

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT



Employment First State for Individuals with Disabilities

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads and Chief Financial Officers

All State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies

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SUBJECT: Revised Continuing Budget Authority for FY 2021-22

The General Assembly has not enacted a Current Operations Appropriations Act for FY 2021-22. Given this situation, the State will operate under G.S. 143C-5-4, as amended by S.L. 2021-25, which authorizes and appropriates funds to continue operations at a level not to exceed the level of recurring certified expenditures from the prior fiscal year.

Specifically, G.S. 143C-5-4 authorizes and directs the following:

- 1. State departments, institutions and agencies may expend funds at the level at which operations were **certified** on a **recurring** basis for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The statute does not allow for increases included in the recommended base budget (statutory appropriations, lease increases, position, and program annualizations, receipt adjustments, etc.).
- 2. State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies may accept and expend grants, subject to Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) approval, up to \$2.5 million that do not require a State match and are not for a capital project subject to a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations within 30 days of receipt. Grants over \$2.5 million may be expended with OSBM approval and after a consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. No grant may be accepted that would obligate the State to future programs or expenditures beyond the grant term.
 - a. If the State is under a state of emergency, as defined in G.S. 166A-19.3, the State Agency may accept and expend grants greater than \$2.5 million, subject to OSBM approval, that do not exceed 1% of the agency's total grants awarded during the fiscal year or \$10 million, whichever is greater, subject to a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations within 30 days of receipt.

- 3. State employees, including those exempt from the classification and compensation rules established by the State Human Resources Commission, shall not receive salary increases, including automatic step increases, annual, performance, merit, bonuses, or other increments until authorized by the General Assembly. This includes state employees subject to G.S. 7A-102(c), 7A-171.1, or 20-187.3 and public school employees paid on the teacher salary schedule or school-based administrator salary schedule.
- 4. The salary-related contributions for retirement and other payroll-related benefits shall continue at the recurring levels effective on June 30, 2021.

	Teachers and State Employees	State LEOs	ORPs	CJRS	LRS
Retirement	14.78%	14.78%	6.84%	36.44%	27.30%
Disability	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%
Death	0.13%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Retiree Health	6.68%	6.68%	6.68%	6.68%	6.68%
NC 401K	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Rate Contribution	21.68%	26.68%	13.61%	43.12%	33.98%

5. The State Health Plan Contribution shall remain the same as effective on June 30, 2021.

Medicare-eligible employees and retirees: \$4,916 Non-Medicare-eligible employees and retirees: \$6,326

First Quarter Allotments

The basis for calculating the FY 2021-22 first quarter allotment shall be the 2020-21 Certified Budget from the recommended Base Budget Document (Worksheet I) with all non-recurring items removed. Your OSBM Budget Execution Analyst will provide each department, institution, and agency with this information to assist you in calculating the first quarter allotment request.

FY 2021-23 Budget

Until the Appropriations Act is enacted and certified by OSBM, no budget should be reflected on the BD 701 reports in NCAS and NCFS. Capital budget codes for 2021 will be established only for the purpose of authorizing new capital projects funded with non-General Fund money for which authority to expend funds exists outside of the Appropriations Act.

Please contact your OSBM Budget Execution Analyst if you have any questions.

Thank you.