

# Implementation of the Disaster Recovery Acts of 2016 and 2017

House Select Committee on Disaster Recovery January 29, 2018

### **About Golden LEAF**

#### **Mission**

To increase economic opportunity in North Carolina's rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grantsmaking, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation.

#### **Vision**

A North Carolina with opportunities for growth and prosperity for its people all across the state.



# **Small Business Recovery**

DRA '16 appropriated \$5m to Golden LEAF to award grants to eligible entities to provide loans to affected businesses.







\$5m awarded; \$2.3m disbursed; 53 active or pending loans

more than
315 jobs retained

<sup>\*</sup>data reported as of January 25, 2018

# Disaster Recovery Acts

	Disaster Recovery Act of 2016 S.L. 2016-124	Disaster Recovery Act of 2017 S.L. 2017-119
Funding	\$20m to Golden LEAF + \$10m to Commerce	\$30m to Golden LEAF
Eligible Entities	1. Units of local government	<ol> <li>Units of local government.</li> <li>501(c)(3) non-profits</li> </ol>
Eligible Projects	<ol> <li>Repair or replacement of infrastructure</li> <li>Infrastructure to support new housing</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Repair or replacement of infrastructure</li> <li>Infrastructure to support new housing</li> <li>Repair or replacement of equipment</li> <li>New infrastructure for hazard mitigation</li> </ol>

### Infrastructure

For purposes of this program, infrastructure includes nonresidential buildings that serve the public, water, sewer, sidewalks, storm drainage, and other, similar projects that provide assistance or relief.

Grants may not duplicate other benefits, including FEMA Public Assistance, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, or insurance.









### Collaboration

#### N.C. Division of Emergency Management

- Regular dialogue regarding projects and unmet needs
- Process to verify FEMA Public Assistance funding

# N.C. Departments of Commerce, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture & Consumer Services

Regular dialogue regarding projects and unmet needs

#### Office of State Budget and Management

Monthly reporting of financial and programmatic outcomes

### Collaboration

#### **Disaster Funders Forum**

- Regular meeting of disaster funders to compare notes and ensure no duplication or displacement of funds
- Developed shared list of unmet needs
- Coordinated funding activity to ensure each program is able to maximize available funds

#### **Hot Spot meetings**

 Multi-agency effort to assist areas with significant unmet needs and receiving funding from multiple sources to streamline communication and improve outcomes

### Outreach

Partnered with the Association of County Commissioners, the League of Municipalities, and the N.C. Department of Commerce to hold 6 regional information sessions between February 9 – 17.

Continued to receive referrals from Emergency Management and FEMA as well as Legislators and other agencies.



#### **Grantee and Project Eligibility (DRA '16)**

- Is the applicant a unit of local government?
- Was the public infrastructure damaged or destroyed as a result of one of the disasters?
- Is the new public infrastructure needed to support housing outside of the floodplain?

#### **Grantee and Project Eligibility (DRA '17)**

- Is the applicant a 501(c)(3) non-profit?
- Was the equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of one of the disasters?
- What potential hazard would this infrastructure mitigate?
   How often could it happen and who benefits?

#### **Application Review**

- 1. Application and materials submitted via email
- 2. Submission reviewed by GLF Staff
- 3. Initial questions communicated to applicant via email
- 4. If necessary, supplemental documentation is requested
- 5. Site visit scheduled

#### **Site Visit**

- Required prior to award
- Opportunity to discuss project and clarify specific issues
- Tour areas identified in application

#### **Recommendation and Board Action**

#### **Common Themes**

- FEMA Public Assistance insufficient (NFIP reduction)
- Funds needed for resiliency or code requirements beyond what insurance or FEMA Public Assistance will provide
- Pre-existing conditions that "but for" the Hurricane, would not have worsened significantly (ineligible for FEMA PA)

#### **Common Outcomes**

 For each project, grantees are asked to verify the number of households and businesses that will benefit

#### **Lessons Learned**

Use of grant funds for costs incurred prior to award date

#### **Board Prioritization**

- Projects with life/safety components including those to support fire, rescue, and other first responders
- Non-profits that serve a government-like function

#### **Declined Applications**

- Projects ineligible under legislation
- Limited frequency (hazard mitigation only)
- Limited funds (hazard mitigation only)

102
Total Applications

\$174.5m
Total Dollars

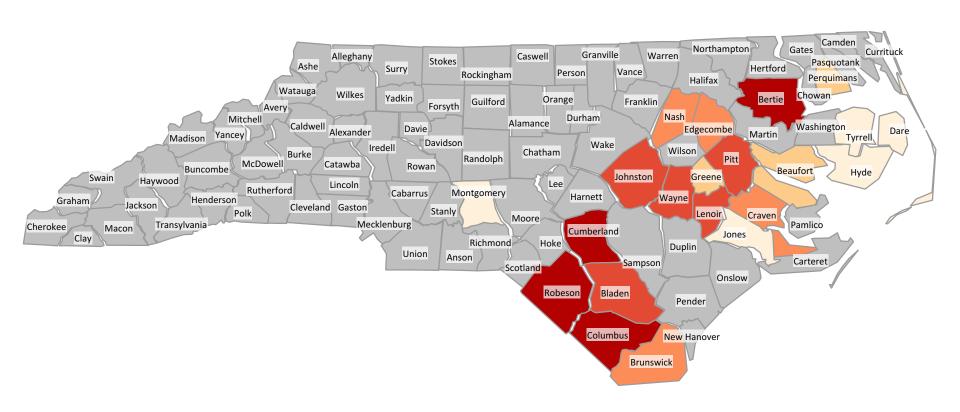
# By the Numbers

218 21 new housing units total grants counties 177.19 15 linear miles of storm repaired or replaced trips to Lumberton debris removed fire stations and EMS 286 miles between jet skis removed from miles driven on I-95 Candor and Ocracoke trees in Hope Mills

# Awards by Golden LEAF Board Meeting

Meeting Date	Grants	Dollars
April 6	14	\$10m
June 1	9	\$9.9m
August 3	10	\$6.3m
October 5	16	\$9.4m
December 7	22	\$13.8m

# **Awards by County**



# Awards by Project Type

Project Type	Grants	Dollars
Infrastructure to Support New Housing	5	\$2.4m
Public Building(s)	17	\$19.5m
Water, Sewer, or Stormwater Infrastructure	22	\$12.4m
Debris Removal	10	\$5.1m
Other	17	\$9.9m

# Infrastructure to Support New Housing

Grantee	# of New Housing Units
Fair Bluff	36
Tabor City	48
Kinston	60
Bertie County	24
Lumbee Tribe	50



Tabor Landing Groundbreaking, July 25, 2017

# Public Buildings



Lumberton Public Works



Pine Terrace Fire Department, Lumberton

# Water, Sewer, Stormwater







Benson Ayden Fountain

# Water, Sewer, Stormwater





Candor Fayetteville

## Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue Squad Station





# Lenoir County Cooperative Extension







# Public Schools of Robeson County







### Status of Funds

Total Appropriated	\$50,000,000
Total Awarded	\$49,367,932.73
Disbursed*	\$3,217,251.52
Unencumbered	\$632,067.27

#### Why haven't more funds been disbursed?

- Grantee may opt to request funds on a reimbursement basis
- Projects delayed due to bidding and procurement
- Projects delayed due to FEMA or other policy considerations
- Design/engineering underway, no costs billed yet

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### Questions?

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