

## INCENTIVES AS INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY

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The **Job Development Investment Grant** (JDIG) program is a performance-based economic development incentive capable of providing sustained annual grants to new and expanding businesses based on a percentage of withholding taxes. Since 2003, the program has stimulated economic activity and created new jobs by promoting the expansion of existing business and industry and by recruiting and attracting new business and industry.

Between 2003 and March 2008, the JDIG program has awarded 71 grants in 29 counties. During this period the programs has supported the creation of 28,824 new jobs in North Carolina. The average amount awarded to a company is \$5,575,413 and total investment made by companies is \$4,266,146,836. For every dollar awarded through the JDIG program has led to \$10.78 in private investment.

Economically distressed areas of the state also benefit from the JDIG payments to the Utility Account Fund made by projects in more developed counties. These funds may be used by Tier 1 counties for construction or improvements to water, sewer, gas, or utility lines and for equipment for existing or proposed industrial buildings. JDIG awards have led to over \$166 million for the fund.

### Quick Facts

- Created over **\$4.2 billion** in investment
- Created **28,824** new jobs
- Led to over **\$116 million** for the Utility Account Fund to help distressed counties
- Awarded **71** grants in **29** counties
- Average award is approximately **\$5.6 million**

The **One North Carolina Fund** (One NC) was created in 1993 to help North Carolina stimulate economic activity and create new jobs and to help address regional prosperity. The fund helps recruit and expand quality jobs in high value-added, knowledge-driven industries. It also provides financial assistance to those businesses or industries deemed vital to a healthy economy that are making significant efforts to expand in North Carolina.

Since 2000, the One NC fund has awarded nearly \$53 million to 263 projects. The program has supported the creation of 33,386 jobs in 72 counties. These projects have generated nearly \$5.2 billion in investment. Every dollar awarded through the One NC fund has led to \$98.57 in investment.

### Quick Facts

- Created nearly **\$5.2 billion** in investment since 2000
- Created **33,386** new jobs
- Awarded **263** grants in **72** counties
- Average award is **\$200,578**
- Awarded **116** grants to existing businesses and **147** to new businesses