

North Carolina Grant Opportunities

10/8/2025

Disaster Recovery Grants

- **Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program**
 - Purpose – Utilize \$55 million fund to help local governments and small businesses (150 or fewer employees) impacted by Hurricane Helene rebuild and repair critical infrastructure, restore and resume functions and operations, and support economic recovery and sustainability.
 - Award Min/Max – Maximum grant amount is \$1M per grantee.
 - Due Date – Awarded on a first come, first served basis, awards will be granted starting on June 30, 2025, and final award will be on or before June 30, 2026.

Other Grants

State Grants

- **Community Based Substance Use Disorders Services Access**
 - Purpose – Utilize \$6 million fund to expand access substance use disorder services and supports across the state of North Carolina that address documented gaps in access. This program aims to address the causes of the uneven distribution of the success of substance use disorder programming across the state to build a system of care that meets each North Carolinian's specific needs.
 - Award Min/Max – Maximum of \$500,000
 - Due Date – Applications Due November 3, 2025
- **Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund 2025**
 - Purpose – Utilize \$20 million fund to support disaster relief and mitigation by units of local government and nonprofit organizations, particularly applicants located in the Tropical Storm Helene-affected area. Funding will support flood mitigation, transportation infrastructure resilience against natural disasters, and engineering assistance to identify and design shovel-ready projects.
 - Award Min/Max – Awards of up to \$2 million for a single recipient, and up to \$4 million for a single county.
 - Due Date – Applications Due November 28, 2025
- **Food Waste Reduction Grant**
 - Purpose – The purpose of this grant program is to help local governments, non-profits, and businesses reduce the amount of wasted food being disposed of in landfills. The Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) administers the Food Waste Reduction (FWR) Grant through the Solid Waste Management Outreach Program.
 - Award Min/Max
 - Up to \$40,000 for Standard Projects
 - Up to \$60,000 for Priority Projects
 - Due Date – Proposals Due October 24, 2025



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- **Helene Local Government Capital Grant**
 - Purpose – Utilize \$50 million fund to provide capital funding to support local governments and federally recognized tribes in western North Carolina in the repair, renovation, or replacement of infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene.
 - Award Min/Max – Maximum of \$2,487,500
 - Due Date – Applications Due November 21, 2025
- **North Carolina Land & Water Fund – Donation Mini Grant Program**
 - Purpose – The purpose of this program is to provide support for the transaction, property management, and stewardship costs associated with the donation of property in fee simple or a permanent conservation agreement. All project acres must be restricted with a permanent conservation agreement to protect natural or cultural resources.
 - Award Min/Max – Awards of up to \$50,0000
 - Due Date – Applications Due January 15, 2026
- **Rural Building Reuse Program**
 - Purpose – The Building Reuse Program provides grants to local governments to assist with building improvements to real property, that will lead to the direct creation of new, full-time, private sector jobs. The program requires a cash match equal to the grant request amount.
 - Award Min/Max – Unspecified
 - Due Date – Funding has multiple deadlines, the next application deadline is October 23, 2025
- **Rural Demolition Program**
 - Purpose – The Demolition Program provides grants to local governments to assist with the demolition of blighted, publicly owned buildings to encourage site redevelopment for economic development purposes.
 - Award Min/Max – Funding amounts are determined by the county tier level, size of the building, and the potential for economic impact and job creation on the redeveloped site. Below are the maximum award amounts available:
 - Up to \$75,000 for buildings 100,000 square feet or less
 - Up to \$150,000 for buildings over 100,000 square feet and/or
 - No more than \$12,500 per projected job to be created on the rehabilitated site
 - Due Date – Funding has multiple deadlines, the next application deadline is October 23, 2025
- **Rural Infrastructure Program**
 - Purpose – The Infrastructure Program provides grants to local governments to assist with public infrastructure projects that will lead to the direct creation of new, full-time, private-sector jobs. The program requires a cash match of 5% of the grant request amount.
 - Award Min/Max – Unspecified
 - Due Date – Funding has multiple deadlines, the next application deadline is October 23, 2025



- **Rural Operating Assistance Program**

- **Purpose** – The purpose of this program is to provide state funded public transportation assistance to county governments or regional public transportation authorities under one of the following project categories:
 - Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)
 - Employment and Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)
 - Rural General Public Program (RGP)
- **Award Min/Max** - Unspecified
- **Due Date** – Applications due October 24, 2025

Federal Grants

- **American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) – Battlefield Restoration Grants**

- **Purpose** – Utilize \$3 million fund to support the restoration of day-of-battle conditions of eligible Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 battlefields. Program funding will support activities in the following categories for restoration projects at eligible properties:
 - **Scoping awards**: available for early stages of project development, such as research, documentation, and evaluation to determine appropriate treatment options that meet the Secretary of the Interior's standards; consultations with stakeholders; and development of comprehensive treatment and management plans, schematic designs, and/or specifications.
 - **Implementation awards**: available to entities that have completed planning activities prior to application and propose treatments that may include reconstruction of specific features or elements within a landscape, as long as there is adequate documentation and differentiation of new and historical elements
- **Award Min/Max** – \$30,000(Min) - \$750,000(Max)
- **Due Date** – Pre-applications due December 5, 2025 and full applications will be due January 8, 2026.

- **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)**

- **Purpose** – The purpose of this program is to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through multistate, collaborative projects. This program aims to create economic mobility and produce high-quality employment for workers who reside in the Appalachian Region, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities.
- **Award Min/Max** – Award maximums will vary according to project type:
 - **Planning Grants** – Up to \$500,000
 - **Implementation Grants** – Up to \$10,000,000
- **Due Date** – Pre-applications due December 5, 2025 and full applications will be due May 15, 2026.

- **Extension Risk Management Education Competitive Grants Program**

- **Purpose** – The purpose of this program is to provide support for the transaction, property management, and stewardship costs associated with the donation of property in fee simple or a permanent conservation agreement. All project acres must be restricted with a permanent conservation agreement to protect natural or cultural resources.



- Award Min/Max – An unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program, as follows:
 - Risk management education projects: approximately 12 to 15 awards of up to \$75,000
 - Underutilization of crop insurance projects: approximately 7 to 10 awards of up to \$100,000
 - Exploratory projects: awards of up to \$10,000
 - Awards of up to \$50,000
- Due Date – Applications Due November 13, 2025
- **Southern Integrated Pest Management Center Grants 2026**
 - Purpose – The purpose of this program is to support projects that will enhance the development and implementation of IPM in the southern region of the United States. Projects supported through this program must further the funding agency's mission to foster the development and adoption of IPM, a science-based approach to managing pests in ways that generate economic, environmental, and human health benefits. Support will be provided for projects regardless of commodity or setting, including crops, built environments, natural areas, livestock production, wildlife, forest health, and schools.
 - Award Min/Max – An estimated \$250,000 is available to support awards through this program. Award maximums will vary according to project type.
 - Due Date – Proposal due November 21, 2025
- **Sportfishing & Boating Safety Act - Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier 1**
 - Purpose – Utilize \$4 million fund to support the construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels that are at least 26 feet in length and that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure. Boating infrastructure eligible for this program includes the structures, equipment, accessories, and services that are necessary or desirable for a facility to accommodate eligible vessels. Transient vessels are recreational vessels staying no more than 15 days at a facility. Facilities must provide public access and may be publicly or privately owned.
 - Award Min/Max – Awards up to \$300,000
 - Due Date – Applications due October 27, 2025

Foundation Grants

- **Environmental Research & Education Foundation – Research Grants**
 - Purpose – The purpose of this program is to support research, conducted by qualified principal investigators (PIs) from academic and non-academic organizations, which addresses integrated solid waste management. This program places a strong focus on research that increases sustainable solid waste management practices. Funding will support project related to the following key priority areas:
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Emerging Contaminants
 - Advancing Materials Circularity & Recycling
 - Award Min/Max – Previous awards have ranged from \$15,000 to \$500,000 with an average of \$160,000.
 - Due Date – Applications due December 1, 2025



- **North Carolina Railroad Company - Build Ready Sites Program**
 - **Purpose** – The purpose of this program is to support economic development teams applying via a county or local municipality for the development and marketing of rail sites in North Carolina. The program goals are to leverage the funding agency's rail and safety expertise, assets, and strategic corridor to deliver dynamic services and top-tier solutions that drive economic growth and enhance community well-being. Funding is intended to:
 - Position North Carolina with a distinct competitive advantage
 - Remove development barriers
 - Improve site development timeline predictability
 - **Award Min/Max** – Up to \$500,000 (\$750,000 if site located along the NCRR corridor)
 - **Due Date** – Applications due October 17, 2025

