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HOUSE BILL DRH40163-LGa-85

Short Title: Funds for Scotland & Hoke Projects. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative G. Pierce.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES IN SCOTLAND  
3 AND HOKE COUNTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
6 Budget and Management the sum of fifty-four million dollars (\$54,000,000) in nonrecurring  
7 funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Hoke County to be used as  
8 follows:

- 9 (1) Eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) for water and sewer needs.
- 10 (2) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for courthouse construction overages.
- 11 (3) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for construction of a new sheriff's office  
12 and law enforcement center.
- 13 (4) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for construction of a new workforce  
14 training center at Sandhills Community College.
- 15 (5) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for construction of a new social services  
16 building.
- 17 (6) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for construction of a new mental  
18 health/rehabilitation facility.
- 19 (7) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for capital improvements for the County's  
20 volunteer fire departments.

21 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
22 Budget and Management the sum of eighty-three million two hundred thousand dollars  
23 (\$83,200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to  
24 Scotland County to be used as follows:

- 25 (1) Eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) for construction of a new courthouse and  
26 jail facility.
- 27 (2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to enable the Parks and Recreation  
28 Department to upgrade the County's splash pad.
- 29 (3) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for various public capital improvements.
- 30 (4) One million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to build a new  
31 EMS/fire substation in the Town of Wagram.

32 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
33 Budget and Management the sum of thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) in nonrecurring  
34 funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the City of Laurinburg to be  
35 used as follows:

- 36 (1) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for the Town's Main Street restoration.



1           (2) Twenty-nine million dollars (\$29,000,000) for water/wastewater capital  
2 projects.

3           **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
4 Budget and Management the sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred ten dollars (\$24,810)  
5 in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Town of  
6 Gibson to be used as follows:

7           (1) Fifteen thousand nine hundred eighty-five dollars (\$15,985) for a replacement  
8 pump at the lagoon station.

9           (2) Eight thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$8,825) for additional  
10 repairs to the lagoon station to ensure proper operation.

11           **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
12 Budget and Management the sum of one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) in  
13 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Town of  
14 Wagram to be used as follows:

15           (1) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for new water meters.

16           (2) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for tree root removal  
17 and pothole repairs.

18           (3) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to install a fence at the maintenance shop.

19           **SECTION 6.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
20 Budget and Management the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for  
21 the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to St. Andrews University for repairs to the  
22 Belk Center, which suffered hurricane damage.

23           **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.