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North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency
Notice of Funds Available:

State Revolving Loans for Temporary Cash Assistance to Local and Tribal Governments

The North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency is pleased to announce new funding to assist local governments and tribal governments adversely affected by recent natural disasters through the State Revolving Loans for Temporary Cash Assistance to Local Governments established last year.

In response to the impact of recent major storms on the budget and cash positions of certain local governments and tribal governments, the North Carolina General Assembly established this loan fund to provide assistance to jurisdictions under the following Presidential Disaster Declarations:

- Hurricane Matthew (DR-4285)
- Hurricane Florence (DR-4393)
- Tropical Storm Michael (DR-4412)
- Hurricane Dorian (DR-4465)

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According to Section 1.5 of S.L 2018-138 and Section 1.2(3)(a) of S.L. 2019-250, North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) will administer 0% interest loans of up to $2,000,000 to eligible local governments and tribal governments for prompt payment of vendors providing goods and services for disaster response and recovery and for supporting other immediate expenses that are reimbursable through various federal disaster response, recovery, and resiliency programs. Proceeds from this revolving loan fund will be limited only to federally reimbursable expenses and repayment of the loans will occur at the time of reimbursement by the respective federal agency.

Eligibility
This loan program is open to county governments defined in G.S. 153A-10; incorporated municipalities as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2); and tribal governments identified under G.S. 71A and designated under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-
288) as a result of Hurricane Matthew (DR-4285), Hurricane Florence (DR-4393), Tropical Storm Michael (DR-4412), or Hurricane Dorian (DR-4465) and have disaster-related expenses eligible for federal reimbursement.

In order to be considered for a loan under this program, eligible local governments and tribal governments must complete and submit (1) a loan application and (2) a NCORR Application Unit Financial Information form.

Award Criteria
In collaboration with the Local Government Commission, the Office of State Budget and Management, NCORR will evaluate all loan submissions and award based on the following criteria:

- FY 2019-20 budgeted General Fund revenue and expenditures
- Completed “NCORR Application Unit Financial Information” form
- General Fund debt service for FY2019-20
- All other non-General Fund debt service for FY2019-20
- Insufficient budget to cover operating expenses such as payroll or vendor payments
- Diminishing tax or auxiliary revenues due to outmigration of population or other disruptions to services
- Increased risk of not servicing debt payments
- Ratio of Estimated FY 2019-2020 FEMA Public Assistance Vendor Payments as a percent of general fund - fund balance
- Ratio of Estimated FY 2019-20 FEMA Public Assistance Vendor Payments as a percent of general fund operating expenditures
- Documentation that shows funding received since September 14, 2018 or currently pending including grants and loans from FEMA Public Assistance, insurance payments from NFIP, or grants and loans from other federal programs

Associated Deadlines
1. Application Deadline: NCORR will be accepting and approving loan funds on an ongoing basis.
2. NCORR Notice of Loan Approval Deadline: 10 business days from the Application Submission Date.
3. Loan Maturity: 3 years from the execution of the loan agreement.
4. Quarterly Progress Reports due to NCORR Staff: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December.
5. Final report due: Once all loan proceeds are reimbursed by the federal government or 31 March 2023, whichever date comes first.

Application Submission

Eligible local governments and tribal governments are encouraged to apply for the State Revolving Loans for Temporary Cash Assistance to Local Governments by returning the completed application form, the NCORR Application Unit Financial Information form, and required supporting documentation to ncorrgrants@ncdps.gov.