

| Open Grants Program Stage 2 Proposals | | | | | | |
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| # | Board Abs. | Organization | Project Title | Programs Cmte Recommendation | Comments Special Conditions | Summary |
| 1 | | Appalachian State University | Preparing the Rural Nursing Workforce: Lab Expansion at App State Hickory Campus | \$500,000.00 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of DNP-FNP program to address primary care shortages, especially rural areas - Expectation that FNPs are more likely to work in rural areas - Funding for simulation equipment, advanced clinical tools, and technology for Hickory learning lab |
| 2 | | Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc. | White Lake Sewer | Defer | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sewer infrastructure serving planned residential development in White Lake - Address housing shortages to strengthen business recruitment in Bladen County - Fund requested for 2,500 feet of sewer line and a new lift station |
| 3 | | Dunn Police Athletic & Activities League, Inc. | Dunn PAL Campus Renovation and Career Readiness Expansion | Defer | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion of CCR programming, adding agricultural career pathway aligned with Harnett County Schools CTE - Renovated second floor adds four dedicated classrooms for workforce training and skilled trades - Funds requested for renovations |
| 4 | | Haywood Vocational Opportunities, Inc. | Advancing Workforce Development and Manufacturing Capacity Through Automation | \$0.00 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion of medical drape manufacturing to meet growing customer contracts - Optimizes facility layouts and automation to reduce bottlenecks and improve efficiency - Funds requested for advanced automation equipment, installation, and professional development |
| 5 | | Mountain Community Health Partnership Incorporated | MCHP Spruce Pine Healthcare Clinic Equipment Project | \$500,000.00 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrated clinic uniting primary care, behavioral health, pharmacy, and supportive services - Replaces existing Spruce Pine facility and restores behavioral health services lost to Hurricane Helene at Micaville Health Center - Funding for essential exam room, diagnostic, and treatment equipment |
| 6 | | Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. (RMOIC) | Building Economic Futures: OIC's Regional Workforce and Business Development Hub | Defer | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renovation of facility to establish a Workforce and Business Development Hub - Expands skilled trade offerings and adds entrepreneurship pathway to cultivate new small businesses - Funds requested for construction, equipment, supplies, technology, personnel, and participant expenses |
| 7 | | Southeastern Community College | Eliminating Barriers in Advanced Manufacturing | \$200,000.00 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expands welding training for Columbus County high school students via larger mobile welding lab - Maintains current mobile unit to help meet increased demand - Funding for purchase and upfit of trailer, equipment, supplies, and instructor training |

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| 8 | | Jackson County Economic Development | Webster Village | Y | Jackson County Economic Development seeks funding to construct sewer infrastructure for a new residential neighborhood in the Town of Webster. The infrastructure will support 33 new homes which will be constructed by Mountain Projects, a non-profit community service agency with housing experience. The infrastructure will also support two other housing developments located on the same tract, one of which is multi-family workforce (not student) housing constructed by WCU and the other of which is a senior-living community. Golden LEAF funds are requested for infrastructure construction. |
| 9 | | Mitchell, County of | Mitchell County Agricultural Center | Y | Mitchell County seeks funding to renovate a vacant school into a multi-purpose center for agricultural education. The project is needed because the existing cooperative extension offices and classrooms are too small, and the building is not handicapped accessible and has plumbing, heating, mold, and asbestos issues. Renovation will include: 1) offices for Cooperative Extension staff; 2) establishment of a commercial kitchen for food entrepreneurs & for use as a teaching kitchen; 3) renovating & equipping classrooms for agricultural education; and 4) configuring outdoor space with infrastructure that will enable livestock & horticultural demonstrations. The renovated facility will support Mitchell County's 4-H program, which is one of the largest in the state. Golden LEAF funds would be used for construction-related costs. |
| 10 | | Robeson Community College | Advanced CTE Equipment Initiative | Y | Robeson Community College seeks funding for its mechatronics, HVAC, and welding programs to be housed in a new 27,450 square foot Career & Technical Education building on campus. An upgraded and larger training space for each program will strengthen the pipeline of skilled workers for local in-demand jobs by training students on industry aligned equipment and increase the number of students earning relevant credentials to meet employer demand. Golden LEAF funds would be used for equipment for the new mechatronics, HVAC, and welding training spaces. |

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| 11 | | SparkNC | Rooted Innovation: Building a Community-Based, High-Tech innovation Pathway for NC Students | Y | SparkNC, a non-profit organization focused on cultivating homegrown tech talent through SparkLabs in rural school districts, seeks funding to build a CTE pathway by expanding its computer science course offerings from one to three CTE courses and designing seven experiential learning guides or frameworks. This new pathway would provide local career exposure for high school students and allow learners to apply skills such as data analytics and AI to solve community and industry challenges. Golden LEAF funds would be used for personnel, instructional technology, participant support, professional development, travel, and outreach/marketing. |
| 12 | | Cabin Creek Homestead | Cabin Creek Farm Camp Enhancement Project | N | Cabin Creek Homestead seeks funding to enhance its Farm Camp which will host weekly sessions serving underprivileged and special-needs youth in Cleveland County. The camp will teach youth hands-on skills in gardening, animal care, and environmental stewardship while employing local teens as counselors. Golden LEAF funds would be used for renovations, equipment & supplies, outreach, and operating cost. |
| 13 | | Engineering for US All | e4usa+Golden LEAF Workforce Preparedness | N | Engineering for US All, a national non-profit initiative founded with support from the National Science Foundation, seeks funding to expand access to high-quality engineering education in Title I and Title I–eligible schools in eastern North Carolina. This project will provide the professional development to 18 teachers. Through teachers equipped with proper professional development, students are expected to receive high-quality engineering education that builds the necessary skills to support the high-demand sectors of economically distressed communities. Golden LEAF funds would be used professional development, summer stipends, travel, and outreach. |
| 14 | | Galilee MBC | The Galilee MBC Local Farming Empowerment Initiative | N | Galilee Missionary Baptist Church (MBC) seeks funding to support training, coaching and mentorship for 10 Halifax County farmers. Over an 18-month period, MBC will help the farmers adopt new technology, develop new business models to ensure farm sustainability, obtain new contracts, and identify new market opportunities. Golden LEAF funds will be leveraged with USDA funds and funding from Halifax County, and will be used for equipment & supplies, instructional technology, participant support, personnel & professional development, marketing, and meals during training. |

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| 15 | | It's About Real People, Inc. | Workforce Homeownership Access & Community Stabilization Initiative | N | It's About Real People, Inc. seeks funding to establish its Workforce Housing Impact Fund. Initial use of this fund will support infrastructure construction and development costs for Osprey Point, a 14-home residential subdivision in Manteo, where rising housing costs and limited inventory undermine workforce retention. It's About Real People plans to convert this award into a long-term, revolving workforce stabilization program serving rural communities across North Carolina. Golden LEAF funding would capitalize this project. |
| 16 | | Montreat College | Carolina Cyber Center Academy | N | Montreat College seeks funding to expand the Carolina Cyber Center (C3) Academy. C3 is an existing 12-week cybersecurity training pathway program that upskills adults seeking entry-level roles in cybersecurity. The program anticipates increasing capacity from 48 to 50 students in the first year and increasing to 100 students within three years. Golden LEAF funds would be used for personnel, participant support, equipment and supplies, and instructional technology. |
| 17 | | NPower Inc. | Tech Training & Upskilling in Eastern North Carolina | N | NPower Inc., a national nonprofit organization with a location in the Research Triangle Park, seeks funding to expand its Tech Fundamentals program in North Carolina to upskill more veterans and young adults for careers in the technology sector. NPower will offer 20 weeks of no-cost, instructor-led tech training, and 120 hours of professional development skills. Golden LEAF funds would be used for personnel, stipends, marketing, supplies, and other operating expenses. |
| 18 | | Operation Spring Plant, Inc. | Farmer Training and Agricultural Entrepreneurship Accelerator | N | Operation Spring Plant, Inc. seeks funding to expand the training, coaching, and on-farm assistance it provides for small-scale farmers in Franklin, Vance, Warren, Granville, Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties. The program will assist 120 small-scale farmers over an 18-month period. Four cohorts of farmers will receive 96-hours of training in production, food safety, regenerative practices, financial management, and digital marketing, along with 20 hours of coaching, on-farm assistance, and institutional buyer connections. This program is projected to result in 25-35 jobs at 150% median wages, \$1.75 million in farm sales, 15 new businesses, and 200 acres in production. Golden LEAF funds will be used for personnel, equipment & supplies, instructional technology, participant support, professional development, transportation and marketing. |

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| 19 | | Reading Connections | Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathway Expansion | N | Reading Connections seeks funding to launch advanced manufacturing career pathways that lead to industry-recognized credentials, including OSHA-10 and forklift certification. This program addresses workforce shortages identified by employers in the Piedmont Triad region where there is a persistent challenge in recruiting and retaining both entry-level and incumbent workers. Training will be developed based on employer input regarding necessary skills, credentials, and job readiness, ensuring alignment with regional hiring needs. The project will expand services from Guilford to Rockingham and Randolph counties. Golden LEAF funds will be used for personnel, travel, participant assistance, outreach, and other miscellaneous expenses. |
| 20 | | STATE OF OPPORTUNITY NC | State of Opportunity Bright Futures Learning & Childcare Center | N | State Of Opportunity NC, seeks funding to benefit the tobacco-dependent, economically distressed rural community of Magnolia, NC. This project will deliver two operational facilities: an Agri-Processing & Bottling Center and a Bright Futures Learning & Childcare Center. The agri-center will support bottled water production, co-packing for farmers, and a shared kitchen, creating 150 jobs and expanding local agricultural capacity. The childcare center will serve 150 children annually, operate extended hours, and create 100 jobs, enabling parents to work. Golden LEAF funds would be used for construction of the childcare center, equipment & furnishings, supplies, and operating support. |
| 21 | | Tall One Outreach Ministries Inc. | Project Excel | N | Tall One Outreach Ministries, a nonprofit in Wilson County founded in 2003, seeks funding for the Summerville Job Prep & Placement Academy, a project that will prepare 75 to 100 underserved youth and adults for careers in high-demand industries such as healthcare, trades, logistics, and technology. The program features career coaching, resume development, interview preparation, soft skills training, and digital literacy, and includes comprehensive support services for participants such as funds for tuition, certification exams, transportation, stipends, and others. Golden LEAF funds would be used for personnel, technology equipment, participant support including stipends, transportation, certification exams and training materials, operating costs such as rent and utilities, and outreach. |

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| 22 | | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Public Service Leadership Program | N | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks funding to strengthen North Carolina’s social work workforce pipeline. The university aims to prepare nearly 2,000 additional social workers for public-sector service, expanding access to care for communities with the greatest need. By 2027, public-sector career coaching programs will be implemented in 25% of NC high schools. By 2030, pipeline recruitment efforts will be formalized through MOUs and articulation agreements in 50% of the state’s community colleges. Seventy percent of admitted students and practitioners will come from Tier 1 and 2 counties, and the number of social work graduates across coalition schools will double. Golden LEAF funds would be used for personnel, travel, supplies, furniture, and outreach. |
| 23 | | Women 4 Mentors Inc | 2026 Scholarship Fundraiser | N | Women 4 Mentors seeks funding to support its 2026 scholarship fundraising efforts. Scholarships will be provided to women in Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia to help them return to education or pursue new career pathways at little to no cost. Recipients will receive mentorship and community support. Golden LEAF funds would be used for two scholarships. |
| 24 | | Wrightdesign75 | WrightDesign75 Photography Workforce Training Initiative | N | Wrightdesign75, seeks funding to support a workforce training initiative that will serve residents of Cabarrus County and surrounding rural areas. The program will offers hands-on instruction in photography, lighting, editing, and small-business development and is expected to prepare participants—especially low-income, unemployed, and underserved residents—for income-generating opportunities in the growing digital media and content-creation workforce. Golden LEAF funds would be used for personnel, equipment & supplies, participant support, and instructional technology. |

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| Development | | | | | | |
| 25 | | Cherokee County Local Government | Industrial Park - Development | \$1,353,260.00 | Release of funds conditioned on Cherokee County providing reasonable assurances that it will complete the grading of the first site in the industrial park within 12 months of completion of the Golden LEAF funded project elements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Industrial site development to attract employers and catalyze private investment at Marble Industrial Park - Clear and grub, extend force main and waterline, and construct pump station - Funding for design, engineering, construction admin, and clearing and grubbing 16 acres |

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| 26 | BK | Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, Inc. | Village Lake Teen Workforce Readiness Center and Business Incubator | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of teen workforce readiness center and business incubator in 11,600 square foot, donated facility - Partnering with community college to deliver BioWork and Advanced Manufacturing pathways to address regional workforce needs - Funds requested for design, engineering, construction, personnel, and equipment |
| | | Chatham County | | \$0 | [See Lee County for support for CCCC] | |
| 27 | | Durham County Cooperative Extension | Durham County Farm Campus Phase 1 | \$475,000 | No more than \$150,000 may be used for the farm manager salary; No Golden LEAF funding may be used for marketing or stipends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishes 129-acre education and demonstration farm providing land access and equipment training - Creates post-harvest education, shared kitchen, meeting space, and agricultural training areas - Funding for personnel, construction, equipment, supplies, furniture, and related items |
| 28 | | Durham Public Schools | Durham Public Schools Hub Farm Internship Program | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expands Hub Farm internships opportunities for high school students - Targets agriculture and business administration CTE students at Northern High School and Jordan High School - Funds requested for personnel, intern stipends, construction, travel, technology, equipment, furniture, and supplies |
| 29 | | Made In Durham | Rural Youth Pathways to Biomanufacturing Careers | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expands BULLS Academy in northern rural Durham County - Provides biotechnology training via Durham Tech partnership with efforts to reach rural youth and young adults - Funds requested for personnel, participant stipends, marketing, and other items |
| | | Durham County | | \$475,000 | | |
| 30 | | Edgecombe County Public Schools | Tarboro High Welding Program | \$500,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of a dual enrollment high school welding pathway in partnership with Edgecombe Community College - Industry-aligned training and pre-apprenticeship opportunities - Funding for construction and equipment |
| 31 | | Edgecombe, County of | Edgecombe Works! Better Initiative | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthens a cross-sector workforce ecosystem to reduce Edgecombe County unemployment - Supports broader long-term initiative to improve multiple indicators - Funds requested for contracting, consultation, supplies, training capacity-building grants, and student/participant assistance |

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| 32 | | Rural Opportunity Institute | Edgecombe Care Careers Pipeline | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthens Edgecombe County's healthcare workforce by aligning schools, employers, and training providers - Builds clear, supported routes from middle school through community college into health professions - Funds requested for staffing, contracted services, and student stipends for paid work-based learning |
| 33 | | Tarboro, Town of | Farmers Market & Multi-use Pavilion | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds requested for redevelopment of blighted riverfront into downtown farmers market and multi-use pavilion - Permanent venue would increase local farmer revenues, ag entrepreneurship, and healthy food access - Funds requested for construction |
| Edgecombe County | | | | \$500,000 | | |
| 34 | | Henderson-Oxford Airport Authority | Henderson-Oxford Airport Waterline Extension: A Building Block for Economic Growth | \$600,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance fire protection and capacity to serve new and existing hangars - Catalyze regional economic activity at HNZ and Triangle North Industrial Center - Funding for construction of a 12" water main extension to the airport |
| 35 | | Vance-Granville Community College | Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Applied Technology | \$750,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of new advanced manufacturing facility to advance Electronics, HVAC, Industrial Maintenance, Mechatronics, and Welding programs - Expansion of dual-enrollment, stackable micro-credentials, and work-based learning across four counties - Funding for equipment, supplies, and construction |
| Granville County | | | | \$1,350,000 | | |
| 36 | | Harnett Area Rural Transit System (HARTS) | Micro Transit System Capital Purchase | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of micro-transit system to improve mobility in underserved communities - Prioritizes work and post-secondary trips; reduces denied demand-response ride requests - Funds requested for minivans, onboard cameras, dispatch software, micro-transit technology, and marketing |
| 37 | | Harnett County Schools | Career and Technical School Programs | \$393,000 | Golden LEAF funds may not be used for outreach or marketing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expands CTE pathways to strengthen alignment with high-demand sectors in healthcare, skilled trades, sustainable agriculture - Deepens CCCC dual-enrollment and expands paid internships - Funding for equipment, supplies, construction, professional development, personnel, participant support, transportation, and laptops |

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| 38 | | Harnett, County of | Western Harnett Innovation Park Site Clearing | \$656,051 | Golden LEAF funding may not be used for the PER for the road; Golden LEAF funds for due diligence may only be used for items approved by Golden LEAF; Release of funds for construction is contingent on Golden LEAF approval of the results of due diligence; Due diligence funded by Golden LEAF may only be performed on property owned by the grantee or for publicly owned property which the grantee has an agreement allowing access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare WHIP site to attract a manufacturing company and catalyze private investment - Park-wide due diligence to inform infrastructure planning and expedite tenant recruitment - Funding for design, engineering, clearing, grading, and due diligence reports |
| | | Harnett County | | \$1,049,051 | [See Lee County for support for CCCC] | |
| 39 | | Clayton Chamber Foundation | LaunchJOCO | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion of entrepreneur training, mentorship, and masterclass offerings - Accelerates business launches and job growth through multi-week cohorts and alumni networking - Funds requested for personnel, instructors, equipment, travel, and outreach/marketing |
| 40 | | Johnston County Industrial Development Corporation | Workforce Development Center Expansion | \$1,500,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expands biotechnology and automation training capacity and programs - Repurposes existing facility for laboratories and relocates classrooms to new adjacent facility - Funding for new construction, design/engineering, and construction administration |
| | | Johnston County | | \$1,500,000 | | |
| 41 | | Central Carolina Community College | E. Eugene Moore Manufacturing and Biotech Solutions Center | \$2,500,000 | Golden LEAF funds are to be used for training equipment and related items, and for construction and renovation of spaces to be used for training. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expands advanced manufacturing and biotech training to meet regional workforce demand - Centralizes training by upgrading 25,000 square feet with industry-aligned labs, classrooms, and an innovation gallery - Funding for construction/renovation, equipment, and related items |
| | | Lee County | | \$2,500,000 | [Funding also requested by Chatham and Harnett] | |
| 42 | | Nash, County of | I-95 Industrial Center Infrastructure Expansion | \$1,000,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhances competitiveness of I-95 Industrial Center as a shovel-ready site for biopharma, advanced manufacturing, and logistics - Positions the center to capture spillover growth from nearby life sciences hub - Funding for road widening, sewer extensions, and water line upgrades |
| | | Nash County | | \$1,000,000 | | |

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| 43 | | Mebane, City of | Utility Infrastructure Improvements in the Orange County's Industrial Buckhorn Economic Development District | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-route flows between constrained and higher-capacity pump stations - Increased capacity enables wet industries and new development near I-40 - Funds requested for construction and engineering of pump station upgrades and 6-inch force main extension |
| 44 | | Orange, County of | Growing Power and Prosperity: The Orange County Agrivoltaic Innovation Project | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two-acre agrivoltaics demonstration at W.C. Breeze Farm for field days and research - Evaluate energy and crop production and improved soil health - Funds requested for agrivoltaics equipment, storage shed, site improvements, and project management |
| Orange County | | | | \$0 | | |
| 45 | | Person Family Medical, Inc. | Medical Center | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renovation of existing facility to expand primary care and Medication-Assisted Treatment capacity - Larger project co-locates medical, dental, and behavioral health to streamline patient care - Funds requested for Phase I construction, IT upgrades, and equipment installation |
| 46 | | Piedmont Community College | Expansion of Welding Program | \$1,000,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relocates PCC welding program to South Campus, expanding capacity and access - Broadens career pathways for adults, dislocated workers, and high school students - Funding for welding equipment to scale instruction |
| Person County | | | | \$1,000,000 | | |
| 47 | | Working Landscapes | Soil Amendments and Value-Added Enterprise (SAVE) | \$615,000 | Funding for compost and biochar manager, construction and equipment; Release of funds is contingent on Working Landscapes reaching an agreement satisfactory to Golden LEAF pursuant to which Warren County will allow Working Landscapes to locate and operate its facility at the county's landfill; Release of funds is contingent on Working Landscapes providing a business plan acceptable to Golden LEAF for the compost and biochar facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soil amendments to improve farmer production and reduce costs - Leverage USDA funding to improve soil health - Funds requested for biochar kiln, composting equipment, and training implementation costs |
| Warren County | | | | \$615,000 | | |

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| 48 | | Barton College | AI: Building Futures | \$0 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of AI integration across curricula, certificates, and community workshops - Training on ChatGPT, CoPilot, Gemini, Midjourney, and Claude to boost productivity, innovation, and ethical use of AI - Funds requested for hardware, software, furniture, personnel, and outreach/marketing |
| 49 | | Wilson Community College | Pathway to Prosperity | \$585,000 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance the Agribusiness Technology program to address rural talent gaps - Provides hands-on agribusiness training to prepare students for ag and ag-business careers locally - Funding for personnel, hydroponics lab, irrigation system, and technology equipment |
| Wilson County | | | | \$585,000 | | |
| Total: | | | | \$10,574,051 | | |

| NC Ag Leads Funding Request | | | | | |
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| 50 | | North Carolina Chamber Foundation | Groundtruth NC | \$275,450 | Approve a programmatic contract with the NC Chamber Foundation in the amount of up to \$275,450 pursuant to which the NC Chamber Foundation will enter a contract with American Farmland Trust to complete a scope of work consistent with that presented to the Programs Committee; delegate authority to finalize the programmatic contract to and AFT's scope of work to the Chair of the Board, Chair of the Programs Committee, and the President. |

| State Appropriated Programs Modification Requests | | | | | |
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| 51 | | Raleigh, City of | Kingsborough Estates Stormwater Flood Mitigation Design | Y | |
| 52 | | West Jefferson, Town of | Long Street & Backstreet Stormwater Infrastructure | Y | |
| 53 | | Hyde County Schools | Ocracoke School Rebuild | Y | |

| Grant Modification Requests | | | | | |
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| 54 | BW LL | Hoke, County of | Hoke County Industrial Park | Y | Staff recommends accepting the Company Performance Agreement as meeting the special condition regarding a required inducement agreement in the Grantee Acknowledgement and Agreement. |
| 55 | | Duplin, County of | Duplin County 2022 Golden LEAF Water Supply Well Project | N | Staff recommends that the request be declined, which would result in termination of the grant and rescission of the remaining balance. |

| Other Business | | | |
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| 56 | | Modifications to the Grantee Acknowledgement and Agreement | Please see the proposed revisions to the Foundation's Grantee Acknowledgement and Agreement, which have been uploaded to BoardEffect. These are the revisions discussed with the Board during the recent retreat. Staff recommends that the Programs Committee recommend these revisions to the Board for approval. |
| 57 | | Modifications to the Grant Monitoring Policy | Please see the proposed revisions to the Foundation's Grant Monitoring Policy, which have been uploaded to BoardEffect. These are the revisions discussed with the Board during the recent retreat. Staff recommends that the Programs Committee recommend these revisions to the Board for approval. |
| 58 | | Golden LEAF Schools Update and Modification Request | Update regarding Golden LEAF Schools; Recommend that the Board approve modifications to Golden LEAF Schools Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement and budget |
| 59 | | Metropolitan Community Health- Aurora Funding | Allow MCH to submit a comprehensive Open Grants Program application for consideration at the April 2026 Programs Committee meeting so it can move forward with the project with bids already received |

The Foundation's Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement used for these awards will contain the following standard conditions on the release of grant funds in addition to any special conditions recommended above:

- a) Release of grant funds is contingent on Grantee attending a Golden LEAF grants management workshop or participating in satisfactory discussions with Golden LEAF staff to gain training in the management of Golden LEAF grants and reporting requirements.
- b) Release of funds is contingent on Grantee returning a fully executed copy of this Agreement no later than forty-five (45) days after the Award Date, unless Golden LEAF agrees to extend the deadline for its submission.
- c) Release of funds is contingent on Golden LEAF's approval of activities and outcomes that will be used to monitor and assess Grantee's implementation of the project. Unless otherwise directed by Golden LEAF, Grantee must submit proposed outcomes and activities for approval within forty-five (45) days of the Award Date.
- d) Release of funds is contingent on the Grantee submitting a project budget for approval by Golden LEAF. The project budget must be submitted for approval within forty-five (45) days of the Award Date unless Golden LEAF agrees to extend the deadline. Unless otherwise approved, the project budget must be submitted on Golden LEAF form(s).
- e) If the approved project budget includes funds from other sources that are required for project implementation, Golden LEAF grant funds will not be released until Grantee demonstrates that it has secured those funds.
- f) Golden LEAF grant funds may not be used for acquisition of interests in real property or for costs of grant administration.
- g) If the Grantee fails to comply with its obligations under this Agreement, no further grant funds will be released unless such noncompliance is resolved to the satisfaction of Golden LEAF.

The Foundation's Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement used for Flood Mitigation and Recovery awards will contain the following special condition on the release of grant funds in addition to any special conditions recommended above:

- a) Use of grant funds must comply with applicable requirements of S.L. 2021-180 and S.L.2023-134.

The Foundation's Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement used for Shell Building awards will contain the following special condition on the release of grant funds in addition to any special conditions recommended above:

- a) Use of grant funds must comply with applicable requirements of S.L. 2023-134.
- b) Release of funds is dependent on Grantee satisfying the match requirements for the program established by S.L. 2023-134.
- c) No later than June 30, 2025, Grantee must provide information satisfactory to Golden LEAF that Grantee is making reasonable progress securing funding necessary to complete the funded project.