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North Carolina State Budget Allocations to Lincoln County

(Lincolnton) The North Carolina State Budget allocated more than 53 million dollars for the benefit of Lincoln County citizens when House Bill 259 became law this fall. Lincoln County Commissioners want to thank North Carolina State Representative Jason Saine, a Senior Appropriations Chairman in the House of Representatives and Senator Ted Alexander for advocating for our community. "We are grateful for the consideration and monetary attention from the General Assembly and want to express a sincere thanks to Representative Saine and Senator Alexander for their continued advocacy and tireless efforts to support Lincoln County, and its citizens. The County, through these additional appropriations, is able to provide our citizens with additional benefits that may not be possible otherwise," says Chairman Carrol Mitchem. The following is a breakdown of the projects along with the item number from the House Committee Report that will be funded in the 2023 North Carolina State Budget. The list includes allocations to Lincoln County, the City of Lincolnton, Lincoln County Schools, multiple fire departments, and other private entities operating within Lincoln County.

423 - Lincoln County – Equipment: \$5,000,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County for public safety equipment including county wide emergency radio replacement and upgrade.

424 – Lincoln County – Record Digitization: \$245,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County to digitize Lincoln County newspapers and related activities.

425 – Lincoln County Sheriff's Office: \$1,600,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County for the sheriff's office for the purpose a range tower, rifle qualifying range, a training building with a 30 officer capacity classroom.



426 – Lincoln County Schools – Athletic Facilities: \$2,000,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County Schools for athletic facility upgrades.

427 – Lincoln County Schools – Lighting Improvements: \$4,000,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County Schools for lighting improvements at athletic facilities at East Lincoln High School, Lincolnton High School, North Lincoln High School, and West Lincoln High School.

428 – Lincoln County Schools, Cultural Projects: \$130,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County Schools to support cultural and historical projects. Specifically, for the creation of a memorial for General Benjamin Lincoln, a project by East Lincoln High students.

304 – Foundation for Education: \$2,000,000.00

Provides a directed grant to the Foundation for Education, Inc. in Denver, NC.

184 - Lincoln County: \$18,000,000.00

Provides a grant to Lincoln County for capital improvements or equipment at the county library.

46 - City of Lincolnton: \$750,000.00

Provides a grant from the Transportation Reserve to the City of Lincolnton for paving and other capital improvements at the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport

75 – Alexis VFD, Inc.: \$3,131,800.00

Provides a directed grant to the Alexis Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for capital improvements and equipment which includes replacement of backup generators for both stations, a fire engine, and a tanker.

384 – Howard's Creek VFD, Inc.: \$975,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Howard's Creek Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. for the replacement of a fire engine and equipment.

493 – North Brook VFD, Inc.: \$2,850,000.00

Provides a directed grant to the North Brook Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for a new substation and a new engine and tanker truck.

359 – Heartbeats – A Pregnancy Care Center, Inc.: \$400,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Heartbeats – A Pregnancy Care Center, Inc. for Women's Health Center Building completion.



470 – Mount Vernon Rosenwald Building: \$300,000.00

Provides a directed grant to the Mount Vernon Rosenwald Building for Capital Improvements.

266 – Denver Area Business Association, Inc.: \$800,000.00

Provides a directed grant to Denver Area Business Association, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing land for annual fireworks show and additional community activities.

Allocations from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Item #102, Lines 12-13: \$11,450,000.00

\$11,450,000 to Lincoln County. \$1,450,000 of this allocation shall be used for the Lincoln County water line extension on Laboratory Road.

The following additional appropriations have also been allocated and directed towards the following projects:

Lincoln Landmarks, Inc.: \$275,000.00

Property work and establishment of an endangered properties funds.

Lincoln County School System: \$130,000.00

Rehab of historic Fairview School, North Brook Elementary School

Lincoln County: \$145,000.00

Trail associated with new E. Lincoln Library and other County related projects

Machpelah Church non-profit: \$25,000.00

Airport Improvements: \$140,000

Fire Service Radios: \$400,000

Optimist Fields: \$40,000

Crime Stoppers: \$10,000

Child Advocacy Center of Lincoln Co.: \$100,000

Lincoln County Senior Center: \$25,000