# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021

## SESSION LAW 2021-180 SENATE BILL 105

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

### PART I. TITLE AND INTRODUCTION

### TITLE OF ACT

**SECTION 1.1.** This act shall be known as the "Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021."

### INTRODUCTION

**SECTION 1.2.** The appropriations made in this act are for maximum amounts necessary to provide the services and accomplish the purposes described in the budget in accordance with the State Budget Act. Savings shall be effected where the total amounts appropriated are not required to perform these services and accomplish these purposes, and the savings shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of each fiscal year, except as otherwise provided by law.

#### PART II. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/GENERAL FUND

#### GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

**SECTION 2.1.(a)** Appropriations from the General Fund for the budgets of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as enumerated, are made for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, according to the following schedule:

<b>Current Operations - General Fund</b>	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
EDUCATION		
Community College System		
Requirements	1,819,143,571	1,685,373,047
Less: Receipts	502,936,159	345,149,910
Net Appropriation	1,316,207,412	1,340,223,137
Public Instruction		
Requirements	13,493,426,049	13,146,477,032
Less: Receipts	2,890,675,279	2,219,558,462
Net Appropriation	10,602,750,770	10,926,918,570

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(2) <u>Drinking Water Reserve or Wastewater Reserve.</u> – The Department may impose specific performance measures or conditions on any grant awarded from the Drinking Water Reserve or Wastewater Reserve to ensure an adequately funded program for the repair, maintenance, and management of the water or wastewater infrastructure."

## **SECTION 12.12.(c)** G.S. 159G-45(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) The Authority and the Local Government Commission shall establish the frequency of the cycle for assessment and review of local government units under this section, which shall be no less than every two years.section. The frequency of the cycle shall be not less than once every two years."

## **BIRD ISLAND FUNDS**

**SECTION 12.12B.** Funds appropriated by S.L. 2018-5 for acquisition of the Sunset Beach West tract for the Bird Island Coastal Reserve may be used by the Department to complete various acquisition-related activities related to incorporation of the tract into the reserve, such as the purchase and installation of signage, updates to printed materials, property stewardship, and the planning and implementation of walking and kayak trails. These funds may also be used for outreach supplies and temporary staff to support public programs and activities.

## WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

**SECTION 12.13.(a)** Allocation. – Funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for the Water Infrastructure Fund shall be allocated for water and sewer infrastructure as follows:

- (1) Four hundred fifty-six million four hundred thousand dollars (\$456,400,000) for the Viable Utility Reserve to be used for the purposes set forth in subdivisions (1) through (5) of G.S. 159G-32(d).
- (2) Three hundred seventeen million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$317,450,000) for the Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve to provide project construction grants for public water systems and wastewater systems that the Department categorizes as at-risk. The limits set forth in G.S. 159G-36(c)(3) shall not apply to grants awarded from funds allocated by this subdivision.
- (3) Seven hundred thirty-two million five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$732,525,000) for the Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve to provide project construction grants for public water systems and wastewater systems not eligible for funding under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. The limits set forth in G.S. 159G-36(c)(3) shall not apply to grants awarded from funds allocated by this subdivision.
- (4) Eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) to the Water Infrastructure Fund for the Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve for any of the following grants:
  - a. Asset inventory and assessment grants, as defined in G.S. 159G-33(a)(3a) and G.S. 159G-34(a)(3a).
  - b. Rate study grants intended to determine a rate structure that will enable a public water system or wastewater system to generate sufficient revenues to adequately fund management and operations, personnel, appropriate levels of maintenance, and reinvestment to facilitate the provision of reliable water or wastewater services.
  - c. Merger/regionalization feasibility grants, as defined in G.S. 159G-33(a)(3) and G.S. 159G-34(a)(3).

- d. Training grants to increase the capacity of a public water system or wastewater system to operate efficiently and maintain adequate maintenance and revenue collection practices.
- e. Planning grants to conduct project engineering, design, or other preconstruction activities.

**SECTION 12.13.(b)** Limitation on Certain Grants. – Notwithstanding G.S. 159G-36(c), the amount of grants awarded under subdivision (a)(4) of this section may not exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the same grant recipient for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

**SECTION 12.13.(c)** Reversion of Unneeded Funds. – Funds in excess of the amounts needed for the projects listed in subsections (d), (e), and (f) of this section may be used by the Department for other water and sewer infrastructure projects subject to applicable law and the applicable directives and limitations set forth in subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) of this section. The unused funds from projects listed in subsection (d) of this section may be used for projects eligible for funding from the Viable Utility Reserve, and the unused funds from projects listed in subsections (e) and (f) of this section may be used for projects eligible for funding from the Drinking Water Reserve or the Wastewater Reserve. Reverted funds may also be used for grants to conduct project engineering, design, or other preconstruction activities by a local government or public entity eligible for grants from the same Reserve as the reverting local government or public entity.

**SECTION 12.13.(d)** VUR Projects. – Of the funds allocated by subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the following sums shall be granted to the indicated local governments and public entities for water and wastewater infrastructure projects:

- (1) One million ninety-one thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$1,091,797) to the Town of Andrews.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Town of Bailey.
- (3) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Town of Bath.
- (4) Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to the Town of Bladenboro.
- (5) Twenty-three million three hundred forty-nine thousand fifty-one dollars (\$23,349,051) to the Town of East Spencer.
- (6) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Town of Ellerbe.
- (7) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Town of Hot Springs.
- (8) Eight million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$8,350,000) to the Town of Madison.
- (9) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Town of Maysville.
- (10) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Town of Middlesex.
- (11) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Town of Norwood.
- (12) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to Rockingham County.
- (13) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Town of Seaboard.
- (14) Two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000) to the City of Southport.
- (15) Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Town of Spring Lake.
- (16) One million seventy thousand dollars (\$1,070,000) to the Town of Topsail Beach.
- (17) Five million nine hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$5,994,000) to the City of Trinity.
- (18) Four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$425,000) to the Town of Tryon.
- (19) Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the Town of Walstonburg.

**SECTION 12.13.(e)** At-Risk Projects. – Of the funds allocated by subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the following sums shall be granted to the indicated local governments and public entities for water and wastewater infrastructure projects:

- (1) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Town of Bakersville.
- (2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Town of Beech Mountain.
- (3) Twenty-two million seven hundred thirty-three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$22,733,700) to the Town of Benson.
- (4) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$4,800,000) to the Town of Blowing Rock.
- (5) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Town of Boonville.
- (6) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Burke County.
- (7) Fifteen million three hundred thousand dollars (\$15,300,000) to Davidson County.
- (8) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Town of Denton
- (9) Two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) to the Town of Four Oaks.
- (10) Sixteen million ninety thousand dollars (\$16,090,000) to the Town of Kenly.
- (11) Three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,150,000) to the Town of Lillington.
- (12) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Town of Littleton.
- (13) Eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) to McDowell County.
- (14) Nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to the Town of Micro.
- (15) Three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to the Town of Mount Gilead.
- (16) One million nine hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$1,995,000) to the Town of Pine Level.
- (17) Two million eight hundred twenty-four thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,824,200) to the Town of Ranlo.
- (18) Three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) to the Town of Red Springs.
- (19) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Town of Robbinsville.
- (20) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Town of Roseboro.
- (21) Nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) to the Town of Salemburg.
- (22) One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to the City of Saluda.
- (23) Six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) to the Town of Selma.
- (24) One million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) to the Town of Sparta.
- (25) One million two hundred five thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$1,205,130) to the Town of Taylorsville.
- (26) Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to Transylvania County.
- (27) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Town of Winton.

**SECTION 12.13.(f)** Other Projects. – Of the funds allocated by subdivision (a)(3) of this section for project construction grants, the following sums shall be granted to the indicated local governments and public entities for water and wastewater infrastructure projects:

- (1) Three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000) to the Village of Alamance.
- (2) Three million six hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$3,619,000) to Alexander County.
- (3) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Town of Angier.

- (4) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the City of Burlington.
- (5) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to the Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County.
- (6) Nine million two hundred twelve thousand forty-one dollars (\$9,212,041) to the Town of Canton for the repair of damages to the water and wastewater systems serving the town and for water and wastewater system storm damage mitigation projects related to impacts from Tropical Storm Fred.
- (7) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority.
- (8) Eight million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$8,800,000) to Catawba County.
- (9) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Clay County.
- (10) Twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) to the Town of Clayton to be allocated as follows:
  - a. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for improvements to the Town's water storage infrastructure.
  - b. Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for a wastewater treatment facility.
- (11) Nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000) to Cleveland County Water.
- (12) One million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to the Town of Clyde to be allocated as follows:
  - a. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for water or wastewater system improvements.
  - b. Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) for the repair of damages to the water and wastewater systems serving the town caused by Tropical Storm Fred and for projects intended to mitigate future damage to the water system caused by flooding.
- (13) Eight million four hundred thousand dollars (\$8,400,000) to Davie County.
- (14) Thirty million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$30,450,000) to the City of Dunn.
- (15) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the City of Elizabeth City.
- (16) Thirteen million six hundred thousand dollars (\$13,600,000) to the Town of Elizabethtown.
- (17) Two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) to the Town of Elon.
- (18) Three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) to the Town of Faison.
- (19) One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Town of Franklin.
- (20) Nine million seven hundred three thousand dollars (\$9,703,000) to Gaston County.
- (21) Eighteen million four thousand dollars (\$18,004,000) to the City of Gastonia to be allocated as follows:
  - a. Four million four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$4,425,000) for wastewater outfalls.
  - b. Five million five hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$5,579,000) for rehabilitation of a supervisory control and data acquisition system.
  - c. Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for smart meters.
- (22) Three million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,750,000) to the City of Graham.
- (23) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Town of Granite Falls.
- (24) Four hundred one thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars (\$401,447) to the Town of Green Level.

- (25) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the City of Greensboro for the extension of water and sewer lines to the National Guard site on Camp Burton Road.
- (26) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Handy Sanitary District.
- (27) Three million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) to Harnett County.
- (28) Twelve million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$12,700,000) to Henderson County for the improvement of wastewater treatment in the Edneyville area of the County. If the County fails to obtain a permit by December 31, 2023, or withdraws its permit application for the project, then these funds will instead be allocated to the City of Hendersonville.
- (29) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the City of Hendersonville.
- (30) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Town of Highlands.
- (31) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the City of Jacksonville.
- (32) Twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) to the City of King.
- (33) Thirty-nine million dollars (\$39,000,000) to the City of Kings Mountain for a wastewater expansion project southwest of the City.
- (34) Ten million two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$10,280,000) to the Town of LaGrange.
- (35) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the Town of Lake Lure.
- (36) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Lincoln County.
- (37) Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to the City of Locust.
- (38) Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to Madison County.
- (39) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Town of Midland.
- (40) Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to Montgomery County.
- (41) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the City of Mount Airy.
- (42) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the Town of Mt. Pleasant.
- (43) Two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) to the City of New Bern.
- (44) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Town of North Wilkesboro.
- (45) Eight million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$8,700,000) to the Town of Pembroke.
- (46) Three million two hundred thousand dollars (\$3,200,000) to the City of Reidsville.
- (47) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to Richmond County.
- (48) One million seven hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$1,717,000) to Sampson County.
- (49) Thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000) to the City of Sanford.
- (50) Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to the Town of Seven Devils.
- (51) Seven million four hundred thousand dollars (\$7,400,000) to the City of Shelby.
- (52) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Town of Smithfield.
- (53) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority.
- (54) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Southern Wayne Sanitation District.
- (55) Three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) to the Town of Spring Hope.
- (56) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the City of Statesville.
- (57) Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to the Town of Stedman.
- (58) Eighteen million three hundred twenty-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$18,326,250) to the Stokes County Water and Sewer Authority.

- (59) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Town of Surf City.
- (60) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Town of Swepsonville.
- (61) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the City of Thomasville.
- (62) Two million four hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$2,445,000) to the Town of Troutman.
- (63) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to Union County for land acquisition, design, permitting, and construction of any of the following:
  - a. A new water reclamation facility in the Crooked Creek watershed.
  - b. An expansion of the Poplin Road pump station.
- (64) Thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to Union County for the Yadkin Regional Water Supply Project.
- (65) Eight hundred one thousand nine hundred eighty-three dollars (\$801,983) to the Town of Valdese, for the extension of water and sewer lines to serve proposed residential and commercial development on Lake Rhodhiss.
- (66) Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Town of Walkertown for a sewer extension along Sullivantown Road.
- (67) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the Town of Wallace.
- (68) Three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) to the City of Winston-Salem.
- (69) Thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) to Yancey County.

**SECTION 12.13.(g)** Economic Development Projects. — Of the funds allocated by subdivision (a)(3) of this section for project construction grants, the Department of Environmental Quality shall transfer the sum of forty-two million four hundred eleven thousand four hundred forty-four dollars (\$42,411,444) to the Department of Commerce to provide the following grants for water and sewer infrastructure projects intended to advance economic development or affordable housing objectives for the recipients:

- (1) One million one hundred sixty-five thousand four hundred forty-four dollars (\$1,165,444) to Alexander County.
- (2) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Anson Economic Development Corporation.
- (3) Five million eight hundred seventy-one thousand dollars (\$5,871,000) to the City of Burlington.
- (4) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County.
- (5) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the Town of Holly Springs. This allocation shall be conditional upon the provision of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) in matching funds from non-State sources, including no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the Town.
- (6) One million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,125,000) to the Town of Mocksville.
- (7) Twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) to the Wayne County Development Alliance for Project Butter.

The Department of Commerce may use three percent (3%) of the funds allocated by this subsection for administrative costs.

**SECTION 12.13.(h)** National Guard Project Planning. — Of the funds allocated by subdivision (a)(3) of this section for project construction grants, the Department of Environmental Quality shall transfer the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Department of Public Safety to provide a planning grant to the North Carolina National Guard for a water and sewer infrastructure project at the site formerly known as Fountain Correctional Center for Women.

**SECTION 12.13.(i)** Administrative Costs. – The Department may use three percent (3%) of the funds allocated to the Viable Utility Reserve, the Drinking Water Reserve, and the Wastewater Reserve by this section, other than the funds transferred in subsections (g) and (h) of this section, for administrative costs. The Department shall not charge the grant fee authorized by G.S. 159G-24 for grants made from funds subject to the set aside of administrative costs authorized by this subsection.

**SECTION 12.13.(j)** Report. – The Department shall include in the report required by G.S. 159G-26 a report on the status of projects funded under this section. This report may be provided in tabular or summary form and need not include information beyond that described in G.S. 159G-26(b)(4).

### STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

**SECTION 12.14.(a)** Establishment of the Fund. – Funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for stormwater infrastructure shall be used by the Department to establish the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund (Fund) as a special fund in the Department. The Fund shall be used to provide grants to eligible entities as defined in this section for projects that will improve or create infrastructure for controlling stormwater quantity and quality.

**SECTION 12.14.(b)** Directed Projects. – Of the funds allocated by this section, the following sums shall be granted to the indicated local governments and public entities for stormwater projects:

- (1) Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Town of Angier.
- (2) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to the Town of Autryville.
- (3) Seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) to the City of Brevard.
- (4) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the City of Dunn.
- (5) Nine million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$9,800,000) to the Fayetteville Public Works Commission.
- (6) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Town of Four Oaks.
- (7) One million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,350,000) to the City of Hope Mills.
- (8) Two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) to the Town of Madison.
- (9) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the City of Mooresville.
- (10) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the City of New Bern.
- (11) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the Town of Pine Level.

**SECTION 12.14.(c)** Allocation of Undirected Funds. – The Department shall use seventy percent (70%) of the remaining funds allocated in this section for construction grants as specified in subdivision (e)(1) of this section and thirty percent (30%) of the remaining funds allocated in this section for planning grants as specified in subdivision (e)(2) of this section.

**SECTION 12.14.(d)** Eligible Entity. – An eligible entity for a grant under this section shall be a city or county that (i) documents in a form and manner as the Department may specify a stormwater quality or quantity issue and (ii) demonstrates that it would experience a significant hardship raising the revenue necessary to finance stormwater management activities within its jurisdiction based on income and unemployment data, population trends, and any other data determined relevant by the Department. A regional council of government created pursuant to Part 2 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or a nonprofit entity is also an eligible entity under this section if the regional council of government or nonprofit entity partners with a city or county.

**SECTION 12.14.(e)** Grant Types. – The Department shall make the following types of grants from the Fund:

- (1) Construction grants. A construction grant is available for the development and implementation of a new stormwater utility or stormwater control measure (SCM), the rehabilitation of existing SCMs, the retrofitting of existing stormwater conveyances to provide SCMs for quantity and quality control purposes, or the installation of innovative technologies or nature-based solutions. The Department shall allow nature-based solutions where feasible and possible.
- (2) Planning grants. A planning grant is available for research or investigative studies, alternatives analyses, the preparation of engineering concept plans or engineering designs, and similar activities intended to help an eligible entity determine the best solutions for the entity's stormwater quality or quantity issue and to engineer and permit the solutions. The Department shall allow nature-based solutions where feasible and possible.

**SECTION 12.14.(f)** Limitation. – The following limits apply to grants from the Fund:

- (1) Construction grants may not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).
- (2) Planning grants may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

**SECTION 12.14.(g)** Administration. – The Department may use up to three percent (3%) of the funds allocated by this section for administrative expenses. The Department may adopt any policies or procedures regarding the application process, applicant record keeping and reporting, and any other administrative details not inconsistent with this section.

**SECTION 12.14.(h)** Definition. – For purposes of this section, "nature-based solutions" are sustainable planning, design, environmental management, and engineering practices that weave natural features or processes into the built environment to store, infiltrate, and treat water by enlisting natural features and processes in efforts to promote resilience, reduce flood risks, improve water quality, protect coastal property, restore and protect wetlands, stabilize shorelines, and add recreational space.

**SECTION 12.14.(i)** Reversion. – If funds allocated under this section are granted to an eligible entity for a purpose that is disallowed by federal law, the eligible entity shall return those funds to the Department of Environmental Quality, which shall return them to the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund, to be granted to other eligible entities.

**SECTION 12.14.(j)** Report. – The Department shall submit a report no later than September 1, 2022, and annually thereafter to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division on the projects and activities funded by this section until all funds have been expended by grant recipients. The Department shall include in its initial report and may include in subsequent reports recommendations regarding legislative changes or additional funding needed to assist small and financially distressed communities to comply with stormwater standards and requirements and to mitigate the adverse impacts of extreme weather events on stormwater-related flood events. The reports shall also include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) The beginning and ending balance of the Fund for the fiscal year.
- (2) A listing of grant recipients, amount provided to each recipient, and the grant type funded.
- (3) An overview of the use of funds by grant recipients, including a description of projects constructed or planning milestones achieved.

## RECONCILE TITLE V AIR QUALITY RULE EFFECTIVE DATE