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HOUSE BILL 769  
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Short Title: Agric. Fairs Advisory Council/Grant Funds.

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March 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURAL FAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
3 AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GRANTS FOR LOCAL  
4 AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Part 4 of Article 45 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is  
7 amended by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 106-520.8. Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council.**

9 The Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council is created. The Commissioner of  
10 Agriculture shall appoint the members of the Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council. The  
11 Advisory Council shall consist of up to 15 members, representing all geographic regions  
12 of the State and representing local and county agricultural fairs, commodity  
13 associations, farm organizations, or persons having an interest in agricultural fairs. The  
14 members of the Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of the  
15 Commissioner of Agriculture. The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall  
16 serve as Chair of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall meet at the call of  
17 the Chair for the purpose of advising the Commissioner of Agriculture on the  
18 distribution of grants to local agricultural fairs licensed under this Article from funds  
19 appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose."

20 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
21 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of three hundred thousand  
22 dollars (\$300,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to be used for grants to local  
23 agricultural fairs licensed under Article 45 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and to  
24 be distributed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. No grant to an individual local  
25 agricultural fair shall exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500). The  
26 Commissioner of Agriculture may seek advice on the distribution of these grants from  
27 the Agricultural Fairs Advisory Council, created in G.S. 106-520.8, as enacted in  
28 Section 1 of this act.

29 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.