



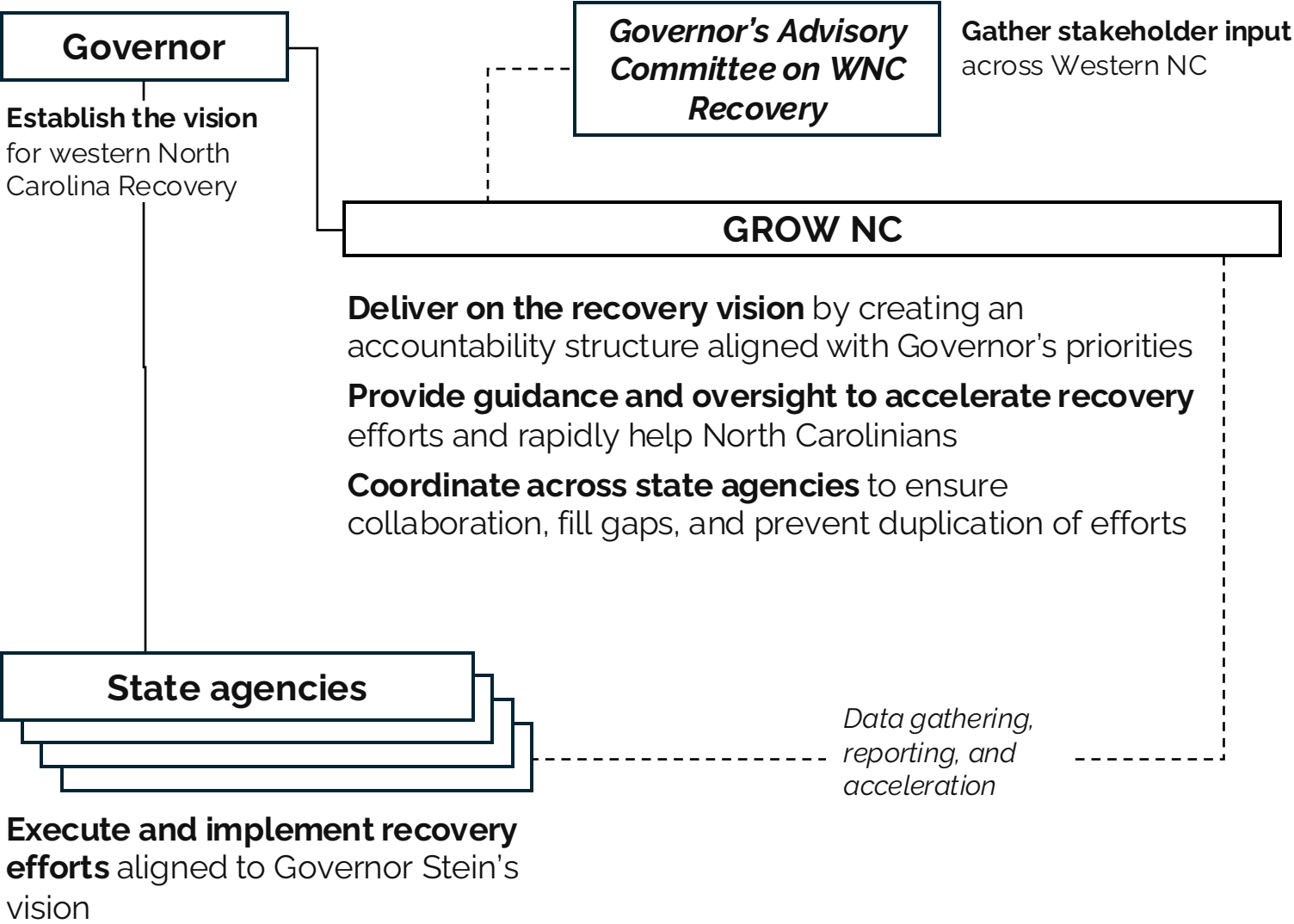
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The Governor’s Recovery Office of Western North Carolina (GROW NC) will deliver on the Governor’s vision by accelerating and overseeing the effort



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*

GROW NC is working with state and federal agencies to accelerate deployment of Helene funding – as of March 31, approximately 80% of available state funds had been put to work

State Funding

\$1.57bn

Funds allocated by the North Carolina General Assembly to State Agencies for Helene recovery

Federal Grant Funding

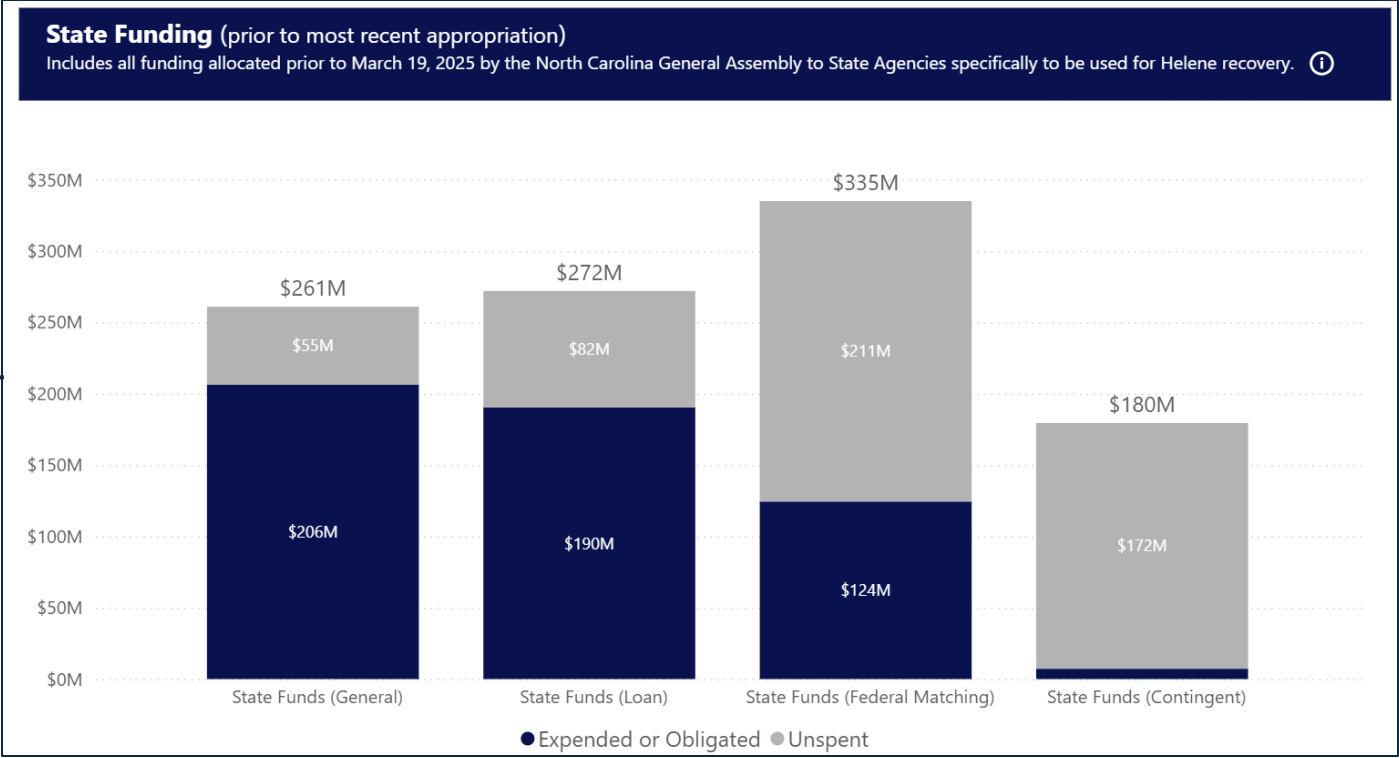
\$2.7bn

Federal Funds allocated to the State of North Carolina for Helene recovery

Federal Direct Funding

\$1.4bn

Funds obligated/disbursed by Federal agencies directly to Helene-impacted individuals and communities



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\$524 million in new state funds signed into law on March 19, 2025

The Trump Administration Approved Governor Stein's HUD Action Plan for Western North Carolina on April 25

Trump Administration Approves Governor Stein's Housing Recovery Action Plan for Western North Carolina

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development moves \$1.4 billion CDBG-DR grant forward for western North Carolina

RALEIGH, NC

Governor Josh Stein announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved North Carolina's Action Plan for a \$1.4 billion grant to help western North Carolina rebuild following Hurricane Helene. When compared to other states' performance over the past decade, North Carolina submitted its Helene Action Plan to HUD in the [shortest](#) amount of time following a major hurricane.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved North Carolina's Action Plan for a \$1.4 billion grant to help western North Carolina rebuild following Hurricane Helene.
- North Carolina submitted its Helene Action Plan to HUD in **one of the shortest amounts of time of any state following a major hurricane.**
- Approving the Action Plan was the required next step for North Carolina to receive federal funds from the CDBG-DR grant award, which was first announced in January.
- Once HUD certifies the state's financial controls for the program, North Carolina can sign the grant agreement and begin committing these funds with a focus on housing and economic revitalization.

Debris removal progress

Debris Type	Status	Progress Measures (as of 5/20/25)
Right-of-way	Nearing completion	7,797,407 cubic yards
Waterway	Ongoing	4,374,588 cubic yards
Private/commercial property	Ongoing	3,005 parcels

NC Department of Transportation has now reopened more than 95% of state roads (93.4% fully, 3.6% partially)

Total Incidents

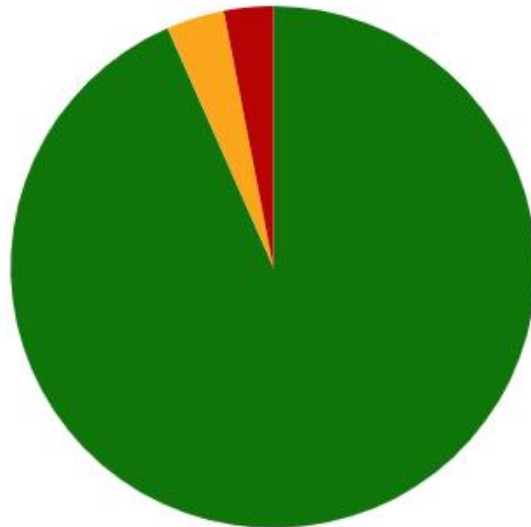
1,488

since beginning of Storm

Total Closures

1,435

since beginning of Storm



1,390

Fully Open

45

Current Closed

53

Partial Access

