

## **Transitioning to a Recovery Based Economy: How to create economic opportunities in a recovery-based economy. Tips, Tricks and Suggestions! (10/23/24)**

### **Q&A Summary**

**Should a municipality that has limited funding attempt to identify line/s of credit with financial institutions to fund emergencies in the short term, due to the noted delays in financial assistance?**

Yes - but also look at FEMA's Community Disaster Loan program. This helps jump start rebuilding. BUT - need to ensure that you don't get too far ahead of FEMA process.

**Re: Fee waivers... I thought I heard that the state had passed a bill that compelled municipalities to waive fees related to the disaster. Can you clarify?**

There has been legislation passed in N.C. that requires local governments to waive certain fees through Dec. 31, 2024. I have pasted that language below, but you can find the link to the full legislation here: <https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2023/Bills/House/PDF/H149v5.pdf>.

*SECTION 16.2.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any single commercial or residential project, the Department of Insurance, counties, and cities shall not impose any fee associated with a permit, inspection, or certificate of occupancy required by law for construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, movement to another site, removal, or demolition of a manufactured home, building, dwelling, or structure damaged as a direct result of Hurricane Helene.*

You'll need to comply with State regulations. Once no longer obligated to do so, it's important to understand what the long term strategy for permitting is, and if it's viable to extend waiver provisions.