

NCR 2021 Priority State Budget Provisions

Totals

- Net appropriation for FY 2021-22 is \$25.9 billion and net appropriation for FY 2022-23 is \$27.0 billion.
- The Rainy Day Fund balance will be \$4.25 billion at the end of the biennium.

Broadband - REALTOR® Priority – NCR’s Legislative Policy supports broadband grants program to increase expansion, easing regulatory restrictions, incentives for public-private partnerships and upgrading existing facilities.

- Broadband Funding
 - \$15mm in 2021-22 for Community Colleges
 - \$4.6mm each year for school connectivity
 - \$1mm in 2021-22 for mapping
 - \$1 billion for broadband expansion projects, split between the state’s existing GREAT grant program and new initiatives
- Broadband Policy Decisions
 - GREAT grants process changes
 - Stopgap broadband solutions
 - Expansion of broadband funds to fixed wireless and satellite, and a county/state breakdown.
 - County broadband acceleration

Housing Finance Agency (HFA) - REALTOR® Priority

- 10,660,000 each year for the HFA
- \$180 million for Workforce Housing Loan Program through the Housing Finance Agency.
- \$10mm for affordable housing in Robeson County
- State homeowners assistance fund created to mitigate hardships caused by COVID-19 Pandemic.
- \$10mm for affordable housing in Forsyth County
- \$170,000,000 for the Workforce Housing Loan Program **(this is \$150 million more than what has been appropriated in any other year in the previous decade).**
- \$35mm for affordable housing in Dare County

Economic Development

- \$30mm for Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) marketing funds - **REALTOR® Priority – NCR’s legislative policy supports the funding and activities of the EDPNC and incentive programs necessary to attract businesses to the state.**
- Modifications to Film Grant Program
- Rural Tourism Recovery Funding
- Provides \$283 million to support deepening and expanding the Wilmington Harbor.

Infrastructure

- \$8 Billion in total infrastructure spending on school construction, critical projects at every University across the state; funds for community colleges, expanding broadband service, local water and sewer projects, airports, roads and rail; parks, trails and clean water conservation.

Other Policy Provisions

- Limits local governments from imposing harmony requirements for permit approval if the development contains affordable housing units for families or individuals with incomes below eighty percent (80%) of the area median income.
- Water and sewer infrastructure for affordable housing projects included for multiple cities.
- \$2mm for affordable housing to Habitat for Humanity
- Historic Tax Credits Extended to 2026 – **REALTOR® priority – NCR’s legislative policy supports the continuation of historic preservation and restoration.**
- Revises Emergency Management Act to require a vote of the Council of State to extend a statewide emergency beyond 30 days (effective Jan. 1, 2023).

Tax Provisions

- State and Local Tax Deductions (SALT) Changes included **REALTOR® Priority**
- PPP loan expense deductibility changes included **REALTOR® Priority**
- Increases the zero tax bracket to \$25,500
- Phases out Corporate Tax completely by 2029
- Reduces personal rate to 4.99% in 22 and eventually goes to 3.99% after 2026.

Provision Removed

- Removed the provision that would have changed how the Housing Finance Agency operated and delayed all their programs by at least a year. **REALTOR® Priority. If this provision had remained it would have required them to operate on the state accounting and budgeting system. This would have required all loans and grants to go through a more bureaucratic and slower process. It would have delayed loan closings and potentially put them outside hard requirements surrounding closing document presentation timeline.**