

Summary of Projections and Recommendations

This report has been prepared pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-437.74(b), by the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”), which administers the **One North Carolina Fund** (the “OneNC Program”). Its purpose is to provide the General Assembly with information on the minimum current funding level required for the upcoming fiscal year, to implement the OneNC Program.

The DOC’s analysis has determined that up to \$5 million will be required to be expended from now through FY 2023-2024, reflecting expected payment obligations to be incurred under OneNC grant agreements through 2022-2023 FY.

Background of the OneNC Program

The One North Carolina Fund (One NC) was created in 1993 to help North Carolina achieve its stated goal of economic growth through uniform regional prosperity. The fund helps the state achieve this goal by recruiting and expanding quality jobs in high value-added, knowledge-driven industries, and by providing “financial assistance to those businesses or industries deemed by the Governor to be vital to a healthy and growing State economy and that are making significant efforts to expand in North Carolina.”

Statutorily, One NC grants may only be used for installation or purchase of equipment; structural repairs, improvements, or renovations to existing buildings to be used for expansion; construction of or improvements to new or existing water, sewer, gas or electric utility distribution lines, or equipment for existing buildings, or for new or proposed buildings to be used for manufacturing or industrial operations.

In order to be eligible for a One NC, the project seeking assistance must be competitive; that is, “but for” the receipt of the One NC, the project would not occur in North Carolina.

ESTIMATED FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023		
Current balance of OneNC for upcoming disbursements for remainder of FY 22-23 as of 3-17-23		\$13,105,407
FY 23-24 recurring OneNC disbursements Budget		\$9,000,000
Total Funds Available for FY 23-24	=	\$22,105,407
Less - Estimated payments that will be made through FY 23-24		\$5,000,000.00
Excess funds (shortfall) for FY 23-24	=	\$17,105,407