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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations
Committees, and North Carolina General Assembly
Fiscal Research Division

FROM: Richard Trumper, OSBM Disaster Recovery Director

SUBJECT: Quarterly Implementation Status Report of State Emergency
Response and Disaster Relief Funds (SERDRF) Allocated pursuant
to Section 5.9.(a) of Session Law 2021-180.

Pursuant to the reporting requirements described in Section 5.9.(t) of Session Law 2021-180, we are pleased to submit the following status report for funds allocated pursuant to Session Law 2021-180 Section 5.9.(a) for the period starting July 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022. These funds were appropriated for **various disaster recovery purposes**.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Richard Trumper at (984) 236-0735 or Richard.Trumper@osbm.nc.gov or the respective agency contacts noted in the report.

Enclosure

Quarterly Implementation Status Report
State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Funds (SERDRF)
Allocated pursuant to Section 5.9A.(c) of Session Law 2021-180 for
Tropical Storm Fred Recovery
Reporting Period: July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022
Prepared by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management
Disaster Recovery Section

Department of Public Safety

1. Home Reconstruction Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)a.

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for home reconstruction projects in the counties impacted by Tropical Storm Fred. These funds will support home rebuilds that are not eligible for FEMA support.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and the Office of State Budget and Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$20,000,000
Expended	\$ 3,163,948
Obligated	\$ 4,109,225
Unobligated Balance	\$12,726,827

Summary of Activities

The agency has completed ten (10) home reconstruction with additional replacements underway. The agency continues to work with additional applicants to obtain the necessary inspection, estimates, and other supporting documentation to process the requests.

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2. State Match for Federal Assistance Programs

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)b.

The purpose of this program is to provide state matching funds for federal disaster assistance programs related to Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$16,000,000
Expended	\$0
Obligated	\$0
Unobligated Balance	\$16,000,000

Summary of Activities

Budget structures have been established to manage/track funds and future expenditures.

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3. Private Road and Bridges Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)c.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for the repair and replacement of critical residential private access roads and bridges impacted by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and the Office of State Budget and Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$15,000,000
Expended	\$ 7,649,323
Obligated	\$ 6,248,930
Unobligated Balance	\$ 1,101,747

Summary of Activities

The agency has assisted two hundred twenty (220) applicants with private roads and bridges repairs, with an additional two hundred thirty nine (239) underway. As some projects serve more than one address, over one thousand four hundred (1,400) families have regained safe access to their home. The agency continues to work with additional applicants to obtain the necessary inspection, estimates, and other supporting documentation to process the requests. Once fully processed it is projected that the requests received will require more than the \$15M allocated to complete.

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4. Local Government Project Grants Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)d.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for grants to local governments in the area impacted by Tropical Storm Fred for unmet needs remaining after FEMA Public Assistance has been exhausted.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$10,000,000
Expended	\$0
Obligated	\$ 9,000,000
Unobligated Balance	\$ 1,000,000

Summary of Activities

We currently have 13 applicants and are working with them on 31 projects. The current estimate of these needs exceeds \$9 million, but more requests continue to come in as bids for these projects are completed and the amount of FEMA funding becomes known. The total of unmet needs may exceed \$10 million. We expect payments to communities to increase over the next months as projects are beginning to be completed. We continue to work closely with the communities on these projects and to ensure all Federal funding is granted, and the remaining unmet needs are met by these funds.

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5. Short Term Housing Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)e.

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for short-term housing needs, including travel trailers and other temporary housing, for families impacted by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and the Office of State Budget and Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$4,000,000
Expended	\$ 273,195
Obligated	\$ 155,255
Unobligated Balance	\$3,571,550

Summary of Activities

The agency partnered with Haywood County to procure travel trailers as a means of temporary housing for families. A total of seven travel trailers were purchased. The county has taken possession of these travel trailers and manages the use of them by families impacted by Tropical Storm Fred. Additional funds are being used to reimburse ongoing monthly rent for displaced families.

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6. Home Repairs and Reimbursements Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)f.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for home repairs and reimbursements for completed home repairs for families impacted by Tropical Storm Fred who are ineligible for FEMA assistance.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and the Office of State Budget and Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$3,000,000
Expended	\$ 743,061
Obligated	\$ 338,848
Unobligated Balance	\$1,918,091

Summary of Activities

The agency has completed fifty seven (57) home repairs and reimbursements. The agency continues to work with additional applicants to obtain the necessary inspection, estimates, and other supporting documentation to process the requests.

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7. Rental Property Repairs Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)g.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to landlords for repairs to their rental properties impacted by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and the Office of State Budget and Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$2,000,000
Expended	\$ 141,308
Obligated	\$ 431,828
Unobligated Balance	\$1,426,864

Summary of Activities

The agency has completed four (4) of the six rental property repairs allowing tenants to reoccupy those homes. The current number of families being assisted is twenty (20). The agency continues to work with additional applicants to obtain the necessary inspection, estimates, and other supporting documentation to process the requests.

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8. Local Government Support Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)h.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for grants to local governments to assist with capacity and technical support in responding to Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$1,500,000
Expended	\$0
Obligated	\$1,500,000
Unobligated Balance	\$0

Summary of Activities

We currently have four applicants and are working with them on seven projects. The current estimate of these needs could exceed \$1.5 million. We expect payments to communities to increase over the next months as projects are beginning. We continue to work closely with the communities on these projects and to ensure all Federal funding is granted, and the remaining unmet needs are met by these funds.

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9. Emergency Response Equipment Grants Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(1)i.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for grants to local governments in the areas impacted by Tropical Storm Fred for emergency response equipment needs.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$500,000
Expended	\$0
Obligated	\$300,000
Unobligated Balance	\$200,000

Summary of Activities

We currently have 3 applicants and are working with them on 3 projects. The current estimate of these needs could be around \$500,000. We continue to work closely with the communities on these unmet needs and to ensure that all Federal funding is granted along with ensuring insurance settlements are finalized.

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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

10. Agricultural Crop Loss Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(2)

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for financial assistance to farmers affected by Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$50,000,000.00
Expended	\$24,294,388.27
Obligated	\$0
Unobligated Balance	\$25,705,611.73

Summary of Activities

Payment calculations for Frost/freeze, crop loss, and alternative/nursery crops have been completed and payments made to applicants. The infrastructure category has been reviewed and payments issued to applicants

The short-session budget expanded the program by adding additional counties that would also be eligible for Frost/freeze, crop loss, nursery loss and Infrastructure damage. All applications have been reviewed and payments issued to applicants.

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Department of Transportation

11. Grant in Aid

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(3)

The purpose of this program is to provide a grant to the Blue Ridge Southern Railroad (BLU) for recovery operations resulting from Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Transportation, Rail Division

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$1,900,000
Expended	\$1,900,000
Obligated	\$0
Unobligated Balance	\$0

Summary of Activities

Funds were pass through to Blue Ridge Southern Railroad. The BLU Tropical Storm Fred disaster relief grant agreement was fully executed on 6/7/2022. The full balance of the grant was requested on 6/8/2022 by Blue Ridge Southern Railroad. Full remittance of \$1.9M was provided on 6/28/2022 by the Department. Per terms of the agreement, within ninety (90) calendar days of receipt of the grant amount, Blue Ridge Southern Railway will submit itemized invoices for expenses incurred to that date. For storm recovery expenditures incurred following this initially transmittal of documentation, Blue Ridge Southern Railway will submit invoices and supporting documentation every thirty (30) days, or as costs are incurred to substantiate recovery operations. 10-12-22 – Rail Division has received the initial backup for expenditures incurred in the first quarter and will be reviewing over the next couple of weeks. Blue Ridge will also continue their project/spending through June 23, 2022.

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Wildlife Resources Commission

12. Dam Repairs Program

SL 2021-180 Section 5.9A. (c)(4)

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to repair dams, spillways, and related structures damaged as a result of Tropical Storm Fred.

Responsible Department and Agency

Wildlife Resources Commission

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$500,000.00
Expended	\$20,335.65
Obligated	\$106,500.00
Unobligated Balance	\$373,164.35

Summary of Activities

Design team headed by McGill Associates has been developing plans for repairs to the dam on the Davidson River at the Setzer Fish Hatchery, as well as incorporating flood resilience elements into the hatchery renovation design. Plans for the hatchery renovation are currently under review before entering the final stage of design. A portion of the dam repair has been contracted and will be completed in early October. The next step in dam repair is still pending approval by the USFS.

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