

Government Education Access Channels Committee
2022-2023 Proposed Budget

The following items are presented to the _____ for their review and approval.

Specific Action Requested:

Approve the proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Budget Summary

The Government Education Access Channels (GEAC) Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed 2022-2023 budget for the operation of the Government and Education Channels. The proposed budget, which would take effect July 1, 2022, must be approved by every participating member entity of the Channels, which includes the towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, Manteo, and Dare County, Dare County Schools, College of The Albemarle, and UNC Coastal Studies Institute.

The budget as proposed requires no additional funding from the participating entities above the current annual \$1000 membership fee. The budget is funded primarily from the North Carolina Video Distribution proceeds, which are disbursed quarterly by the State to certified channels throughout the state. These funds must be used for the operations of the two channels and no other purpose. Additionally, the legislation that originally established the Video Distribution funding required that the proceeds not supplant current funding. Accordingly, the annual \$1000 membership fee that was in place when the program began must remain, or the Channels would lose all Video Distribution funding from the State.

The GEAC committee recommends the attached budget, which includes, in part, the following: continued funding for two full-time staff positions and the Local Programming Development Initiative to assist members in the development of programming for the Government and Education Channels. The funding also includes the continued funding of two regular news magazine shows that highlight each of the participating members on the Education Channel and the Government Channel.