

# NC Senate Budget 2023-2025

## Summary of Key Items Related to Aging May 15, 2023

Funding amounts listed are the state appropriations. "R" notes recurring funding and "NR" notes non-recurring funding. The full information can be found in the [Committee Report](#) and [Bill Text](#). An \* next to the item identifies that it is also included in the House budget with the same funding amount.

	<u>SFY2023-24</u>	<u>SFY 2024-25</u>
<b>Education</b>		
<b>Nursing, Health, and Other High-Cost Workforce Programs Start-up Funds</b>	4,500,000 NR	4,500,000 NR
Provides funds and budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to assist community colleges in starting programs in high-demand career fields that require significant start-up funds. Funding allocated for this purpose from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund shall be used for nursing or other health-related programs.		
<b>Healthcare Workforce Programs Expansion - Community College</b>	15,000,000 NR	15,000,000 NR
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the State Board of Community Colleges to allocate to colleges to develop and expand courses that lead to a degree or credential in healthcare-related fields.		
<b>Child Care Grant Program Fund*</b>	1,200,000 R	1,200,000 R
Provides additional funding for the Child Care Grant Program, which provides students who are also parents support for childcare services.		
<b>Health and Human Services</b>		
<b>Transitions to Community Living Initiative</b>	15,610,750 R	15,610,750 R
This funding will provide additional funding to ensure Compliance with 2012 US following the US Department of Justice settlement.		
<b>Incentives for Health Providers In Rural and Underserved</b>	40,000,000 NR	40,000,000 NR
Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund for loan repayment and practice incentives for primary care physicians and other health providers who agree to practice in rural and underserved communities.		

## Health and Human Services

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### **Telehealth Infrastructure Grant Program**

10,000,000 NR

10,000,000 NR

Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to provide grants to rural health care providers for start-up equipment for telehealth. The competitive grant program will prioritize independent primary care practices and obstetrics and gynecology practices.

### **The North Carolina Association of Free & Charitable Clinics**

15,000,000 NR

15,000,000 NR

Provides a directed grant to NCAFCC to support member clinics in providing health care for the uninsured and underserved.

### **Community Health Center Apprenticeships**

1,703,250 NR

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Provides a directed grant to the North Carolina Community Health Center Association to expand the Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Initiative Pilot Program.

### **Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development**

600,000 NR

600,00 NR

Provides a directed grant to MCCLD to support the development and implementation of the Community Health Workers Outreach Program. The program addresses social determinants of health including food insecurities, access to safe housing and homelessness, transportation barriers, and access to medical care

### **North Carolina Dental Society\***

200,000 NR

200,000 NR

Provides a directed grant to the North Carolina Dental Society Foundation to support dental services and supplies for the Missions of Mercy dental clinics.

### **DHHS Competitive Grants/Nonprofit Organizations**

(10,653,911) R

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Eliminates funds appropriated to DHHS to award grants to nonprofit organizations through a competitive process.

### **SSBG - DHHS Competitive Grants/Nonprofit Organizations**

(4,774,525) R

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Eliminates federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding for DHHS to award grants to nonprofit organizations through a competitive process.

### **Prescription Produce Program**

5,000,000 NR

Provides a directed grant to Reinvestment Partners, a nonprofit organization, for its Prescription Produce Program, which, for up to 3 months, provides a monthly \$40 per household benefit for each eligible Food and Nutrition Service recipient enrolled by the recipient's health care provider.

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<b>Health and Human Services</b>		
<p><b>Rates for Skilled Nursing Facilities</b> Provides funds to permanently retain at least half of the COVID-19 add-on amount in the Medicaid reimbursement rates for skilled nursing facilities</p>	50,000,000 R	50,000,000 R
<p><b>Innovations Waiver Direct Care Worker Wages*</b> Provides funds to increase the wages of direct care workers who provide services for individuals on the state’s Innovations waiver.</p>	60,000,000 R	60,000,000 R
<p><b>Innovations Waiver Slots</b> Provides funding for an additional 350 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to access services through the State's Innovations waiver program.</p>	10,000,000 R	10,000,000 R
<p><b>Private Duty Nursing Rate Increase</b> Increases the Medicaid rate for private duty nursing services from \$45/hour to \$52/hour.</p>	10,000,000 R	10,000,000 R
<p><b>Nursing Home Personal Needs Allowance</b> Increases the monthly Medicaid personal needs allowance from \$30 to \$70 for individual residents of nursing homes and from \$60 to \$140 for married couples residing in nursing homes. Medicaid reimbursements to nursing homes will adjust to cover the reduction in payments from residents.</p>	3,500,000 R	3,500,000 R
<p><b>Rural Hospital Stabilization Grants*</b> Transfers funds to the UNC BOG to allocate to the Rural Health Care Stabilization Program, which provides loans to eligible hospitals located in rural areas of the State that are in financial crisis.</p>	12,500,000 NR	12,500,000 NR
<p><b>Duplin County Aging Services</b> Transfers funds to the SCIF to provide a grant to Duplin County to complete a new Duplin County Department of Aging Senior Resource Center and Veteran's Services building</p>	1,500,000 NR	
<p><b>DHHS Opioid Abatement Fund Grants</b> Provides funds from multi-state opioid settlements to DHHS be awarded as competitive grants to nonprofit organizations to provide evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment to individuals who are uninsured and underinsured.</p>	5,000,000 NR	5,000,000 NR

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### **SSBG - Independent Living Program & Program Oversight**

Increases SSBG funding for legislative increases for receipt supported positions.

276,636 R

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## Agriculture, Natural and Economic Resources

### **Food Banks**

Provides \$6 million to be distributed equally to the 6 food banks in the State. An additional \$100,000 is appropriated to support administrative costs of the food banks.

6,100,000 NR

6,100,000 NR

### **NC Food Hub Collaborative**

Provides funds for a directed grant to the NC Food Hub Collaborative to support the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of locally sourced food to customers.

2,000,000 NR

2,000,000 NR

### **Great Trails Program**

Budgets a transfer of projected interest earned from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve for the Great Trails program.

5,000,000 NR

### **Accessible Parks Grants**

Budgets a transfer of projected interest earned from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve for grants to local governments for parks for people with disabilities.

10,000,000 NR

## Justice and Public Safety

### **Medicaid Investigations Division Positions\***

Provides 15 additional new positions for the Medicaid Investigations Division.

2,100,000 R

2,100,000 R

### **Local Disaster Shelter Capacity Grant Program**

Budgets receipts from the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Program to NC Emergency Management to create a grant program to improve local disaster shelter infrastructure. Grants will be used to improve disaster shelters across the State by making repairs, improving access, strengthening windspeed ratings for roofs and windows, adding generator hookups, and other projects.

5,000,000 R

5,000,000 R

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<b>General Government</b>		
<b>American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters*</b> Provides funds for ASL interpreters for Domestic Violence Commission and Council for Women meetings.	20,000 NR	20,000 NR
<b>Grants for Services to Victims of Domestic Violence</b> Provides additional funds for the State domestic violence grant program established pursuant to G.S. 50B-9.	500,000 R	750,000 R
<b>Grants for Services to Victims of Sexual Assault</b> Provides additional funds for the State sexual assault grant program established pursuant to G.S. 143B-394.21	500,000 R	750,000 R
<b>NC Housing Trust Fund</b> Provides funds to the Supportive Housing Development Program to provide housing for homeless veterans.	5,000,000 R	5,000,000 R
<b>NC Housing Trust Fund</b> Provides funds to the Supportive Housing Development Program to provide housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.	5,000,000 R	5,000,000 R
<b>Key Rental Assistance Program*</b> Budgets additional funds for the Key Rental Assistance Program transferred from DHHS, which provides rental subsidies for eligible low-income individuals with disabilities.	1,613,778 R	1,613,778 R
<b>NC Housing Trust Fund</b> Budgets funds for the Supportive Housing Development Program to provide housing for homeless veterans and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.	10,000,000 NR	10,000,000 NR
<b>Veterans' Services Offices</b> Provides funds for 8 Veteran Services Officers positions.	500,000 R	500,000 R
<b>Grants to County Veterans Offices</b> Provides funds for county veterans offices across the State	1,000,000 R	1,000,000 R
<b>Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery</b> Provides funds for contract services to address the backlog of work needed at the SSVC and to bring the cemetery into compliance with the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) operational standards and measures.	300,000 NR	
<b>Combat Veterans' Homelessness Grant Program</b> Provides funds from the cash balance to establish a grant program to provide community-based organizations funds to address veterans' homelessness and housing insecurity.	10,000,000 NR	10,000,000 NR

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<b>General Government</b>		
<b>Purple Heart Homes, Inc.</b> Provides funds from the cash balance for a directed grant to Purple Heart Homes, Inc. to support the Veterans Aging in Place and veterans home ownership programs for veterans and their families	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>Military Missions in Action</b> Provides funds from the cash balance for a directed grant to Military Missions in Action to assist disabled veterans.	1,500,000 NR	1,500,000 NR
<b>NC State Veterans Home Repairs and Renovation Reserve Fund*</b> Establishes a reserve from funds in the Veterans Homes Trust Fund cash balance for routine repairs and renovations at the State's veterans nursing facilities during FY 2023-23. Urgent and unanticipated R&R needs will be covered under the authority in G.S. 143C-6-4.	1,500,000 NR	
<b>Awareness and Digital Literacy</b> Funds an awareness campaign with targeted community-based efforts and digital literacy offerings.	12,500,000 NR	7,702,206 NR
<b>Awareness and Digital Literacy - State Fiscal Recovery Reserve*</b> Budgets a transfer of projected interest earned from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve for an awareness campaign with targeted community-based efforts and digital literacy offerings.		4,797,794 NR
<b>Broadband Administration*</b> Provides funds to the Department of Information Technology to supplement existing administrative capacity in support of high-speed internet efforts.	3,750,000 NR	3,750,000 NR