

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025**

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HOUSE BILL 257

Short Title: Funds for Scotland & Hoke Projects. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative G. Pierce.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 4, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES IN SCOTLAND
3 AND HOKE COUNTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
6 Budget and Management the sum of fifty-four million dollars (\$54,000,000) in nonrecurring
7 funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Hoke County to be used as
8 follows:

- 9 (1) Eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) for water and sewer needs.
- 10 (2) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for courthouse construction overages.
- 11 (3) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for construction of a new sheriff's office
12 and law enforcement center.
- 13 (4) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for construction of a new workforce
14 training center at Sandhills Community College.
- 15 (5) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for construction of a new social services
16 building.
- 17 (6) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for construction of a new mental
18 health/rehabilitation facility.
- 19 (7) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for capital improvements for the County's
20 volunteer fire departments.

21 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
22 Budget and Management the sum of eighty-three million two hundred thousand dollars
23 (\$83,200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to
24 Scotland County to be used as follows:

- 25 (1) Eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) for construction of a new courthouse and
26 jail facility.
- 27 (2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to enable the Parks and Recreation
28 Department to upgrade the County's splash pad.
- 29 (3) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for various public capital improvements.
- 30 (4) One million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to build a new
31 EMS/fire substation in the Town of Wagram.

32 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
33 Budget and Management the sum of thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) in nonrecurring
34 funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the City of Laurinburg to be
35 used as follows:



- 1 (1) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for the Town's Main Street restoration.
- 2 (2) Twenty-nine million dollars (\$29,000,000) for water/wastewater capital
- 3 projects.

4 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
5 Budget and Management the sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred ten dollars (\$24,810)
6 in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Town of
7 Gibson to be used as follows:

- 8 (1) Fifteen thousand nine hundred eighty-five dollars (\$15,985) for a replacement
- 9 pump at the lagoon station.
- 10 (2) Eight thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$8,825) for additional
- 11 repairs to the lagoon station to ensure proper operation.

12 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
13 Budget and Management the sum of one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) in
14 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Town of
15 Wagram to be used as follows:

- 16 (1) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for new water meters.
- 17 (2) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for tree root removal
- 18 and pothole repairs.
- 19 (3) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to install a fence at the maintenance shop.

20 **SECTION 6.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
21 Budget and Management the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for
22 the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to St. Andrews University for repairs to the
23 Belk Center, which suffered hurricane damage.

24 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.