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TO: Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources
Fiscal Research Division

FROM: Dr. Patricia Mitchell, CEcD
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RE: NCGS 143B-472.128 (j)(8)
FY 15 REPORT on Rural Division Grant Activity
and Policy Recommendations

GRANT AWARDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS:

The attached documents summarize the following for the Building Reuse, Economic Infrastructure, CDBG-ED and Utility Fund grant programs within the Rural Division:

- An Excel spreadsheet displaying total number of grant awards made July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Organized by program (Building Reuse, Economic Infrastructure, Utility Fund, CDBG-ED) and then by date awarded, the excel sheet identifies the county, the applicant, Tier (at time of award), project business, requested amount, award amount and the number of jobs committed by project business.
- Maps of the geographical distribution of the awards by program.
- Map of the cumulative distribution of grant awards.

The Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) awarded these grants between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Rural Infrastructure Authority determined at the beginning of the Fiscal Year (FY15) they would revisit current award criteria for the rural grant programs of Building Reuse and Economic Infrastructure. Criteria now established for those two grant categories include a wage standard, health benefit standard, and the State's development priority industries standard. The Utility Fund and CDBG-ED have criteria as established in legislation.
2. Beginning in FY15 and as directed by the General Assembly, the RIA began granting Building Reuse funds to rural census tracts of Tier 3 counties. The RIA, also at the direction of the General Assembly, developed a grant program for an "existing business" category of building reuse and a building demolition program.
3. The Assistant Secretary engaged the Authority in discussions of the following: How can the Division better inform local governments of available resources? How can the Division assist local government units in meeting the need for preliminary project planning to enable them to apply for grants? In what ways can we better evaluate the effectiveness of our grants into local communities? (NCGS 143B-472.128 (j) (5) (6) (7))

In the attempt to better inform local government units and communities of the programs of the Rural Division, the Assistant Secretary made forty-eight (48) presentations to local communities or groupings in FY15. An additional approximate fifteen (15) presentations were made to communities/groupings by the Assistant Secretary's Manager of Operations. The Division's staff of grant managers made occasional conference presentations explaining grant guidelines, submission and reporting requirements.

In the attempt to better assist local government units in preliminary project planning, the existing community planners (formerly Division of Community Assistance) have reorganized their work and now function as Economic Advancement and Planning. Having lost several planners in this budget year, this reorganization and work has not completely been enacted, but will be within the next several months. A major function of the planners is to assist local government units in planning activities that will enhance their opportunities to create economic advancement.

In evaluating our grant activity, a concerted effort will begin early 2016. Our rural grants are typically two year grants. December 2015 is the period that our first awards will hit their two-year mark. At that time, we can begin to evaluate grant activity as grant cycles close – or are amended – and determine job and investment attainment.

END OF REPORT



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BUILDING REUSE

	Award Date	County	Applicant	Tier	Project Business	Requested Amount	Award Amount	Jobs
1	8/21/2014	Ashe	Ashe County	2	Ashe Medics	50,000	50,000	5
2	8/21/2014	Burke	Burke County	1	Richelieu Legwear	500,000	500,000	100
3	8/21/2014	Davidson	Davidson County	2	Atrium Windows & Doors	245,462	245,462	25
4	8/21/2014	Halifax	Town of Scotland Neck	1	Ventosa K9 Elite	50,000	50,000	5
5	8/21/2014	Randolph	City of Archdale	2	Ambella Home Collection	116,192	116,192	12
6	8/21/2014	Randolph	Randolph County	2	PetPro	380,000	380,000	38
7	10/23/2014	Davie	Davie County	2	Dunlop Aircraft Tyres, Inc.	500,000	500,000	40
8	10/23/2014	Surry	Town of Elkin	1	Prism Medical Products, LLC	300,000	300,000	30
9	12/18/2014	Alexander	Alexander County	2	Precision Materials	150,000	150,000	15
10	12/18/2014	Beaufort	City of Washington	1	idX Impressions	500,000	500,000	50
11	12/18/2014	Chowan	Town of Edenton	1	Standard Medical Acceptance, Inc.	127,455	127,455	11
12	12/18/2014	Rutherford	Rutherford County	1	Family Preservation Services of NC, Inc.	122,190	122,190	13
13	12/18/2014	Granville	Granville County	2	IDEAL Fastener	500,000	254,826	21
14	12/18/2014	Halifax	Halifax County	1	Weldon Steel	33,794	33,794	4
15	12/18/2014	Montgomery	Montgomery County	1	Grede Holdings, LLC	200,000	200,000	20
16	12/18/2014	Randolph	Town of Seagrove	2	H&H Furniture	100,000	100,000	20
17	1/8/2015	Davidson	City of Thomasville	2	Ennis-Flint	500,000	500,000	40
18	2/19/2015	Alexander	Alexander County	2	Huntington House	500,000	500,000	40
19	2/19/2015	Bladen	Bladen County	1	Carrol Poultry, LLC	250,000	250,000	50
20	2/19/2015	Caldwell	Town of Hudson	2	Associated Hardwoods	125,000	125,000	10
21	2/19/2015	Catawba	City of Claremont	2	Prysmian Cables and Systems USA	240,000	240,000	24
22	2/19/2015	Davidson	City of Thomasville	2	Wildcat Territory	170,000	170,000	17
23	2/19/2015	Franklin	Town of Youngsville	2	Youngsville Animal Hospital	15,000	15,000	3
24	2/19/2015	Graham	Graham County	1	Oak Valley Hardwoods	500,000	500,000	40
25	2/19/2015	Hoke	City of Raeford	2	Butterball	500,000	500,000	100
26	2/19/2015	Martin	Martin County	1	Ann's House of Nuts	500,000	500,000	50
27	2/19/2015	Martin	Martin County	1	Syfan Manufacturing	250,000	250,000	25
28	2/19/2015	Moore	Town of Aberdeen	3	Reliance Packaging, LLC	40,000	40,000	8
29	4/23/2015	Ashe	Ashe County	1	American Emergency Vehicles	500,000	500,000	40
30	4/23/2015	Burke	City of Morganton	2	American Hospitality Furniture	212,500	212,500	17
31	4/23/2015	Chowan	Town of Edenton	1	Albemarle Urgent Care	18,020	18,020	2

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32	4/23/2015	Franklin	Franklin County	2	Palziv North Ameroca	500,000	500,000	40
33	4/23/2015	Hyde	Hyde County	1	1718: Ocracoke Brewing Company	55,000	25,000	5
34	4/23/2015	Martin	Martin County	1	Penco Products	220,000	220,000	22
35	4/23/2015	Stanly	Stanly County	2	Kraftsman	240,000	240,000	20
36	4/23/2015	Surry	Surry County	1	Johnson Granite	80,000	80,000	8
37	6/18/2015	Burke	City of Morganton	2	Duralee Fine Furniture	410,000	410,000	41
38	6/18/2015	Duplin	Duplin County	2	Villari Bros. Foods	500,000	106,218	9
39	6/18/2015	Gaston	City of Cherryville	2	Modern Polymers	133,021	133,021	11
40	6/18/2015	Granville	Granville County	2	NT Techno USA	200,000	200,000	20
41	6/18/2015	Macon	Macon County	1	Brasstown Beef	100,000	87,777	9
42	6/18/2015	Rockingham	Rockingham County	1	Karastan Rug Mills	500,000	500,000	40
43	6/18/2015	Wilkes	Town of North Wilkesboro	2	Cub Creek Kitchens & Baths	62,500	62,500	5
44	6/18/2015	Catawba	City of Hickory	2	Blue Bloodhound, LP	500,000	259,400	105
45	6/18/2015	Confidential	Confidential	1	Project Hook	300,000	300,000	24
46	6/18/2015	Guilford	City of High Point	2	Vault	180,000	180,000	15
Building Reuse Total						\$12,176,134	\$11,254,355	1,249

ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

	Award Date	County	Applicant	Tier	Project Business	Requested Amount	Award Amount	Jobs
1	10/23/2014	Davie	Town of Mocksville	2	Gildan	332,500	332,500	205
2	10/23/2014	McDowell	McDowell County	2	Suttles Trucking & Adkins Trucking	100,000	100,000	10
3	10/23/2014	Rutherford	Town of Rutherfordton	1	Tryon Equestrian Properties, LLC	500,000	500,000	50
4	11/5/2014	Nash	Town of Nashville	2	Carolina Innovative Food Ingredients	157,575	157,575	64
5	2/19/2015	Davidson	Davidson County	2	Frenzelit North America	162,500	162,500	13
6	4/23/2015	Cherokee	Cherokee County	2	Peachtree Manor, Inc.	71,678	71,678	49
7	4/23/2015	Confidential	Confidential	2	Project Quarter	500,000	500,000	80
8	4/23/2015	Gaston	Gaston County	2	Tosaf	500,000	500,000	60
9	4/23/2015	Sampson	Sampson County	2	Kansas City Sausage	500,000	500,000	50
Economic Infrastructure Total						\$2,824,253	\$2,824,253	581

IDF UTILITY ACCOUNT

	Award Date	County	Applicant	Tier	Project Business	Requested Amount	Award Amount	Jobs
1	12/18/2014	Edgecombe	Town of Tarboro	1	General Foam Plastics	1,000,000	750,000	100
2	12/18/2014	Perquimans	Perquimans County	1	N/A	1,500,000	1,500,000	N/A
3	12/18/2014	Stanly	Stanly County	2	N/A	500,000	500,000	N/A
4	2/19/2015	Alexander	Alexander County	2	Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams	200,000	100,000	20
5	2/19/2015	Davie	Town of Mocksville	2	N/A, Industrial park development	450,000	450,000	N/A

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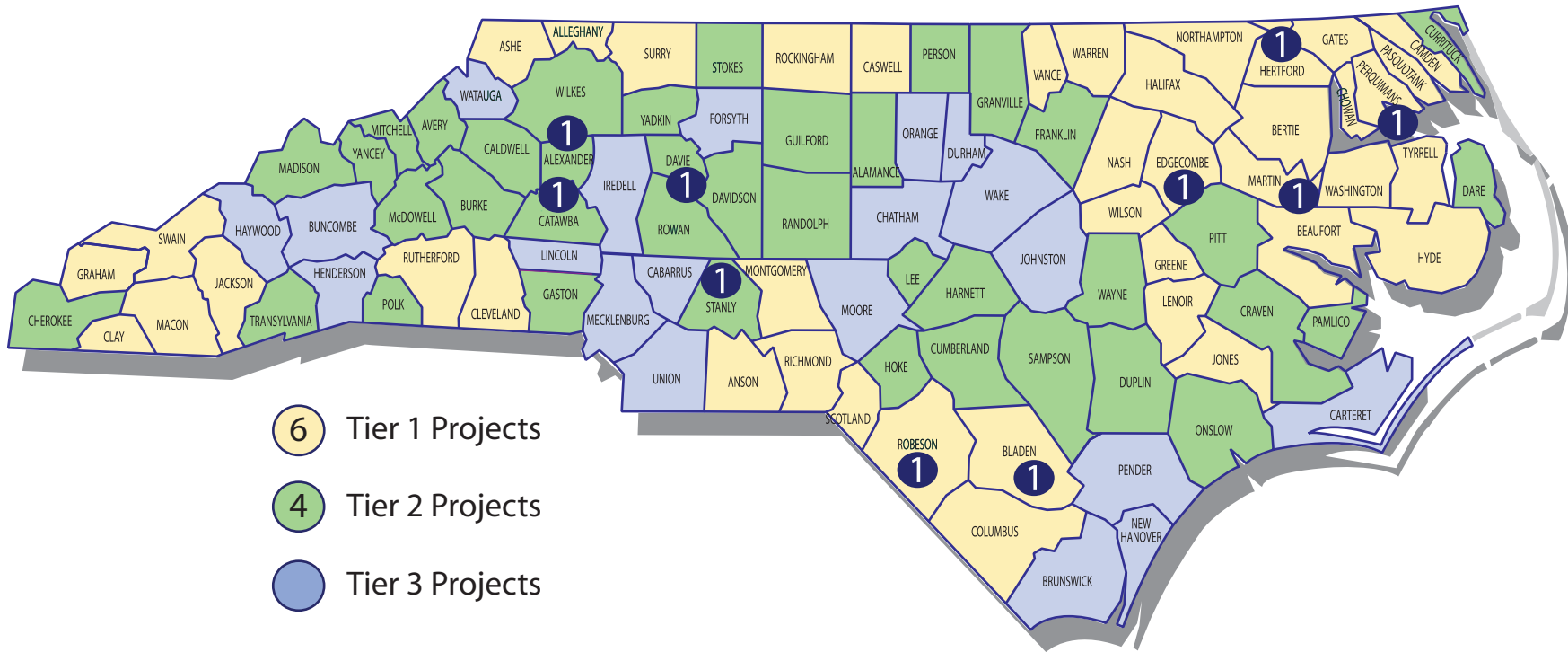
6	4/23/2015	Martin	Martin County	1	Everetts Industrial Park	926,675	926,675	N/A
7	6/18/2015	Bladen	Town of Elizabethtown	1	N/A	417,103	417,103	N/A
8	6/18/2015	Hertford	Town of Murfreesboro	1	N/A	602,000	602,000	N/A
9	6/18/2015	Robeson	Robeson County	1	Asbury Carbons Rail Spur	208,000	208,000	16
IDF Utility Account Total						\$5,803,778	\$5,453,778	136

CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

	Award Date	County	Applicant	Tier	Project Business	Requested Amount	Award Amount	Jobs
1	8/21/2014	Chatham	Town of Siler City	3	Carolina Premium Foods	750,000	750,000	38
2	8/21/2014	Davidson	Davidson County	2	Site Development Loan	7,000,000	7,000,000	N/A
3	10/23/2014	Mitchell	Town of Spruce Pine	1	PRC Industries, Inc.	238,575	238,575	232
4	10/23/2014	Sampson	Sampson County	2	Enviva Pellets Sampson, LLC	566,925	566,925	80
5	11/5/2014	Davidson	Davidson County	2	Thomson Plastics	750,000	750,000	38
6	11/5/2014	Nash	Town of Nashville	2	Carolina Innovative Food Ingredients	479,925	479,925	64
7	11/5/2014	Robeson	Town of Pembroke	1	Trinity Foods	456,638	456,638	50
8	12/18/2014	Davidson	Davidson County	2	Surface Source USA	400,000	400,000	20
9	12/18/2014	Lincoln	Lincoln County	3	Carolina Nonwovens LLC	500,000	500,000	25
10	2/19/2015	Chowan	Town of Edenton	1	Jimbo's Jumbos	562,080	562,080	78
11	2/19/2015	Confidential	Confidential	2	Project Pegasus	600,000	600,000	50
12	2/19/2015	Hoke	City of Raeford	2	Butterball	1,000,000	1,000,000	84
13	4/23/2015	Davidson	City of Thomasville	2	North American Implements	120,000	120,000	6
14	4/23/2015	Davidson	City of Thomasville	2	Y & Y Hardwood	240,000	240,000	12
15	4/23/2015	Davidson	Town of Denton	2	Century Hosiery	131,250	131,250	11
16	4/23/2015	Sampson	Sampson County	2	Kansas City Sausage Company	500,000	500,000	50
17	6/18/2015	Confidential	Confidential	1	Project Rao	750,000	750,000	38
18	6/18/2015	Davidson	City of Lexington	2	Masterbrand Cabinets	750,000	750,000	38
19	6/18/2015	Davidson	City of Lexington	2	Piedmont Candy	750,000	750,000	38
20	6/18/2015	Davie	Town of Mocksville	2	Avgol American	221,760	221,760	50
21	6/18/2015	Randolph	City of Asheboro	2	Technimark	490,000	490,000	163
22	6/18/2015	Robeson	Robeson County	1	Asbury Carbons	240,000	240,000	16
23	6/18/2015	Robeson	Town of St. Pauls	1	Sanderson Farms	1,000,000	1,000,000	900
CDBG Economic Development Total						\$18,497,153	\$18,497,153	2,081
Grand Totals						\$39,301,318	\$38,029,539	4,047

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