

2025 Hurricane Helene Grant Allocations

This document includes actions taken by the North Carolina General Assembly for the University of North Carolina System in Session Law 2025-26, The Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 — Part II.

Recommended Allocations for Items Requiring Board Approval

The following appropriations have been allocated to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors and require approval. It is recommended that the following Hurricane Helene grant allocations be approved, and the president be authorized to approve any plan changes, consistent with the intent of the legislation.

Hurricane Helene Grant Allocations

The General Assembly allocated funds to the UNC Board of Governors to repair, replace, renovate, or construct buildings or infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene, and for resiliency and hazard mitigation on campus property to prepare for future disasters.

Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University were appropriated \$2 million each. University of North Carolina Asheville and The North Carolina Arboretum were appropriated a total of \$2 million to be split. The split of funds between UNC Asheville and The Arboretum was determined based on the pro rata breakout of campus submitted projects for the Natural Disaster Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness projects reflected in the Board-approved 2025-27 UNC System Priorities.

Institutions were asked to submit budget plans based on the legislative authorized uses. Recommended allocations below have been reviewed and meet the General Assembly directives.

Recommended Hurricane Helene Grants

Project Title	Project Category	Allocation (Nonrecurring)
Appalachian State University		
Flood Mitigation at Peacock Lot and Duncan Hall	Infrastructure Repair	\$1,000,000
Flood Mitigation at Rankin West	Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation	200,000
Flood Doors for Flood-Prone Buildings	Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation	400,000
Flood Mitigation at Upper Bodenheimer Drive	New Construction	400,000
Total		\$2,000,000
Western Carolina University		
Campus Emergency Operations Center	New Construction	\$2,000,000
Total		\$2,000,000

Project Title	Project Category	Allocation (Nonrecurring)
University of North Carolina Asheville		
Helene Debris Removal	Repairs and Renovations	\$220,000
Equipment Upgrades for Future Storms	Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation	555,000
Repairs and Mitigation	Infrastructure Repair	225,000
Emergency Operations Center Upgrades	Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation	500,000
Total		\$1,500,000

The North Carolina Arboretum		
Evacuation and Future Disaster Mitigation Equipment	Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation	\$300,000
Infrastructure Engineering Requirements	Infrastructure Repair	200,000
Total		\$500,000

Total Recommended Hurricane Helene Grant Appropriation

\$6,000,000

Net Change in Appropriation

Session Law 2024-53 appropriated \$5 million nonrecurring to the UNC Board of Governors to allocate to institutions in the federally declared disaster zones for repairs and renovations. The General Assembly transferred the \$5 million appropriation back to the Helene Fund in S.L. 2025-26. Combined with the \$6 million nonrecurring appropriation for Hurricane Helene grants in S.L. 2025-26, the net change to the appropriation to the UNC Board of Governors is \$1 million as well as more authorized uses of funds, consistent with the Board-approved 2025-27 UNC System Priorities.