

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 496**

Short Title: Funds For Coastal Federation. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sanderson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL  
FEDERATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of six million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$6,250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Inc., to be used as follows:

- (1) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for construction of an education and event center on Bogue Sound in Carteret County. These funds would be used to match eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in private funds.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the Living Shoreline Protection Program.
- (3) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for a statewide oyster shell recycling program.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to provide a directed grant to the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Inc., to support a permanent Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Program.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

