

SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

This fund is used to account for those revenue sources earmarked for school debt service payments or capital outlay. The funds are collected here then transferred to the General Fund to pay a portion of the principal and interest of bonds and certificates of participation issued for construction of school facilities.

A $\frac{1}{2}$ % Sales and Use Tax is authorized by NCGS 105, Article 40. It is pooled at the state level then distributed on a per capita basis. This statute requires that 30% of it be set aside for school capital outlay or debt service.

A $\frac{1}{2}$ % Sales and Use Tax is authorized by NCGS 105, Article 42. It also is pooled at the state level then used to be distributed on a per capita basis. Starting in FY 2010, the distribution was changed to 50% on a per capita basis, and 50% on the point of sale basis. This significantly reduced our revenues for FY 2010 and beyond. This statute requires that 60% of the proceeds be set aside for school capital outlay or debt service.

The State School Building Funds are state appropriations funded by a portion of the corporate income tax. These funds are distributed on an average daily membership (ADM) basis and must be earmarked for school capital outlay or debt service. However, the NC General Assembly seized these funds in FY 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 to help balance the State's budget. These funds are not expected to be returned to counties for some years if at all. This has cost Lincoln County about \$643,000 annually.

The NC Lottery proceeds are apportioned based on average daily attendance and a formula taking effective property tax rates into account. However, the NC General Assembly seized \$823,000 of these funds in FY 2011, 2012, and 2013 to balance the State's budget. These funds are not expected to be returned to counties.

The total amount budgeted for school debt service is broken out from general county debt on the General Fund Expenditure Summary. You can see the details of all existing debt issues for the schools in the Schools Debt Service Schedule located in the Appendix.

In prior years, sales tax revenues were posted to the General Fund then the portion reserved for school debt service was transferred to this fund. Later in the year, the money was transferred back into the General Fund to cover the expenses of schools debt service. This was done to document that we used all the funds for education. However, we spend over \$11,500,000 on school debt, which is far more than this amount. Consequently, we no longer need to transfer the earmarked sales taxes out of, and back into the General Fund to prove we have used the funds correctly. This change was made beginning in FY 2013.

NOTES:

A considerable fund balance had built up in this fund. At the same time, the State seized the ADM and Lottery funding. This fund is heavily dependent on the sales tax, and that

revenue source is recovering, but still lower than when the recession began. We appropriated \$1,300,000 in FY 2013, but need to reduce this reliance on fund balance. Therefore, we are recommending that the Board appropriate only \$867,000 in FY 2014, and \$434,000 in 2015. After that, no more fund balance should be appropriated from this fund.

Looking ahead, sales tax revenues should improve as the economy improves. However, it is doubtful the State will return to counties the ADM and Lottery funds previously seized.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 21
FY 2015 BUDGET

Account Number	Account Description or Title	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2014 Thru 2/28/14	FY 2014 Projected	FY 2015 Requested	FY 2015 Recommended
REVENUE								
INTERGOVERNMENTAL								
21-3591-4334	First 1/2 Cent Sales Tax 30% Res.	994,320	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-3591-4335	Second 1/2 Cent Sales Tax 60% Res.	1,988,639	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-3591-4991	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,016,299	1,314,764	867,000	-	867,000	462,000	579,000
	TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENT	3,999,258	1,314,764	867,000	-	867,000	462,000	579,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL STATE								
21-3591-4337	State School Building Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-3591-4337-0001	Lottery Proceeds	820,381	809,283	826,383	619,600	827,600	820,000	820,000
	TOTAL INTERGOV STATE	820,381	809,283	826,383	619,600	827,600	820,000	820,000
INVESTMENT EARNINGS								
21-3591-4490	Interest on Investment	3,214	1,336	2,000	1,021	1,500	1,000	1,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENT	3,214	1,336	2,000	1,021	1,500	1,000	1,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,822,853	\$ 2,125,383	\$ 1,695,383	\$ 620,621	\$ 1,696,100	\$ 1,283,000	\$ 1,400,000
EXPENSE								
DEBT SERVICE								
21-5913-5700	Debt Service Transfer To General Fund	4,822,853	2,125,383	1,695,383	846,192	1,695,383	1,283,000	1,400,000
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE TRANSFER	4,822,853	2,125,383	1,695,383	846,192	1,695,383	1,283,000	1,400,000
	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,822,853	2,125,383	1,695,383	846,192	1,695,383	1,283,000	1,400,000

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