



**Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
Museum of Natural Sciences Special Fund Report  
Required by G.S. § 143B-135.225  
September 30, 2024**

**G.S. § 143B-135.225. Museum of Natural Sciences; fees; fund.**

(a) **Fund.** - The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Fund is created as a special fund. The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Fund shall be used for repair, renovation, expansion, maintenance, and educational exhibit construction at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and to match private funds raised for these projects.

(b) **Certain Admission Fees Permitted; Disposition of Receipts.** - The Museum may collect a charge for special exhibitions, special events, and other temporary attractions. All Museum receipts shall be credited to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences' General Fund operating budget. At the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary may transfer from the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences' General Fund operating budget to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Fund an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

(c) **Approval.** - The Secretary may approve the use of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Fund for repair and renovation projects at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences recommended by the Advisory Commission that comply with the following:

- (1) The total project cost is less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).
- (2) The project meets the requirements of G.S. 143C-8-13(a).

(d) **Report.** - The Department shall submit to the House and Senate appropriations committees with jurisdiction over natural and economic resources and the Fiscal Research Division by September 30 of each year a report on the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Fund that shall include the source and amounts of all funds credited to the Fund and the purpose and amount of all expenditures from the Fund during the prior fiscal year. (2015-241, s. 14.30(r); 2015-268, s. 5.4(e); 2017-57, s. 36.12(g).)

Source: June 2024 Certified and Authorized Budget Reports

**NOTE:** *The following MNS special funds existed prior to enactment of the above statute. When the MNS transferred to DNCR in FY2015-16, these special funds transferred as well. MNS has had no activity in special fund related to the above statute.*

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
209918 MNS-RESEARCH**

**BUDGET CODE: 24800  
BUDGET FUND: 209918**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>62,511.17</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
		<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			<b>62,511.17</b>

**Brief Description of 209918 MNS-Research**

- Special fund 209918 MNS-Research is used to provide funding for special research projects. One of the more recent projects was to determine the conservation status of crayfish species in North Carolina and it expected to start in fiscal year 2025. Work is in process to determine the next research project to utilize these funds. Plans are in place to utilize some funds during fiscal year 2025 for the conservation of crayfish species.
- There was no revenue received during fiscal year 2024.
- There were no expenditures for fiscal year 2024.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
209919 MNS-MUS PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

**BUDGET CODE: 24800  
BUDGET FUND: 209919**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>70,710.92</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
	Travel & Other Employee Expense		293.76
	Other Services		20.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>313.76</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			<b>70,397.16</b>

**Brief Description of 209919 MNS-Museum Public Programs**

- Special Fund 209919 Museum Public Programs was established to support various education programs for public audiences of the Museum of Natural Sciences. In recent years, the fund has been used to support educational field experiences for public audiences. Revenues received from registrant fees collected cover all direct costs of the field experiences, plus equipment and supplies needed to support the program.
- There were no educational field experiences for fiscal year 2024.
  - Fieldtrips were funded through Friends of the Museum for fiscal year 2024 with exception to travel reimbursement.
  - No revenues were collected for 2024.
  - Expenditures of \$293.76 was for in-state travel and \$20.00 for other services. Plans are in place to use the balance in this fund to provide resources needed to continue to offer field learning experiences to the Museum’s varied public audiences in fiscal year 2025 and beyond.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
209920 MNS-EXTENSION ACTIVITY**

**BUDGET CODE: 24800  
BUDGET FUND: 209920**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>98,325.92</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			<b>98,325.92</b>

**Brief Description of 209920 MNS-Extension Activity**

- Special Fund 209920 MNS-Extension Activity was set-up for the extension sites, Museum of Natural Sciences in Whiteville, and Prairie Ridge Ecostation in Raleigh. These locations run educational programs and activities at their locations.
- Plans are in process for utilizing the funds in this account during fiscal year 2025 and beyond.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
209921 MNS-MUS BELIZE FUNDS**

**BUDGET CODE: 24800  
BUDGET FUND: 209921**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>9,965.54</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			<b>9,965.54</b>

**Brief Description of 209921 MNS-Museum Belize Funds**

- Special Fund 209921 Museum Belize Funds was established to support the Tropical Ecology Institute (TEI), a signature offering of the Museum’s Educators of Excellence series of professional development workshops for North Carolina teachers.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
209922 MNS-MUS SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**BUDGET CODE: 24800  
BUDGET FUND: 209922**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>21,305.18</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
	Personal Services		4,379.21
			0.00
			0.00
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,379.21</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			<b>16,925.97</b>

**Brief Description of 209922 MNS-Museum School Programs**

- Special Fund 209922 Museum School Programs was established to support the various programs the Education Section offers to students and teachers.
- Plans are in place to use the \$16,925.97 balance in this fund in fiscal year 2025 to provide staffing and supplies required to offer programs to North Carolina students and teachers.
- \$4,379.21 was to cover temporary employees.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
209923-MNS-MUS GIRLS IN SCIENCE**

**BUDGET CODE: 24800  
BUDGET FUND: 209923**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
	STIF Interest		0.00
	Non-Capital Gifts		0.00
	Revenue, Misc.		0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
	Personal Services		0.00
	Purchased Services		0.00
	Supplies		0.00
	Property and Equipment		0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			<b>0.00</b>

**Brief Description of 209923-MNS-MUS GIRLS IN SCIENCE**

- This Special Fund is no longer used.
- The beginning and ending balance of this account was zero dollars and cents for fiscal year 2024.