA Loan Activity as of January 8 (funds renewed December 21)

Applications Submitted	Applications Approved	\$ Approved	Loans Disbursed	\$ Disbursed
15,046	2,740	\$202,897,200	1,547	\$56,897,980

3.3 Workforce Support

FEDERAL Dislocated Worker Grant - \$10,000,000

Federal Agency: US Department of Labor

Responsible Agency: Department of Commerce

State Share: 100% Federal

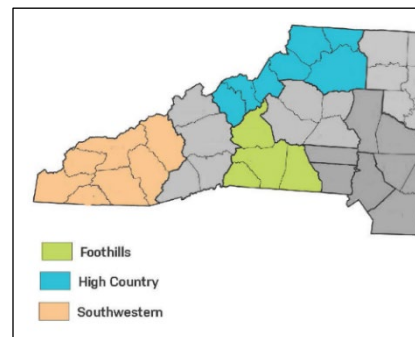
Purpose: To provide temporary clean-up and humanitarian jobs for eligible dislocated workers. The positions will include debris clean-up, repair, and restoration of public facilities, roads, and bridges, debris removal, clean-up, building repairs, river and stream clean-up, and clean-up from flooding on public properties. Additional temporary jobs and funding may be requested after it is safe to conduct further assessments. The project will involve hiring Outreach Workers for humanitarian efforts; Warehouse Workers for Food Banks and food distribution; Office Assistants to support the American Red Cross; and Clerical Assistants to support County Health Departments and Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) Local Offices. Workers hired will be limited to working up to 12 months or up to 2,080 hours, whichever comes first. The employment and training activities include career and training services.

Expenditures: The State was conditionally awarded up to \$10 million, with an initial award of \$2 million. DWS has expended nearly \$43,000 and obligated another \$2 million of the initial \$10 million grant.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$0
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$10,000,000
- Expenditures	\$42,804
- Obligations	\$2,000,000
= Balance	\$ 7,957,196

Activities: Local Workforce Development Boards have enrolled 68 individuals in the program as of January 3rd. The local boards are partnering with new worksites and enrolling new participants daily. In support of this project, North Carolina (working in concert with local workforce development boards) plans to utilize its NCWorks Mobile Career Center, an R.V.-type mobile unit that provides workforce services to customers, that can be dispatched to various counties to assist in the recruitment of grant participants who may not have easy access to local NCWorks Career Centers.

Region	Enrollment
Foothills Workforce Development Board	1
High Country Workforce Development Board	48
Southwestern Workforce Development Board	19
Total	68



FEDERAL Disaster Unemployment Assistance - \$8,760,111

Federal Agency: FEMA

Responsible Agency: Direct Assistance

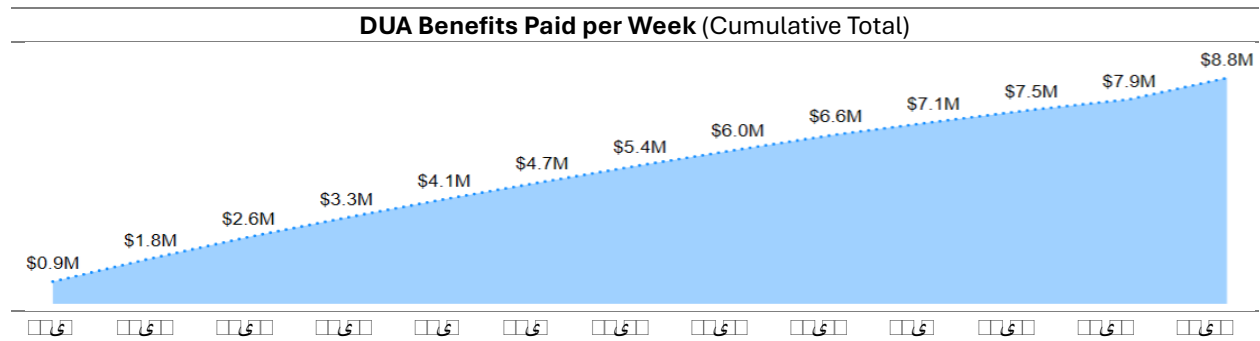
State Share: 100% Federal

The unemployment rate in the affected region rose to a range of 6% to 9% in the month after Hurricane Helene struck.

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Purpose: The Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program provides financial support to individuals unemployed as a direct result of a federally declared disaster, but ineligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits. In coordination with FEMA, the U.S. Dept. of Labor oversees the DUA program, then administered by the NC Division of Employment Security (DES).

Activities: DES has issued DUA benefits totaling \$8.76 million to claimants in disaster-declared counties as of December 28th. See details by county in [Table A6](#). Over 8,000 applicants had been approved for benefits as of January 8th.



FEDERAL Unemployment Insurance - \$45,894,510

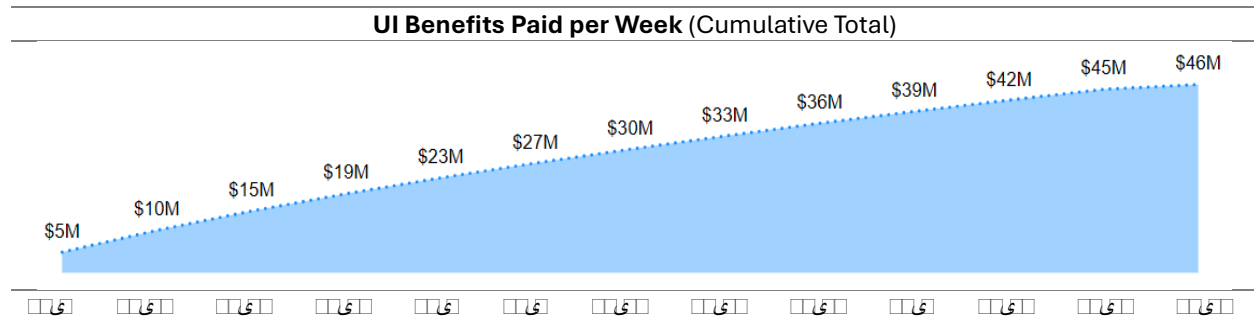
Federal Agency: Department of Labor

Responsible Agency: Department of Commerce

State Share: 100% Federal

Purpose: The Unemployment Insurance (UI) program is a federal-state partnership that provides temporary financial assistance to eligible workers who lost their jobs through no fault of their own. State law allows eligible claimants to receive benefits up to \$350 per week, for up to 12 weeks. However, Executive Order No. 322 (issued October 16, 2024), authorized a temporary increase of unemployment benefits to a maximum of \$600 weekly.

Activities: DES has issued UI benefits totaling \$45.89 million to claimants in disaster-declared counties as of December 28th. See details by county in [Table A6](#).



REDIRECTED: The Department of Commerce has spent **\$1.3 million** on unemployment assistance program administration, data analysis and communication, and outreach efforts to date. The Department is seeking federal reimbursements of program administration costs. This is an incomplete estimate that will continue to be updated. See more details in [Appendix A](#).

3.4 Damage and Impact Assessments

STATE EDPNC Business Loss Assessment: \$1,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Commerce

Recipient: Economic Development Partnership of NC (EDPNC)

Purpose: To conduct a business loss assessment in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures: Commerce has disbursed 100% of the funds to EDPNC.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$1,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$1,000,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$0

Activities: EDPNC has not incurred expenditures to date. Contracting for the assessment is in progress.

REDIRECTED: State agencies have recorded and reported redirecting **\$10,000** of their existing operational resources on individual damage and needs assessments, excluding statewide Hurricane Helene damage assessments. This is an incomplete estimate that will continue to be updated. See more details in [Appendix A](#).

4. CRITICAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR

4.1 Debris Removal and Hazardous Waste Remediation

STATE Debris Removal - \$25,000,000 (SL 2024-57)

Responsible Agency: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Purpose: Funds are appropriated for purposes in the affected area authorized under the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP). The StRAP program funds projects that help reduce flooding, restore streams, and protect the integrity of drainage infrastructure across North Carolina’s waterways, such as vegetative debris removal, streambank stabilization, stream restoration, and rehabilitation of critical watershed structures.

Expenditures and Activities: These funds were appropriated on December 11th and certified on December 20th. DACS has not incurred any expenditures as of December 31st, 2024.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$25,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$25,000,000

STATE Underground Storage Tank (UST) Repair - \$22,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Purpose: To provide emergency bridge loans to owners and operators of commercial underground storage tanks for testing and repair of UST infrastructure in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures: DEQ has not incurred any expenditures as of December 31st, 2024.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$22,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$22,000,000

DEQ identified up to 400 facilities in a 500-year floodplain that likely experienced moderate to significant flood damage including underground storage tanks, oil pollution, hazardous waste and abandoned containers.

Hurricane Helene Damage and Needs Assessment, p. 48

Activities: The Division of Waste Management is in the process of completing legal reviews to launch the loan program and is reviewing applications.

FEDERAL Public Assistance: Debris Removal - \$83,090,637

Federal Agency: FEMA

State Share: See section 1.1

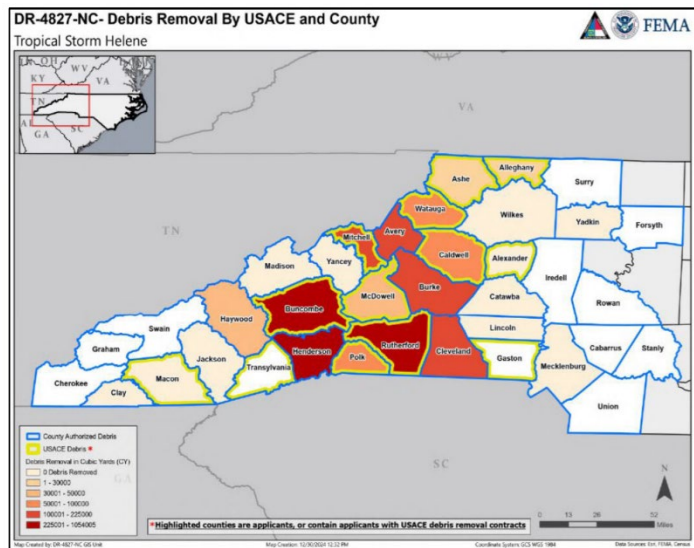
Purpose: The FEMA Public Assistance program supports debris removal efforts through **Local Applicant-managed** projects and **USACE-managed** projects. Under FEMA direction, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers directly executes or oversees debris clearance and disposal operations in complex or large-scale disasters. Applicant-managed removal is conducted by state, tribal, or local governments, with FEMA reimbursing costs if eligibility requirements are met.

Activities Applicant-managed: As of December 31st, FEMA has obligated more than \$83 million to local applicants and to NCDOT for debris removal in the following counties:

Applicant	Obligated Projects	Federal Obligated	Federal Paid	Federal Unpaid
NCDOT	5	\$ 9,455,523	\$ 8,699,999	\$ 755,524
Avery	1	\$ 755,524	\$ 0	\$ 755,524
Buncombe	1	\$ 1,200,001	\$ 1,200,001	\$ -
Burke	1	\$ 2,649,999	\$ 2,649,999	\$ -
McDowell	1	\$ 3,700,004	\$ 3,700,004	\$ -
Rutherford	1	\$ 1,149,995	\$ 1,149,995	\$ -
County Gov	11	\$ 73,635,115	\$ 73,635,115	\$ -
Ashe	1	\$ 1,519,321	\$ 1,519,321	\$ -
Avery	1	\$ 6,860,100	\$ 6,860,100	\$ -
Buncombe	5	\$ 47,138,654	\$ 47,138,654	\$ -
Mitchell	1	\$ 9,954,157	\$ 9,954,157	\$ -
Watauga	2	\$ 4,999,252	\$ 4,999,252	\$ -
Yancey	1	\$ 3,163,631	\$ 3,163,631	\$ -
Total	16	\$ 83,090,637	\$ 82,335,113	\$ 755,524

Activities USACE-managed: Nearly 2.5 million cubic yards of debris have been removed from public rights of way by FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors as of December 31st, 2024

Nearly 21,000 cubic yards of debris have been removed from Lake Lure alone.



4.2 Utilities

STATE Emergency Loans for Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Repair: \$159,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Purpose: The NCGA appropriated \$100 million in new funding and reallocated another \$59 million in unobligated funds to DEQ to provide emergency bridge loans to local government units in counties with a federal disaster declaration for water and wastewater infrastructure repairs. All loans mature within six years.

Expenditures: In total, DEQ has obligated \$42.7 million (27%) of the available loan funds as of December 31st, 2024.

In total, 163 water and sewer systems were damaged, with 88 wastewater systems and 75 drinking water systems still impacted, alongside hundreds of miles of damaged distribution pipes.

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Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$159,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$42,700,000
= Balance	\$116,300,000

Activities: Loans have been awarded to 19 towns.

STATE Technical Assistance for Assessments and Design - \$7,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Purpose: To provide technical assistance to local government units in counties with a federal disaster declaration for assessment and design of water and wastewater infrastructure repair, including the feasibility of regionalization.

Expenditures: DEQ has obligated \$3.4 million (49%) of the available funds.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$7,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$3,400,000
= Balance	\$3,600,000

Activities: Technical assistance has been awarded to 17 towns.

4.3 Transportation

Transportation Infrastructure Disaster Recovery: Major Funding Sources

- **The State** typically pays up front then seeks reimbursement for the federal share of project costs at eligible match rates.
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**, through the Emergency Relief (ER) program, provides grants for eligible roads subject to federal appropriations.
- **FEMA - Public Assistance (PA)** provides cost share reimbursement to state and local government entities for roads and bridges.
- **FEMA – Individual Assistance (IA)** provides direct assistance to eligible private property owners to pay for a road or bridge repair.
- **HUD CBDG-DR** (Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery) grants to the state may be used toward rebuilding private roads and bridges.

REDIRECTED NC Department of Transportation Public Infrastructure Repair Activities

\$282,629,237 Total state expenditures

\$234,398,138 State expenditures net of federal receipts

Responsible Agency: NC Department of Transportation

Expenditures: As of January 7th, 2025, NCDOT has utilized existing state funds of \$282.6 million toward emergency work to protect and restore essential access to the area, and the ongoing work of repair and rebuilding. NCDOT currently has additional contract commitments of \$60 million.

Together, FHWA and FEMA have obligated or paid over \$148 million to the state. While some emergency funding is made available rapidly – notably, \$48 million in Federal grants under FEMA’s Rapid program, primarily for bridges and debris removal - NCDOT typically bears the up-front cost of a project. Federal payments and reimbursements received to date total \$48.2 million. See spending by purpose and type of damage below. See expenditures by county in [Table A7](#).

Note the total reported FEMA Public Assistance program obligations differ between state data systems. This discrepancy is likely due to differences in data extraction dates and the timing of administrative processes and updates between state and federal systems. We will work to resolve these differences to the extent possible in future quarterly updates.

NCDOT Infrastructure Repair Funding by Federal Program and Purpose, as of 01/07/2025

Program and Purpose	Funded (Federal Obligation)	State Expenditures	Federal Receipts	Unreimbursed Balance*	State Future Commitments
FEMA	\$ 48,149,770	\$ 225,183,362	\$ 48,149,770	\$ 177,026,304	\$ 29,054,870
FHWA	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 57,445,875	\$ 81,195	\$ 57,362,834	\$ 30,993,415
Bridge		\$ 20,295,879	\$ 33,569,330		\$ 4,319,245
County-wide		\$ 100,260,127	\$ 8,699,999		\$ 36,731,181
Culvert, Maintenance Pipe		\$ 580			
Facility		\$ 600,646	\$ -		\$ 1,286,755
Maintenance Pipe		\$ 12,463,031	\$ -		\$ 2,523,747
Road Washout		\$ 135,213,585	\$ 81,195		\$ 7,787,591
Road Washout, Shoulder		\$ 163,254	\$ -		
All Travel/ Expense for Disaster		\$ 5,163,952			
Statewide Admin		\$ 5,154,747			\$ 4,305,497
STOC Emergency Call Center		\$ 337,790			
Division of Aviation		\$ 58,111			
Photogrammetry		\$ 329,101			\$ 278,721
Flood Modeling		\$ 384,478			\$ 37,258
State Maintenance Operations		\$ 382,529			
Rail Division		\$ 4,497			
Equipment (Fleet)		\$ 1,810,227			\$ 2,684,977
#N/A		\$ 6,703	\$ 5,880,441		\$ 93,313
Total	\$ 148,149,770	\$ 282,629,237	\$ 48,230,965	\$ 234,389,138	\$ 60,048,286

*Unreimbursed Balance varies slightly from State Expenditures less Federal Receipts due to the timing of daily invoice batch updates in the system of record.

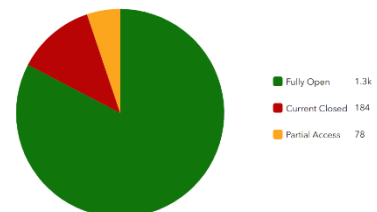
Activities: Hurricane Helene severely affected approximately 5,000 miles of state-maintained roads in western North Carolina, including several major national interstates and arterial routes that serve as critical transportation corridors.

As of early December, NCDOT had confirmed damage to 674 bridges and 712 culverts.

Road Reopening:

- Of the more than 1,400 road closures due to Hurricane Helene, 87% have reopened and 184 roads remain closed as of January 12th, 2025. ([DOT tracker](#)).
- Stabilization of I-40; NCDOT is currently working to re-open one narrow lane in each direction
- NCDOT is working with 14 counties to clear debris from roadways.

Total Incidents
Total Closures
1,500
1,424
since beginning of Storm
since beginning of Storm



See highlights of NCDOT's recovery activities below:

Roadway Debris Removal Status as of 01/10/2025

Division	County	Debris Removal % Complete
11	Alleghany	25
11	Ashe*	72
11	Avery*	22
11	Caldwell*	40
11	Surry	93
11	Watauga*	55
11	Wilkes	70
11	Yadkin	100
13	Buncombe*	22
13	Burke*	25
13	Madison	20
13	McDowell*	20
13	Mitchell*	25
13	Rutherford*	25
13	Yancey*	20
14	Cherokee	95
14	Clay	95
14	Graham	87
14	Haywood*	40
14	Henderson*	25
14	Jackson*	45
14	Macon	40
14	Polk*	35
14	Swain	40
14	Transylvania	35

*County has a memorandum of agreement with DOT to pick up storm debris
 Source: NCDOT WNC Strong Report 01/10/25

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Site Information	
Total number of Sites	9,235*
Total Site Estimate	\$4.8B
Total Sites Complete	2405
Engineer's Estimates Complete	1665
Access	
# sites with temporary access (total)	95
# sites with temporary bridges	44
# sites with temporary culverts	51
Bridges	
# bridges damaged	887
# permanently repaired (this week/total)	28/180
# that need to be replaced	137
# permanently replaced (this week/total)	0/8
Culverts (NBIS)	
# culverts damaged	80
# permanently replaced (this week/total)	0 / 1
# permanently repaired (this week/total)	1 / 37
Pipes (Non-NBIS)	
# pipes damaged	779
# permanently replaced (this week/total)	51/ 413
# permanently repaired (this week/total)	5 / 222
Resources available	
Contractors (Prime/Sub)	282
# of DBE/SB Contractors	18
Consultants	48
# of SPSF Consultants	5
Force Account	792
Local Division Staff	**
Other Division Staff	**
Central Staff	**

STATE Repair and Reconstruction of Transportation Infrastructure - \$125,000,000 (SL 2024-57)

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation

Purpose: The NCGA reallocated \$125 million from the Transportation Emergency Reserve to be used for repair and reconstruction of transportation infrastructure in the affected area.

Expenditures: DOT has not expended any funds from the Transportation Emergency Reserve to date. Active projects are currently funded out of the Highway fund; these additional emergency funds will be transferred as needed as repair and reconstruction projects proceed.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$125,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$125,000,000

Activities: See NCDOT Public Infrastructure Repair Activities at the top of the section.

FEDERAL Individual Assistance: PRIVATE Roads and Bridges - \$9,824,641

Federal Agency: FEMA

Recipient: Direct Assistance to facility

State Share: See Section 1.1

Purpose: The FEMA Individual Assistance program can help pay for a road or bridge on private property when it is the only route available to reach a primary home or it is the only access for emergency vehicles.

Activities: As of December 31, FEMA has provided more than \$9.8 million in direct assistance to more than 3,700 property owners for repair or replacement of private roads and bridges; an additional 4,669 awards were pending approval.

Private roads make up almost half of all roads in the region impacted by Helene – more than 7,000 private roads, bridges and culverts have been damaged.

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Private Roads and Bridges Funded

Award Type	Approved Awards	IA Funding Provided	Pending Awards	Pending Funding
Road Repair	1,584	\$1,236,464	1,838	\$563,625
Road Replace	1,374	\$2,145,683	1,744	\$833,425
Bridge Repair	265	\$616,190	310	\$162,817
Bridge Replace	488	\$5,826,304	777	\$1,802,356
Total	3,711	\$9,824,641	4,669	\$3,362,223

4.4 Government Facilities

STATE Capital Recovery Funds: Public School Facilities: \$50,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Instruction

Purpose: Funds for repair and renovation of facilities in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene for local school administrative units and lab schools. These funds are for unmet needs not covered by insurance or available federal aid.

Over 1,100 public K-12 schools are located within the NC counties most affected by Hurricane Helene, and the extent of the damage was such that 82 public schools closed for 20 or more days.

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Expenditures and Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems, and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

STATE UNC Capital Recovery Funds: \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: University of North Carolina Board of Governors

Purpose: For repair and renovation of capital facilities in counties with a federal disaster declaration.

Expenditures: UNC has not incurred any expenses as of December 31st, 2024.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$5,000,000

Activities: UNC is working with FEMA and the Department of Insurance to define eligible uses of the funds.

STATE DACS Facility Repairs - \$210,000 (SL2024-57)

Responsible Agency: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Purpose: For DACS facility repairs in the affected area.

Expenditures and Activities: Over 20 sites under the purview of the Department of Agriculture – including agency facilities, state forests, and the WNC farmers market – sustained damage from Hurricane Helene. The NCGA gave DACS the authority to consolidate and reallocate

existing capital funds totaling no more than \$210,000 for agency facility repairs. As of December 31st, 2024, \$152,600 has been reallocated for this purpose of which \$75,416 has been spent. Current obligations exceed available funds by \$13,616.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$152,600
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$75,416
- Obligations	\$90,800
= Balance of transferred funds	(\$13,616)

REDIRECTED: State agencies have recorded and reported redirecting **\$11.4 million** of their existing operational resources on government facility repairs, cleanup, and restoration efforts to date. This is an incomplete estimate that will continue to be updated. See more details in [Appendix A](#).

4.5 Local Government Operational Assistance

STATE Technical Assistance for Local Governments: \$7,500,000 (SL 2024-51, 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Office of State Budget and Management

Recipients: North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM)

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC)

North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Governments (NCARCOG)

Purpose: Provide grants to units of local government for technical assistance with local recovery funds, including applying for federal financial aid, planning and permitting assistance, and building capacity for building and trade inspectors. Counties with a population of less than 250,000 will be given priority for these grants.

Expenditures: OSBM has fully distributed the funds the three grant recipients in equal allocations of \$2.5 million. In total, grantees have expended \$48,831 as of December 31st, 2024.

The 39 counties eligible for individual assistance under FEMA contain 198 individual municipalities that provide local government services alongside county governments.

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Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$7,500,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$7,500,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$0

NCLM Expenditures and Activities: NCLM has expended \$18,066 of their allocation on technical assistance efforts to affected municipalities to date. Highlights include:

- Assisted municipalities in accessing the federal disaster recovery portal and initiating FEMA paperwork to secure maximum state and federal financial support.
- Disaster recovery representatives conducted site visits to assess immediate and long-term recovery needs, assisting towns including Marshall and Hot Springs.
- Facilitated ongoing communication with affected municipalities via approximately 63 emails and 31 phone calls.
- Partnered with the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and western Councils of Governments (COGs) to host the "Helene Convening" in Morganton, where communities accessed resources and insights from federal and state officials.
- Began discussions with towns to identify needs for a tailored disaster recovery toolkit.
- Engaged one disaster recovery firm, with plans to contract a second for additional support.

NCACC Expenditures and Activities: The NCACC has expended \$30,765 of their allocation on technical support efforts to affected counties to date. Initial efforts have focused on identifying gaps, determining how best to provide assistance, and building NCACC's credibility in delivering technical and capacity-building support—services that are new to the organization.

So far, NCACC has acted as a resource to highlight high-priority issues for individual counties or shared concerns to State Recovery leadership, leading to timely and successful resolution.

NCACC has hired a retired NC county manager with expertise in disaster recovery. Contact and coordination is being maintained with the 16 most-impacted counties.

NCARCOG Expenditures and Activities: The Councils of Governments do not have any expenses to report at this time because employee salaries were covered by previously budgeted funds during the past quarter. Plans are in place to use allocated funds for staffing and contractual services as previous funding sources are depleted and new programmatic activities emerge.

The NCARCOG—including Centralina Regional Council, Foothills Regional Commission, High Country Council of Governments, Land of Sky Regional Council, Southwestern Commission, and Western Piedmont Council of Governments—made significant contributions across 25 counties in Western North Carolina. Key accomplishments include:

- Coordinating disaster response and recovery efforts.
- Acting as liaisons between local governments and state and federal agencies.
- Assisting with procurement processes and guiding through requirements
- Procuring third-party assistance for the FEMA Public Assistance Program.
- Developing frameworks for long-term recovery fund management.
- Supporting local governments with financial management, project development, and grant applications.

- Advancing regional economic development and tourism marketing efforts.
- Providing technical assistance, including damage assessments, planning, and inspections.
- Facilitating collaboration among local governments and setting the stage for recovery planning.

STATE Elections: \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-51)

Responsible Agency: State Board of Elections

Purpose: For technology, printing and communications, temporary staff for eligible county and State boards of elections, mobile voting units, and certain costs associated with voting sites, including early voting sites.

Expenditures: SBE has spent and obligated 7% of the available funds as of December 31st, 2024. SBE is still assessing the needs of counties and processing reimbursement requests; total expenditures are subject to change.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$271,915
- Obligations	\$99,407
= Balance	\$4,628,678

Activities: Highlights of SBE’s efforts to ensure voting accessibility and security following Hurricane Helene follow below. SBE is in the process of verifying eligible uses for the remaining funds.

Voter engagement efforts to encourage turnout: Saw 74.9% voter turnout in the 25 affected counties, above state average of 72.6%.

- Voter education media campaign conducted with WalkWest generated 4.3 million unique social media users and 20.6 million impressions, encouraging voters to participate despite disruptions.
- Over 140,000 visits to SBE’s new webpage to disseminate accurate information on post-hurricane voting options. Printed flyers distributed across Western North Carolina further amplified this outreach.

IT security measures, including remote monitoring systems and purchase of backup PC/PC equipment, helped safeguard the integrity of the voting process.

Operationally, temporary staff managed surges in voter registration processing, helpdesk support, and ballot administration, while field specialists provided on-the-ground assistance.

STATE Local Government Cash Flow Loans - \$100,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of State Treasurer

Purpose: To administer a cash flow loan program to support local governments. Loans shall be used for disaster response activities only. Recipients will not be assessed interest on the loans. Repayment, which shall begin one year after loan initiation, must be completed within five years or by June 30th, 2030, whichever is earlier.

Expenditures and Activities: The NCGA transferred the authority to administer the local government cash flow loan program to the Department in Session Law 2024-57, which became effective December 11th, 2024. No expenditures have been incurred as of December 31st, 2024. DST is working in consultation with local governments to develop the loan program and anticipates issuing awards starting in the next 1-2 months. DST is in the final stages of appointing a program administrator.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$100,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$100,000,000

4.6 Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

STATE Soil and Water Conservation Technical Assistance: \$2,000,000 (SL 2024-57)

Responsible Agency: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Purpose: Funds to provide technical support to soil and water conservation districts in the affected area, including the creation of time-limited positions.

Expenditures and Activities: These funds were appropriated on December 11th and certified on December 20th. DACS has not incurred any expenditures as of December 31st.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$2,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$2,000,000

REDIRECTED: State agencies have recorded and reported redirecting **\$150,000** of their existing operational resources toward natural and cultural site and facility repairs, and **\$6,000** on resource restoration to date. This is an incomplete estimate that will continue to be updated. See more details in [Appendix A](#).

5. EDUCATION

5.1 Student Financial Aid

STATE Tuition Grants for Students Attending Impacted Community Colleges - \$5,000,000
(SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: NC Community College System

Purpose: Allocates funds to the Community College System Office to provide Spring 2025 grants that cover the cost of tuition and State registration fees for eligible students attending community colleges designated as having the most or medium impact by the System Office.

Expenditures: As of December 31st, no funds had been expended, but funds have been distributed to schools. The tuition grants are for the spring semester which starts in January.

Twenty-three community colleges are located within NC counties most affected by Helene, two of which were damaged to the extent that they were closed for 20 or more days.

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Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$5,000,000

Activities: Funds have been distributed to the 6 eligible community colleges.

County	Funds Distributed
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	\$1,956,088
Blue Ridge Community College	\$1,051,315
Haywood Community College	\$439,532
Mayland Community College	\$364,709
McDowell Technical Community College	\$553,666
Western Piedmont Community College	\$634,690
Total	\$5,000,000

STATE Emergency Grants for Affected Community College Students - \$10,500,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: NC Community College System

Purpose: To assist students impacted by Hurricane Helene with paying for tuition, fees, and emergency expenses that impact a student’s ability to remain enrolled.

Expenditures: According to monthly reports from colleges, \$3.8 million (37%) of the available funds have been spent as of December 31, 2024.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$10,500,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$3,849,301
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$6,650,699

Activities: Funds have been distributed to the 14 eligible community colleges and \$50,000 was held by the System Office to distribute to colleges with impacted students. The System Office has provided templates for colleges to collect additional data including the number of students served.

County	Funds Distributed	Expenditures
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	\$3,270,578	\$1,712,500
Blue Ridge Community College	\$1,757,799	\$1,076,000
Haywood Community College	\$734,897	\$701,055
Mayland Community College	\$609,794	\$0
McDowell Technical Community College	\$925,730	\$0
Western Piedmont Community College	\$1,061,202	\$0
Caldwell T&CC	\$266,124	\$0
Catawba Valley CC	\$367,516	\$0
Cleveland	\$254,120	\$0
Gaston	\$471,294	\$0
Isothermal CC	\$165,696	\$165,696
Southwestern	\$221,883	\$44,050
Tri-County CC	\$93,844	\$0
Wilkes CC	\$249,523	\$150,000
System Office	\$50,000	\$0
Total	\$10,500,000	\$3,849,301

STATE Emergency Grants for Affected UNC Students - \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: University of North Carolina System

Purpose: To assist students impacted by Hurricane Helene with paying for tuition, fees, and emergency expenses that impact a student’s ability to remain enrolled.

Expenditures: As of December 16, The UNC System had expended 87% of the available emergency grant funds.

Seven UNC institutions are located within the NC counties most affected by Hurricane Helene, and one UNC institution was damaged to the extent that it remained closed for 20 or more days.

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Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$4,357,327
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$642,673

Activities: The UNC System has awarded grants to over 4,000 students.

Grant Awards as of December 16

Campus	Original Allocation	Expenditures	Balance	Grants Issued
Appalachian State University	\$800,000	\$780,500	\$19,500	743
East Carolina University	\$235,729	\$170,862	\$64,867	164
Elizabeth City State University	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	18
Fayetteville State University	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	24
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	\$69,282	\$65,000	\$4,282	52
North Carolina Central University	\$41,612	\$41,612	\$0	42
North Carolina State University	\$541,373	\$468,704	\$72,669	237
UNC Asheville	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0	907
UNC Chapel Hill	\$429,212	\$76,866	\$352,346	38
UNCSA	\$25,000	\$14,100	\$10,900	7
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	\$653,112	\$653,112	\$0	749
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	\$202,566	\$202,566	\$0	94
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	\$59,777	\$29,121	\$30,656	27
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	\$247,769	\$174,884	\$72,885	138
Western Carolina University	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0	794
Winston Salem State University	\$44,568	\$30,000	\$14,568	26
TOTALS	\$5,000,000	\$4,357,327	\$642,673	4,060

STATE Tuition Grants for Students Attending UNC Asheville - \$5,500,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: University of North Carolina Asheville

Purpose: Funds to provide Spring 2025 grants that cover the cost of tuition for eligible students.

Expenditures: Spring financial aid is awarded in January; therefore, no actual expenses were recorded through Dec 31, 2024. Over \$2 million (40%) of the funds have been obligated. Obligations represent the estimated amount of tuition grants that will be provided as last dollar financial aid up to the resident tuition rate of \$2,061 for Spring 2025. This amount will change as students drop/add courses before spring census and as student eligibility changes for other forms of financial aid. The remaining balance will be distributed in accordance with SL 2024-53.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,500,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$2,146,901
= Balance	\$3,353,099

Activities: UNCA has awarded 1,446 grants as of December 31st.

STATE Emergency Grants for Affected Private College and University Students - \$1,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA)

Purpose: Funds to distribute to eligible private colleges and universities to assist students impacted by Hurricane Helene with paying for tuition, fees, and emergency expenses that impact a student's ability to remain enrolled.

Expenditures: SEAA has transferred 100% of the funds to institutions to award to needy students who apply and demonstrate need related to Helene.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$1,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$1,000,000
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$0

Activities: Private institutions are administering their emergency grants with reporting on expenditures and unused funds due back to SEAA.

STATE Need Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities Additional Awards - \$19,100,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA)

Purpose: Funds for the Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities program to make additional award funds available in FY 2024-25, which will be used to provide additional financial aid to eligible disaster impacted students.

Expenditures: The NCGA appropriated \$3.5 million in new funds and reallocated another \$15.6 million in existing unobligated funds to SEAA. In total, SEAA has disbursed \$9.7 million (51%) of the available funds as of December 31st. The remaining funds are obligated for Spring 2025.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$19,100,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$9,709,899
- Obligations	\$9,390,101
= Balance	\$0

Activities: Awards have been made to students at ASU, UNCA, WCU, and directly impacted community colleges as well as students from Helene-impacted counties attending a public college or university outside the impacted area.

STATE Need Based Scholarship for Students Attending Private Colleges and Universities Additional Awards - \$2,500,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA)

Purpose: Allows for use of unobligated funds available for need-based scholarships for students attending private institutions of higher education to provide additional financial aid to eligible disaster-impacted students.

Expenditures: The NCGA reallocated \$2.5 million in existing unobligated funds to SEAA for this purpose. In total, SEAA has disbursed \$1.2 million (49%) of the available funds as of December 31st. The remaining funds are obligated for Spring 2025.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$2,500,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$1,235,435
- Obligations	\$1,264,565
= Balance	\$0

Activities: Awards have been made to students at Helene-impacted schools and students from Helene-impacted counties attending private institutions outside the impacted area.

5.2 Education Operations Assistance

STATE School Nutrition Employee Compensation - \$16,000,000 (SL 2024-51)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Instruction

Purpose: Compensation of school nutrition employees, located in federal disaster declaration counties, that would have been provided by school meal receipts as part of the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. Funds are only for employees that are in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures and Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems, and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

STATE Technology Funds for Public Schools - \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Instruction

Purpose: Funds for the replacement of school technology, particularly student and teacher devices, in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures and Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems, and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

STATE School Nutrition Food, Supplies, and Equipment Loss - \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Instruction

Purpose: Funds for the repair or replace food nutrition equipment, food, and food nutrition supplies in public school units participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures and Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems, and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

5.3 Student Mental Health Support

STATE Additional Mental Health Funds for Public Schools - \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Instruction

Purpose: Funds for mental health services, including telehealth and contracted services, for students and staff in public school units impacted by Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures and Activities: Information about activities is still being collected and entered into data systems, and should be available to include in the next quarterly update. Contact OSBM with any interim questions.

STATE Expanded Mental Health Support for Affected Community College Students - \$1,250,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: NC Community College System

Purpose: To expand mental health services for community college students and staff in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.

Expenditures: According to monthly reports from colleges through December 31, \$12,981 has been expended to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$1,250,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$12,981
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$1,237,019

Activities: Funds have been distributed to the 14 eligible community colleges.

County	Funds Distributed	Expenses
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	\$391,218	
Blue Ridge Community College	\$210,263	
Haywood Community College	\$87,906	
Mayland Community College	\$72,942	
McDowell Technical Community College	\$110,733	\$12,981
Western Piedmont Community College	\$126,938	
Caldwell T&CC	\$31,833	
Catawba Valley CC	\$43,961	
Cleveland	\$30,397	
Gaston	\$56,376	
Isothermal CC	\$19,820	
Southwestern	\$26,541	
Tri-County CC	\$11,225	
Wilkes CC	\$29,847	
Total	\$1,250,000	\$12,981

6. PUBLIC HEALTH

STATE Local Health Department (LHD) Support: \$12,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Purpose: Funds to assist LHDs in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene with restoring essential functions, including temporary staffing, communicable disease and infection prevention efforts, environmental health efforts, and private well water quality efforts.

Expenditures: DHHS has not expended any funds to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$12,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$12,000,000

7. MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS

FEDERAL Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - \$24,987

Federal Agency: FEMA

Recipient: State and Local Governments

State Share: See Section 1.1

Purpose: The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) aims to reduce the long-term risks to people and property from future disasters. The program provides grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to implement cost-effective measures that minimize disaster damage, enhance community resilience, and reduce reliance on federal disaster assistance. Eligible projects include infrastructure improvements, property acquisition, flood risk reduction, and community planning. Note: All areas in NC are eligible to apply for assistance from HGMP.

Expenditures: State management costs as of December 31st totaled \$24,987 at 100% federal cost share.

Activities: As of the latest activity data from January 8th, 200 scoping meetings and over 64 site inspections have been conducted in preparation for grant applications. HMGP application intake has completed in nine counties. In total, there were 627 in-person contacts, 351 acquisition applications submitted, 113 elevation applications submitted, 18 mitigation reconstruction applications, and 17 land stabilization requests.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Intake Activities

County/Muni	In-Person Contacts	Online Contacts	Acquisition Applications	Elevation Applications	Mitigation Recon Applications	Land Stabiliz. Requests
Buncombe (12-15 November)	217	400	156	62	12	2
Asheville (6-10 January)	34	-	4	-	-	-
Transylvania (19-21 November)	24	10	7	5	0	1
Henderson (3-5 December)	72	-	52	4	0	2
Madison (10 December)	15	-	5	0	4	0
Yancey (11-12 December)	60	-	32	4	1	8
Polk (16 December)	6	-	4	2	0	2
Rutherford (17-18 December)	38	-	19	1	0	0
McDowell (19 December)	22	-	20	4	0	2
Mecklenburg (7-9 January)	139	-	52	31	1	0
Total	627	410	351	113	18	17

STATE NCEM Floodplain Mapping - \$5,000,000 (SL 2024-53)

Responsible Agency: Department of Public Safety – North Carolina Emergency Management

Purpose: Funds for floodplain mapping in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene. The funds will be used to revise existing floodplain maps according to new data and imagery which will capture changes in the region such as new high-water marks.

NCEM will develop new models, incorporating new post-event LIDAR data along with high-resolution rainfall, stream gauge, and storm damage data, to identify areas for future updates to flood zones for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulatory digital flood insurance rate maps, in coordination with affected local communities. The new flood hazard data will also support building-level risk assessments and the evaluation of mitigation strategies, aiding local rebuilding efforts. Updated modeling will focus on watersheds that received the heaviest rainfall and where significant channel migration occurred.

Expenditures: No expenses have been incurred to date.

Budget & Expenditures	Cumulative to Date
+ State Funds Net Appropriation	\$5,000,000
+ Receipts from Non-State Sources	\$0
- Expenditures	\$0
- Obligations	\$0
= Balance	\$5,000,000

Activities: NCEM has developed a draft scope of work. Updated modeling will begin once the LIDAR data collection is complete, expected to be available in the late fall/early winter of 2025.

APPENDIX: REDIRECTED AGENCY RESOURCES

Existing resources redirected to Helene: In addition to the new state and federal fund appropriations presented above, agencies have redirected significant existing staff time and operational resources toward Hurricane Helene recovery efforts.

Some portion of expenses for these activities will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. But a significant portion will be borne as state opportunity costs – the effect of redirecting resources away from other activities.

Accounting and reporting completed and ongoing efforts is a work in progress:

The recording and identification of Helene-specific activities within the NC Financial System are ongoing, and updates will continue to be reflected in future reports. Some projects remain in their early stages, and costs are not yet fully known. Even for completed efforts, all associated expenses may not yet be fully captured as invoices are still being received and processed. Additionally, coding operational time and costs specifically tied to Helene recovery activities is an intricate task that is underway to enable comprehensive reporting.

Additional details are available from OSBM by request.

Table A1: Agency Helene Activities Using Existing Resources – No New Appropriations

Data below represent the to-date expenses recorded and reported to OSBM from agencies; this incomplete picture will continue to be updated in future quarterly reports. These funds include both net state general fund appropriations as well as receipts such as transportation revenues.

Agency	Section	Activity	Description	Net Expenses + Obligations to Date	Ongoing (Y/N)
AOC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Courthouse file restoration; Starlink emergency devices; Replace destroyed IT equipment	662,426	N
DAC	Emergency Protective Measures	Safety and Security	<u>Alexander CI Minimum:</u> Conversion of minimum custody Institution to house medium custody offenders.	30,404	N
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Avery-Mitchell CI:</u> Restoration due to loss of power, water, sewer; generator replacement; transfer of housed offenders	1,409,367	Y
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Black Mountain Drug Treatment:</u> Restoration due to loss of power, water, sewer; facility cleaning; transfer of housed offenders	31,288	N
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Caldwell CC:</u> Repair roof and other exterior storm damage.	13,150	N

Agency	Section	Activity	Description	Net Expenses + Obligations to Date	Ongoing (Y/N)
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Craggy CI</u> : Restoration due to loss of power, water, sewer; facility cleaning; transfer of housed offenders; repair exterior storm damage	67,675	N
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Craggy CI Correction Enterprise Laundry</u> : Restore fencing from fallen trees.	TBD	N
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Marion CI (Minimum Unit)</u> : Closed dorm was reopened to house offenders to run CE Laundry services; install life safety generator	118,415	Y
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Mountain Region Maintenance</u> : Repair equipment damage and purchase pumps	26,324	N
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Mountainview CI</u> : Total roof replacement; building cleaning and restoration due to lost sewer and water; transfer of housed offenders	8,937,325	Y
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Rutherford CC</u> : Roof and fencing repairs	6,980	N
DAC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	<u>Western Correctional Center for Women (WCCW)</u> : Building cleaning and restoration due to lost sewer and water; replace/install perimeter fencing; misc. repairs to facility utility systems	85,725	N
DACS Emergency Programs	Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Operations	Manage the Department's EOC and provide logistical support to state and regional EOCs; evacuation and sheltering support and logistics; agricultural and humanitarian donations management and distribution; debris clearing	294,576	N
DACS Plant Industry	Emergency Protective Measures	Humanitarian support	Hay relief; clear road access; provide generators; distribute supplies	5,901	N
DACS Plant Industry	Damage and Impact Assessment	Damage and Impact Assessment	Specialty crop damage assessment		N

Agency	Section	Activity	Description	Net Expenses + Obligations to Date	Ongoing (Y/N)
DACS Agronomics	Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Farmland Restoration	Testing: waste, soil, plant tissue, growing media		Y
DACS Plant Industry	Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Waterway and Watershed Restoration	Flood management: beaver dam removal and deployment of Beaver Deceivers		Y
DIT	Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Operations	Manage North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund donation website - transaction fee costs	145,669	Y
DMVA	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Funds to purchase cleanup equipment for Black Mountain Cemetery	11,126	N
DNCR Historic Sites	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Thomas Wolfe Memorial: Tree removal and exterior repairs	25,225	Y
DNCR Historic Sites	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Towne Creek Indian Mound: Restore well house; archaeological clearance for project; install new power lines; demolish building	7,196	Y
DNCR Historic Sites	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Vance Birthplace: Window repair and debris cleanup	TBD	Y
DNCR Historical Resources	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Western Office: Immediate flood damage remediation and inspection; repair roof; debris clearing	2,581	Y
DNCR State History Museums	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Mountain Gateway Museum: Immediate flood damage remediation; demolition; debris clearing; structural repairs/rebuild	28,617	Y
DNCR State Parks	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Multiple Park Sites: Facility rebuilding and mitigation	TBD	Y
DNCR State Parks	Emergency Protective Measures	Repair and Mitigation	Multiple Park Sites: Staff time and travel for EOC operations; road and debris clearing; preventative repairs;	71,062	Y
DOC DES	Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Benefits	Administration of DUA Program	1,344,492	Y
DOC DES	Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Operations	Provided printed materials and other information to support field operations; FAQ related to DUA program	7,595	N

Agency	Section	Activity	Description	Net Expenses + Obligations to Date	Ongoing (Y/N)
DOC DES	Workforce Support	Unemployment Benefits	Unemployment Insurance program administration, data dashboards and assessments	TBD	Y
DOC	Business Support	Coordination and partnerships	Business Recovery Collaborative; State Disaster Recovery Task Force; Chambers of Commerce	TBD	Y
DOC	Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Operations	Provided in-person staff support for disaster-related informational and service support events; State EOC and FEMA site support	TBD	N
DOT	Transportation	Repair and Mitigation	Public roads and bridges	294,446,558	Y
DPS NCEM	Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Operations	State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Operations	472,010,723	Y
DPS ALE	Emergency Protective Measures	Safety and Security	186 ALE officer deployments across 24 counties to provide evaluation support, site security, and assist with traffic and safety	721,011	N
DPS SCP	Emergency Protective Measures	Safety and Security	Officer deployments based on local entity request from state EOC	TBD	N
OSFM	Emergency Protective Measures	Rescue	<u>Fire:</u> OSFM deployed 927 total firefighters, dispatched 173 apparatus, assisted with over 100 record requests, and rostered over 500 resources from 263 agencies and 65 counties across the state, and distributed donated gear.	175,000	N
OSFM	Emergency Protective Measures	Building Inspections	<u>OSFM Engineering</u> deployed 142 Inspectors to assist in building assessments at the requests of the county and local jurisdictions. 14 missions were received, and 14 of those were completed. An estimated 13,000 building evaluations throughout those 10 counties were performed.		N
WRC	Damage and Impact Assessment	Damage and Impact Assessment	Lodging & Travel costs for staff to visit Pisgah Fish Hatchery and assess aftermath	445	N

Agency	Section	Activity	Description	Net Expenses + Obligations to Date	Ongoing (Y/N)
WRC	Damage and Impact Assessment	Damage and Impact Assessment	Travel costs for staff to visit gamelands across the mountain eco-region and assess damage, particularly to public access roads.	9,102	Y
WRC	Emergency Protective Measures	Rescue	18 officers comprised our swiftwater rescue team who performed more than 30 missions to free individuals from flood locations, these operations occurred in 16 different counties. Total man hours spent assisting EOC missions exceeded 9,600. WRC officers dedicated another 3,190 hours responding to non-EOC missions. Hours, overtime and fringe costs are still being calculated.	67,552	Y
WRC	Emergency Protective Measures	Debris Removal	Costs for equipment repair/maintenance & operation to remove downed trees, storm damage washed ashore, removal of dead fish, etc. Armstrong fish hatchery suffered the greatest single impact, but the cumulative state total is significant.	31,229	Y
WRC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	3 staff who lived in a residence on the hatchery grounds have been displaced and are currently in temporary housing.	6,126	Y
WRC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Immediate response needed to replace Armstrong facilities lost during storm. This includes rental of space, property and some outfitting costs.	11,628	N
WRC	Government Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Equipment Rental, building repair, sand & gravel to replace washed out roads, lodging for staff to perform the work at Pisgah Fish Hatchery	23,338	Y
WRC	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Repair electrical system at depot/office bldg. at Cold Mountain Game Land	29,692	Y

Agency	Section	Activity	Description	Net Expenses + Obligations to Date	Ongoing (Y/N)
WRC	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Supplies, materials, staff lodging, equipment rental, hardware supplies to repair access roads, damaged signage kiosks and fishing piers across various gamelands, boating access areas and public fishing areas	47,734	Y
WRC	Nat. and Cult. Facilities	Repair and Mitigation	Construction and hardware supplies to repair damaged facility at Marion wildlife depot.	10,261	Y
DEQ	TBD	TBD	Staff time for emergency response	TBD	
DHHS	TBD	TBD	Staff time for shelter support; medical examiner and vital records, public health measures; other emergency operations	TBD	
Total Recorded and Reported to Date				780,923,518	

APPENDIX: DATA TABLES

TABLE A2: State Funds Appropriated as of December 31, 2024

Agency	Purpose	Amount	Fund	Session Law	Section
DPS NCEM	State Matching Funds	\$250,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-51	1.1
DPS NCEM	Additional State Matching Funds	\$75,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	1.1
DPS NCEM	State and Local Government Unmet Needs	\$50,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	1.3
DPS NCEM	NCEM Floodplain Mapping	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	8
Commerce - Golden Leaf	Small Business Recovery Bridge Loans	\$50,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	3.1
Commerce - EDPNC	Visit NC Tourism Promotion	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	3.1
Commerce - EDPNC	EDPNC Business Loss Assessment	\$1,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	3.4
DACS	Soil and Water Conservation Technical Assistance	\$2,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-57	6
DACS	Debris Removal	\$25,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-57	4.1
DACS	DACS Facility Repairs	\$210,000	Capital funds - Reallocation	SL 2024-57	4.4
DEQ	Emergency Loans for Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Repair	\$100,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	4.2
DEQ	Emergency Loans for Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Repair	\$59,000,000	Drinking Water Reserve - Reallocation	SL 2024-53	4.2
DEQ	Technical Assistance for Assessments and Design	\$7,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	4.2
DEQ	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Repair	\$22,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	4.1
DEQ	Weatherization Assistance	\$10,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.1
DOT	Repair and Reconstruction of Transportation Infrastructure	\$125,000,000	Transp. Emerg. Reserve - Reallocation	SL 2024-57	4.3
DPI	School Nutrition Employee Compensation	\$16,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-51	5.2
DPI	Capital Recovery Funds - Public School Facilities	\$50,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	4.4
DPI	Technology Funds for Public Schools	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.2
DPI	School Nutrition Food, Supplies, and Equipment Loss	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.2
DPI	Additional Mental Health Funds for Public Schools	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.3
HHS	Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)	\$10,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
HHS - NCPC	Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes Disaster Relief	\$10,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
HHS	Utility Assistance	\$9,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
HHS	Child Welfare Essential Services	\$3,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
HHS	Essential Services for Vulnerable Adults	\$1,400,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
HHS	Rental Assistance	\$1,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.1
HHS	Mental Health Crisis Supports and Support for Individuals with I/DD	\$25,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
HHS	Local Health Department (LHD) Support	\$12,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	7

Agency	Purpose	Amount	Fund	Session Law	Section
NCCCS	Tuition Grants for Students Attending Impacted Community Colleges	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.1
NCCCS	Emergency Grants for Affected Community College Students	\$10,500,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.1
NCCCS	Expanded Mental Health Support for Affected Community College Students	\$1,250,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.3
SBE	Elections	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-51	4.5
OSBM - Local Govs	Technical Assistance for Local Governments	\$7,500,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-51, 53	4.5
Treasurer	Local Government Cash Flow Loans	\$100,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	4.5
Treasurer	Line of Duty Death Benefits	\$500,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	2.2
UNC	Emergency Grants for Affected UNC Students	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.1
UNC	Tuition Grants for Students Attending UNC Asheville	\$5,500,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.1
UNC	UNC Capital Recovery Funds	\$5,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	4.4
UNC SEAA	Emergency Grants for Affected Private College and University Students	\$1,000,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.1
UNC SEAA	Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	\$3,500,000	Helene Fund	SL 2024-53	5.1
UNC SEAA	Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	\$15,600,000	Unobligated Funds - Reallocation	SL 2024-53	5.1
UNC SEAA	Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	\$2,500,000	Unobligated Funds - Reallocation	SL 2024-53	5.1
		\$ 904,150,000	Helene Fund		
		\$ 202,310,000	Reallocated		
Total		\$ 1,106,460,000	Total Appropriation		

TABLE A3: Expenditures by Agency: State Appropriations

Agency	Purpose	State Funds Appropriations	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance
DACS	Soil and Water Conservation Technical Assistance	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000
DACS	Debris Removal	25,000,000	0	0	25,000,000
DACS	DACS Facility Repairs	210,000	75,416	90,800	43,784
DEQ	Emergency Loans for Water / Wastewater Infrastructure Repair	100,000,000	0	42,700,000	57,300,000
DEQ	Emergency Loans for Water / Wastewater Infrastructure Repair	59,000,000	0	0	59,000,000
DEQ	Technical Assistance for Assessments and Design	7,000,000	0	3,400,000	3,600,000
DEQ	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Repair	22,000,000	0	0	22,000,000
DEQ	Weatherization Assistance	10,000,000	0	0	10,000,000
DHHS	Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)	10,000,000	0	0	10,000,000
DHHS	Utility Assistance	9,000,000	0	0	9,000,000
DHHS	Child Welfare Essential Services	3,000,000	2,700,000	0	300,000
DHHS	Essential Services for Vulnerable Adults	1,400,000	1,260,000	0	1,400,000
DHHS	Rental Assistance	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0
DHHS	Mental Health Crisis Supports and Support for Individuals with I/DD	25,000,000	0	0	25,000,000
DHHS	Local Health Department (LHD) Support	12,000,000	0	0	12,000,000
DHHS	Child Care Centers and Family				
NCPD	Child Care Homes Disaster Relief	10,000,000	0	0	10,000,000
DOC					
EDPNC	Visit NC Tourism Promotion	5,000,000	5,000,000	0	0
DOC					
EDPNC	EDPNC Business Loss Assessment	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0
DOC					
Golden Leaf	Small Business Recovery Bridge Loans	50,000,000	50,000,000	0	0
DOT	Repair and Reconstruction of Transportation Infrastructure	125,000,000	0	0	125,000,000
DPI	School Nutrition Employee Compensation	16,000,000	TBD	0	16,000,000
DPI	Capital Recovery Funds - Public School Facilities	50,000,000	TBD	0	50,000,000
DPI	Technology Funds for Public Schools	5,000,000	TBD	0	5,000,000
DPI	School Nutrition Food, Supplies, and Equipment Loss	5,000,000	TBD	0	5,000,000
DPI	Additional Mental Health Funds for Public Schools	5,000,000	TBD	0	5,000,000
DPS					
NCEM	State Matching Funds	250,000,000	37,953,754	0	212,046,246
DPS					
NCEM	Additional State Matching Funds	75,000,000	0	0	75,000,000

Agency	Purpose	State Funds Appropriations	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance
DPS NCEM	State and Local Government Unmet Needs	50,000,000	2,178,156	0	48,821,844
DPS NCEM	NCEM Floodplain Mapping	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
DST	Local Government Cash Flow Loans	100,000,000	0	0	100,000,000
DST	Line of Duty Death Benefits	500,000	0	0	500,000
NCCCS	Tuition Grants for Students Attending Impacted Community Colleges	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
NCCCS	Emergency Grants for Affected Community College Students	10,500,000	3,849,301	0	6,650,699
NCCCS	Expanded Mental Health Support for Affected Community College Students	1,250,000	12,981	0	1,237,019
OSBM Local Govs	Technical Assistance for Local Governments	7,500,000	7,500,000	0	0
SBE	Elections	5,000,000	271,915	99,407	4,628,678
UNC	Emergency Grants for Affected UNC Students	5,000,000	4,357,327	0	642,673
UNC	Tuition Grants for Students Attending UNC Asheville	5,500,000	0	2,146,901	3,353,099
UNC	UNC Capital Recovery Funds	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000
UNC SEAA	Emergency Grants for Affected Private College and University Students	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0
UNC SEAA	Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	3,500,000	2,072,286	1,427,714	0
UNC SEAA	Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	15,600,000	7,637,613	7,962,387	0
UNC SEAA	Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	2,500,000	1,235,435	1,264,565	0
Total		1,106,460,000	129,104,184	59,091,774	918,264,042

TABLE A4: Self-Reported Home Damage as of 12/23/24

Over 4,000 homes destroyed as reported to FEMA; 175,700 reported minor-major damage.

Self-Assessment of Damage from Valid Registrations (FEMA Data, IA Snapshot December 23, 2024)						
County	Minor Damage	Moderate Damage	Major Damage	Destroyed	Unknown Damage	Did Not Answer
Alexander	490	135	60	12	47	187
Alleghany	311	140	94	11	23	103
Ashe	1,779	621	352	84	147	760
Avery	1,589	733	510	112	193	880
Buncombe	35,089	9,860	3,761	1,468	5,721	30,167
Burke	6,496	1,428	374	182	630	3,763
Cabarrus	390	129	708	22	38	105
Caldwell	3,436	986	292	77	296	1,751
Catawba	2,632	537	308	135	245	1,131
Cherokee	21	≤10	≤10	≤10	≤10	15
Clay	30	≤10	≤10	≤10	≤10	20
Cleveland	7,377	1,107	407	77	782	4,985
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	806	493	4,260	103	84	217
Forsyth	246	90	92	≤10	21	57
Gaston	5,156	1,039	546	157	516	2,461
Graham	30	15	≤10	≤10	≤10	≤10
Haywood	4,175	1,468	617	193	415	2,385
Henderson	13,098	3,707	1,486	372	1,408	7,738
Iredell	340	160	91	32	25	94
Jackson	807	210	85	31	92	553
Lee	29	12	24	≤10	≤10	≤10
Lincoln	1,208	471	108	22	104	563
Macon	494	148	52	15	34	289
Madison	1,701	354	146	72	215	1,596
McDowell	5,080	1,368	530	286	574	3,408
Mecklenburg	7,960	1,354	2,835	184	472	2,064
Mitchell	2,130	1,029	335	72	205	1,007
Nash	111	32	59	≤10	≤10	27
Polk	1,788	428	142	31	196	1,300
Rowan	197	74	87	≤10	13	56
Rutherford	6,660	1,439	359	166	779	4,397
Stanly	64	11	37	≤10	≤10	29
Surry	148	41	557	≤10	22	31
Swain	212	77	63	46	28	78
Transylvania	2,140	490	229	45	232	1,509
Union	341	61	47	≤10	30	143
Watauga	2,859	1,172	669	134	298	1,479
Wilkes	1,050	239	806	26	72	411
Yadkin	64	≤10	145	≤10	≤10	14
Yancey	2,178	1,286	704	179	312	1,410
Total	120,712	32,970	21,996	4,382	14,292	77,202

TABLE A5: FEMA Housing Assistance: Award by Type and County as of 12/23/24

County	Repair / Replacement Count, Dollar Total		Mold Remediation Count, Dollar Total		Rental Assistance Count, Dollar Total		Lodging Expenses Count, Dollar Total	
Alexander	37	210,336	≤10	12,000	≤10	3,794	-	-
Alleghany	59	162,249	16	24,000	-	-	-	-
Ashe	533	4,544,212	148	222,000	12	21,978	-	-
Avery	593	4,218,433	172	258,000	15	29,096	-	-
Buncombe	3,716	19,408,338	1,016	1,524,000	222	739,207	24	12,932
Burke	394	2,594,692	147	220,500	≤10	16,098	-	-
Cabarrus	11	55,488	≤10	4,500	-	-	-	-
Caldwell	241	1,011,072	60	90,000	13	26,678	-	-
Catawba	98	453,246	43	64,500	≤10	11,192	-	-
Cherokee	≤10	10,948	≤10	1,500	-	-	-	-
Clay	≤10	8,111	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleveland	197	927,136	74	111,000	≤10	13,186	≤10	665
Eastern Band	18	86,897	≤10	12,000	≤10	10,991	-	-
Forsyth	≤10	33,485	≤10	3,000	-	-	-	-
Gaston	133	606,413	55	82,500	17	67,412	≤10	108
Graham	≤10	17,270	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haywood	842	5,055,151	259	388,500	31	74,738	≤10	340
Henderson	1,793	10,350,641	477	715,500	108	363,732	≤10	7,153
Iredell	28	150,598	15	22,500	≤10	9,096	-	-
Jackson	62	289,364	22	33,000	≤10	3,658	-	-
Lee	≤10	9,376	≤10	3,000	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	30	96,192	≤10	13,500	≤10	5,362	-	-
Macon	36	154,131	13	19,500	-	-	-	-
Madison	96	914,661	22	33,000	15	47,088	≤10	515
McDowell	629	4,715,597	156	234,000	38	67,954	-	-
Mecklenburg	89	805,983	27	40,500	≤10	37,120	-	-
Mitchell	590	3,134,890	107	160,500	≤10	11,252	-	-
Nash	≤10	39,107	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polk	173	1,170,110	47	70,500	≤10	18,870	-	-
Rowan	11	49,568	≤10	7,500	-	-	-	-
Rutherford	427	2,617,277	122	183,000	≤10	21,762	-	-
Stanly	≤10	30,667	≤10	3,000	-	-	-	-
Surry	14	103,318	≤10	7,500	≤10	1,860	-	-
Swain	49	300,340	19	28,500	≤10	13,946	-	-
Transylvania	300	1,583,061	117	175,500	18	42,752	-	-
Union	15	65,274	≤10	4,500	≤10	8,148	-	-
Watauga	780	4,445,998	191	286,500	19	41,976	-	-
Wilkes	66	326,970	18	27,000	≤10	4,281	-	-
Yadkin	≤10	9,255	≤10	3,000	-	-	-	-
Yancey	921	7,262,680	193	289,500	31	52,864	-	-
Total	13,007	\$ 78,028,535	3,586	\$ 5,379,000	625	\$ 1,766,091	24	\$ 21,713

TABLE A6: Unemployment Benefits as of 12/28/24

The following table provides total FEMA Disaster Unemployment Assistance and State Unemployment Insurance benefits (total dollars) by county that were paid 10/5/24 - 12/28/24.

County	DUA Paid	UI Paid
Alexander	15,531	113,488
Alleghany	5,161	24,199
Ashe	61,672	244,402
Avery	284,548	1,236,301
Buncombe	4,551,205	28,036,989
Burke	161,056	1,096,308
Cabarrus	22,160	22,347
Caldwell	110,998	374,088
Catawba	81,074	404,067
Cherokee	1,236	21,328
Clay	3,344	3,000
Cleveland	142,155	303,701
Forsyth	26,130	17,613
Gaston	137,942	725,088
Graham	3,268	5,064
Haywood	406,166	1,600,494
Henderson	624,182	3,017,961
Iredell	14,621	48,822
Jackson	72,029	195,026
Lee	5,328	2,400
Lincoln	26,998	183,948
Macon	43,147	72,209
Madison	348,082	1,383,032
McDowell	273,908	1,543,031
Mecklenburg	189,691	188,515
Mitchell	245,575	1,304,477
Nash	18,201	7,863
Polk	95,311	344,297
Rowan	19,551	63,198
Rutherford	233,933	1,059,134
Stanly	1,064	7,337
Surry	1,725	10,234
Swain	31,932	59,406
Transylvania	67,774	366,999
Union	13,303	1,200
Watauga	128,338	635,265
Wilkes	16,910	92,399
Yadkin	0	600
Yancey	274,862	1,078,681
Grand Total	\$8,760,111	\$45,894,510

Table A7: NCDOT Transportation Infrastructure Funding by County as of January 7, 2025

County	Federal Funded (Obligation)	State Expenditures	Federal Receipts	State Future Commitments
Alexander		\$ 429,223		\$ 146,460
Alleghany		\$ 2,552,342		\$ 200,865
Ashe		\$ 14,402,949	\$ 3,640,655	\$ 2,092,660
Avery		\$ 17,317,266	\$ 1,638,924	\$ 3,341,165
Buncombe		\$ 32,510,867	\$ 3,027,195	\$ 2,011,705
Burke		\$ 8,061,702	\$ 2,649,999	\$ 335,379
Cabarrus		\$ 4,981		
Caldwell		\$ 3,264,526		\$ 311,244
Catawba		\$ 716,284		\$ 57,226
Cherokee		\$ 4,988		
Clay		\$ 210,937		\$ 43,326
Cleveland		\$ 1,004,254	\$ 1,246,361	\$ 104,627
Durham		\$ 20,382		
Franklin		\$ 9,871		
Gaston		\$ 816,867		\$ 3,377
Graham		\$ 1,737		
Granville		\$ 2,489		
Haywood	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 25,714,999	\$ 1,090,644	\$ 32,880,170
Henderson		\$ 25,484,318	\$ 2,238,070	\$ 3,586,060
Iredell		\$ 629,791		\$ 16,466
Jackson		\$ 1,273,589		\$ 173,374
Lincoln		\$ 261,864		\$ 5,069
Macon		\$ 719,752		\$ 655,159
Madison		\$ 4,016,141	\$ 3,175,988	\$ 134,033
McDowell		\$ 28,423,818	\$ 7,057,395	\$ 533,087
Mecklenburg		\$ 135,387		\$ 511,935
Mitchell		\$ 14,520,803	\$ 4,053,247	\$ 305,787
Person		\$ 172		
Polk		\$ 4,307,891	\$ 1,713,889	\$ 727,550
Rutherford		\$ 11,173,356	\$ 2,358,587	\$ 178,732
Stanly		\$ 62,213		
Surry		\$ 345,741		\$ 5,016
Swain		\$ 203,805		\$ 262,879
Transylvania		\$ 2,449,272		\$ 472,607
Vance		\$ 12,881		
Wake		\$ 41,419		
Warren		\$ 3,730		
Watauga		\$ 9,899,516	\$ 1,396,862	\$ 1,474,462
Wilkes		\$ 3,118,827		\$ 13,245
Yadkin		\$ 82,694		
Yancey		\$ 54,790,159	\$ 12,943,151	\$ 2,158,167
Multi-County (FEMA)	\$ 48,149,770	\$ 13,625,432		\$ 7,306,453
Total	\$ 148,149,770	\$ 282,629,237	\$ 48,230,965	\$ 60,048,286