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Subject: State Technical Assistance and Matching Program (STAMP) Legislative Report as required by S.L. 2023-134 Section 23.2(c)

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

This appropriation provides:

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

As required by S.L. 2023-134, Sec. 23.2(c), this report provides details on the allocation of these funds.

State Technical Assistance and Matching Program (STAMP)

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

Technical Assistance

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

- 1) In-house Support, i.e., funding for agencies to hire time-limited positions or third-party contractors, and

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- 2) OSBM-provided Support, i.e., direct support from a consulting team hired by OSBM to provide technical assistance.

OSBM compiles and reviews In-house Support applications on the 15th of every month and OSBM-provided Support applications on a weekly basis.

Table 1 summarizes STAMP-TA funds allocated since December 15, 2023, for time-limited positions.

Table 1: STAMP-TA Time Limited Position Allocations

Agency	Request Title	Allocation	Positions
Environmental Quality	Integrated Federal Funding Opportunity Mgmt.	\$250,000	2.00
OSBM	Federal Funds Analyst	\$450,000	1.00
Natural and Cultural Resources	Hometown Strong Grant Program *	\$0	0.00
North Carolina State University	Commercial Leap Ahead for Wide Bandgap Semiconductors (CLAWS)**	TBD	TBD
TOTAL		\$700,000	3.00

* Requested support for the Hometown Strong Grant Program was deemed ineligible for STAMP funding.

** North Carolina State University's CLAWS request for \$3.6 million is under review.

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

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

Agency	Request Title	Allocation	Contractor/Consultant
Commerce	Gathering Resources for Offshore Wind	\$67,500	DARE Strategies LLC
OSBM	State Technical Assistance and Match Program - OSBM-provided Support	\$1,991,216	Deloitte & Touche LLP
TOTAL		\$2,058,716	

State Matching Funds

OSBM launched the STAMP state matching funds component (STAMP-SMF) on January 4, 2024. The first applications for STAMP-SMF were due on January 15, 2024, and OSBM will review applications on the 15th of every month. Due to the short time between launch and the first application deadline, OSBM has not yet received any STAMP-SMF applications. However, OSBM expects significant demand for these resources as awareness of STAMP-SMF increases and agencies continue to submit applications for federal funding opportunities.

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