

Gov. Ops on Helene Recovery

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Governor Stein has a **clear Vision** to drive Helene recovery

We will make communities safer...

 North Carolina will ensure affected residents have secure, healthy places to live

...and *stronger* than before...

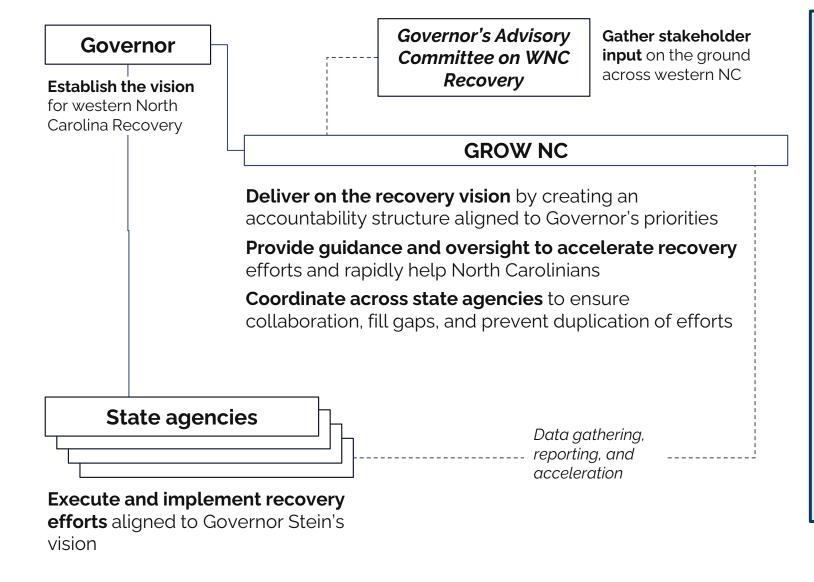
- The state will rebuild homes and infrastructure in a way that reduces damage in future disasters
- North Carolina will invest to revitalize businesses and spur new economic growth of key industries, helping communities grow, not just recover

...through a recovery that helps North Carolinians quickly.

- The state will put the best interests of impacted residents first and reduce red tape in favor of rebuilding homes and reopening businesses quickly
- The state will work to streamline and simplify the assistance process



The Governor's Recovery Office of Western North Carolina (GROW NC) will deliver on this vision by accelerating and overseeing a unified effort



GROW NC's mission is...

.to... accelerate recovery in western
North Carolina through home
rebuilding, business
revitalization, and
infrastructure restoration

...**by**... securing and deploying federal, state, and philanthropic resources quickly, effectively, and transparently

...**SO**... communities in western North Carolina can come back safer and stronger than ever before



GROW NC's functions are oriented to accelerate recovery and drive delivery

Community	engagement
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Engage to understand the needs of communities and maintain strong relationships

Operations

Drive and accelerate progress across agencies, provide expertise, promote collaboration

Communications

Communicate clearly and transparently with all stakeholders

Legal

Provide legal guidance on federal programs, regulatory policy, and compliance requirements

Finance & performance management

Oversee financial reporting and monitor KPIs to track progress

Data, compliance & reporting

Provide a single source of truth and establish clear data standards for accurate and consistent reporting

Summary of State Appropriations and Status of Expenditures

Session Law	Agency	Total Appropriation	Expenditures	Obligations	Balance
SL 2024-51	State Board of Elections	\$5 M	\$271.9 K	\$99.4 K	\$4.6 M
SL 2024-51 and	Dept. Of Public Safety	\$380 M	\$53.2 M	\$26 M	\$300.8 M
SL 2024-53	Office of State Budget & Management	\$7.5 M	\$7.5 M	-	\$0
	Dept. Of Commerce	\$56 M	\$56 M	-	\$0
	Dept. Of Environmental Quality	\$198 M	\$2.8M	\$43.2 M	\$151.9 M
SL 2024-53	Dept. Of Public Instruction	\$81 M	\$32.4 M	\$61.4 M	-\$12.4 M
	Dept. Of Health & Human Services	\$71.4 M	\$16.7 M	\$20.7 M	\$23.2 M
	NC Community College System	\$16.75 M	\$5.6 M	-	\$11.1 M
	Dept. Of State Treasurer	\$100.5 M	-	-	\$100 M
	University of North Carolina	\$15.5 M	\$6.5 M	\$2.5 M	\$6.5 M
	UNC State Education Assistance Authority	\$22.6 M	\$11.9 M	\$10.6 M	\$0
CL 2024 57	Dept. Of Agriculture & Consumer Services	\$27.21 M	\$100 K	\$670 K	\$27.1 M
SL 2024-57	Dept. Of Transportation	\$125 M	-	-	\$125 M

Agency Funds: Fully Expended

Agency	Purpose	Appropriation	Expended	Obligated	Balance
Office of State Budget & Management	Local Government Technical Assistance	\$7.5 M	\$7.5 M	-	\$0
Dont Of Commerce EDDNC	Visit NC Tourism Promotion	\$5 M	\$5 M	-	\$0
Dept. Of Commerce – EDPNC	EDPNC Business Loss Assessment	\$1 M	\$1 M	-	\$0
	Utility Assistance	\$9 M	\$202 K	\$8.8 M	\$0
Dept. Of Health & Human Services	Rental Assistance	\$1 M	\$1 M	-	\$0
	Local Health Dept. Support	\$12 M	\$70.6 K	\$11.9 M	\$0
	Emergency Grants for Affected Private College and University Students	\$1 M	\$1 M	-	\$0
	Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	\$3.5 M	\$2.1 M	\$1.4 M	\$0
UNC State Education Assistance Authority		\$15.6 M	\$7.6 M	\$8 M	\$0
	Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Colleges and Universities Additional Awards	\$2.5 M	\$1.2 M	\$1.3 M	\$0
Dept. Of Public Instruction	Capital Recovery Funds – Public School Facilities	\$50 M	\$29.9 M	\$57 M	-\$36.9 M*

^{*}These specific funds for DPI are over-obligated. The \$57 M in obligations represents requests under DPI review that appear eligible.

Agency Funds: Over-Obligated

Agency	Purpose	Appropriation	Expended	Obligated	Balance
Dept. Of Public Instruction	Capital Recovery Funds – Public School Facilities	\$50 M	\$29.9 M	\$57 M	-\$36.9 M*
Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services	DACS Facility Repairs	\$210 K	\$100 K	\$670 K	-\$560 K**

^{*}The \$57 M in obligations represents requests under DPI review that appear eligible. Additional need is required.

^{**}Existing funds will fall far short of anticipated obligations. Over 50% of current obligations are for engineering and architectural assessments only. Supplemental funding sources will need to be identified.

Agency Funds: Loans Status

Agency	Purpose	Allocation	Expended	Obligated	Balance
Dept. Of Commerce – Golden Leaf	Small Business Recovery Bridge Loans	\$50M	\$50M	-	\$0
Dept. of State Treasurer	Local Government Cash Flow Loans	\$100M	-	-	\$100M
Dept. Of Environmental Quality	Emergency Loans for Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Repair	\$100M	\$2.58M	\$40.1M	\$57.3M
	Emergency Loans for Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Repair – Reallocation	\$59M	-	-	\$59M
	Underground Storage Tank Repair Loans to Small Businesses	\$22M	-	-	\$22M
Dept. Of Transportation	Repair and Reconstruction of Transportation Infrastructure	\$125	-		

Agency Funds: Not Fully Expended

Agency	Purpose	Appropriation	Expended	Obligated	Balance
State Board Of Elections	Elections	\$5 M	\$272 K	\$99 K	\$4.6 M
Dept. Of State Treasurer	Line of Duty Death Benefits	\$500 K	-	-	\$500 K
	School Nutrition Employee Compensation	\$16 M			
	Technology Funds for Public Schools	\$5 M	-	-	\$5 M
Dept. Of Public Instruction	School Nutrition Food, Supplies, and Equipment Loss	\$5 M	-	\$2 M	-
	Additional Mental Health Funds for Public Schools	\$5 M	\$246 K	-	
NC Community College System	Tuition Grants for Students Attending Impacted Community Colleges	\$5 M	-	-	\$5 M
	Emergency Grants for Affected Community College Students	\$10.5 M	\$5.6 M	-	\$4.9 M
	Expanded Mental Health Support for Affected Community College Students	\$1.25 M	\$16 K	-	\$1.23 M
University of North Carolina System	Emergency Grants for Affected UNC Students	\$5 M	\$4.4 M	-	\$640 K
	Tuition Grants for UNC Asheville Students	\$5.5 M	\$2.2 M	\$2.5 M	\$820 K
	UNC Capital Recovery Funds	\$5 M	-	-	\$5 M

Agency Funds: Not Fully Expended

Agency	Purpose	Appropriation	Expended	Obligated	Balance
Dept. Of Environmental Quality	Technical Assistance for Assessments and Design	\$7 M	\$243 K	\$3.2 M	\$3.6 M
	Weatherization Assistance	\$10 M	-	-	\$10 M
	State Matching Funds	\$325 M	\$51 M	-	\$274 M
Dept. Of Public Safety – Emergency Management	State and Local Gov't Unmet Needs	\$50 M	\$2.2 M	\$26 M	\$21.8 M
	NCEM Floodplain Mapping	\$5 M	-	-	\$5 M
Dept. Of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Soil and Water Conservation Technical Assistance	\$2 M	-	-	\$2 M
	Debris Removal	\$25 M	-	-	\$25 M
Dept. Of Health & Human Services	Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)	\$10 M	\$3.4 M	-	\$6.6 M
	Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes Disaster Relief	\$10 M	-	-	\$10 M
	Child Welfare Essential Services	\$3 M	\$2.7 M	-	\$ 300 K
	Essential Services for Vulnerable Adults	\$1.4 M	\$1.26 M	-	\$140 K
	Mental Health Crisis Supports and Support for Individuals with I/DD	\$25 M	\$8.1 M	-	\$16.9 M

Summary of State Appropriations by Category

