



North Carolina Recovery One Year Later - Connecting Projects with Interagency Recovery Coordination

ECONOMIC (EDA)

2\$ million for local government recovery, tourism, and technical assistance. DOL allocated \$10 million for disaster relief jobs and training.

Total: \$12,000,000

HEHS

Funding for emergency prescriptions, crisis counseling, and education recovery grants.

Total: \$22,657,648

HUD

Various funds for housing, families, businesses, and assisting the homeless.

Total: \$1,661,820,000

EPA (NCDEQ SRF)

Funding for clean water, drinking water, and wastewater systems via the State Revolving Fund.

Total: \$746,000,000

NOAA

Grant supporting community-led planning, hazard assessments, and local recovery efforts.

Total: \$130,000

Philanthropy

\$2 million grant to repair roads and bridges. \$77K for building homes, utility bills, and a retaining wall.

Total: \$2,077,000

SBA:

Disbursed loans, including EIDL loans.

Total: \$238,140,000

USACE (IS RSF)

Funding for stormwater improvements, water infrastructure rehabilitation, and wastewater repairs.

Total: \$50,744,000

USDA

Funding for rural housing, infrastructure, community services, disaster supplemental funds for producers, food benefits, and natural resource restoration.

Total: \$1.097 Billion

USDOT

Funding for emergency repairs to roads and bridges.

Total: \$5,100,000

USGS

Pending funds for landslide hazard risk reduction.

Total: \$500,000



CA:

Conducted 5 recovery workshops. Developed recovery plans for Buncombe County and 6 jurisdictions. Supported the Stony Creek Bridge rebuild which provided emergency access to 16 properties.



ECON:

\$500K was allocated to four COGs (Land of Sky, Southwestern Commission, High Country, and Foothills) to support technical assistance, outdoor recreation, and tourism, fostering economic recovery and sustainable development in disaster-impacted areas.



EPA Advisor:

\$685M was appropriated for the State Revolving Fund, and four workshops were held with NCDEQ to assist COGs in planning water and wastewater projects, ensuring resilient infrastructure and long-term recovery.



HEHS:

\$2.4M in Emergency Prescription Assistance helped 815 survivors. All 19 Project SERV applications were approved (\$7.35M), along with \$9.7M in Crisis Counseling grants and \$200K for Land of Sky COG to replace food stocks and equipment.



USDA:

Allocated funding includes \$286.5 million for FNS and \$472 million for FSA disaster supplemental funds. Further USDA commitments cover: NRCS (\$38.5M EWP, \$6M EQIP), USDA Rural Development (\$25M), and US Forest Service infrastructure repair (\$268.5M).

Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) has facilitated over \$3.8 billion in funding across federal, state, and philanthropic sources, supporting housing, infrastructure, behavioral health, and economic recovery initiatives in North Carolina.

Stony Creek Bridge Rebuild (Edneyville, Henderson County)



After Hurricane Helene



After reconstruction



Housing:

HUD allocated \$1.4B in CDBG-DR funds to North Carolina and \$225M to Asheville, with \$31M dedicated to housing recovery, addressing critical needs and resilience. \$4.9M of RUSH program funds (RUSH 1 and 2) were allocated for assisting the homeless.



UFR Advisor:

Actively coordinating with resource agencies such as USACE, USFWS, and SHPO to develop tools and protocols to streamline the environmental compliance review process, prevent duplication of efforts, and reduce burden on federal partners.



If you're a North Carolina business or resident affected by Hurricane Helene, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is here to help.

SBA:

SBA disbursed \$238.1M, including \$43.69M in EIDL loans, and held nine workshops across eight counties, offering direct assistance, resource referrals, and education to sectors like agriculture, tourism, and nonprofits.



Philanthropy Advisor:

A \$2M grant was coordinated for Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas to partner with Mennonite Disaster Service, repairing private roads and bridges. \$77K from Catholic Charities to rebuild homes, pay utility bills and construct a retaining wall.



USACE Advisor:

- \$20,000 for Helene outreach coordination.
- Water/Wastewater projects
 - \$41M+ for town of Canton
 - \$4M for town of Weaverville
 - \$3.4M for Robbinsville
 - \$1.5M for Murphy

Hurricane Helene Recovery Project Highlights

Edneyville, Henderson County



IRC/CA: The Stoney Creek Bridge rebuild project provided emergency access to 16 properties. The Mennonite Disaster Service did the construction without cost to state/local government.

Buncombe County



IRC/CA/USFS: The firewood and lumber repurposing project processed 320,000 lbs. of wood debris in Buncombe County, preventing the debris from going to waste in landfills.

Chimney Rock, Rutherford County



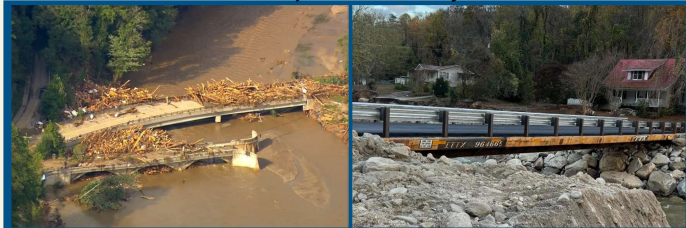
ECON: State Recovery funds (\$5.5 M) for 6 projects to rebuild infrastructure and revitalize Main Street. Projects include downtown streetscape improvements – sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian infrastructure, - as well as improvements to infrastructure.

McDowell County



HMGP: Pending grant for ~\$6.4 million for 25 properties in McDowell County. Estimated benefit is ~\$18.9 million for a benefit cost ratio of 2.93.

Lake Lure, Rutherford County



PA: Temporary bridge enabled the Lake Lure Park to reopen with full operations expected by September 27, 2025 (\$3.5 M).

Madison and Buncombe Counties



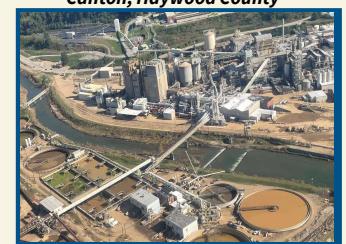
Philanthropy: Mountain BizWorks offers up to \$25,000 to small businesses for costs associated with Hurricane Helene.

Marshall, Madison County



SBA representatives at the Marshall Library in November 2024 discussed disaster recovery options with homeowners, renters, and business owner.

Canton, Haywood County



USACE awarded a \$40.7 M Grant to Canton to build a new Wastewater Treatment plant.

Lake Lure, Rutherford County



USACE: As of August 2025, crews have removed over 861,366 tons of silt and sediment and more than 97,240 cubic yards of debris. About 330 truckloads of debris leave Lake Lure each day.

Marshall, Madison County



USACE measured 2,200 high-water marks as part of a larger, tri-state flood data collection mission.

Multiple Counties



USDA: Buncombe County hosted a WNC Wildfire Summit on mitigation and biochar production. Agricultural Recovery Centers in nine counties assisted 465 farmers, while NRCS waived cost-share for watershed protection (\$35.9M).

Chimney Rock, Rutherford County

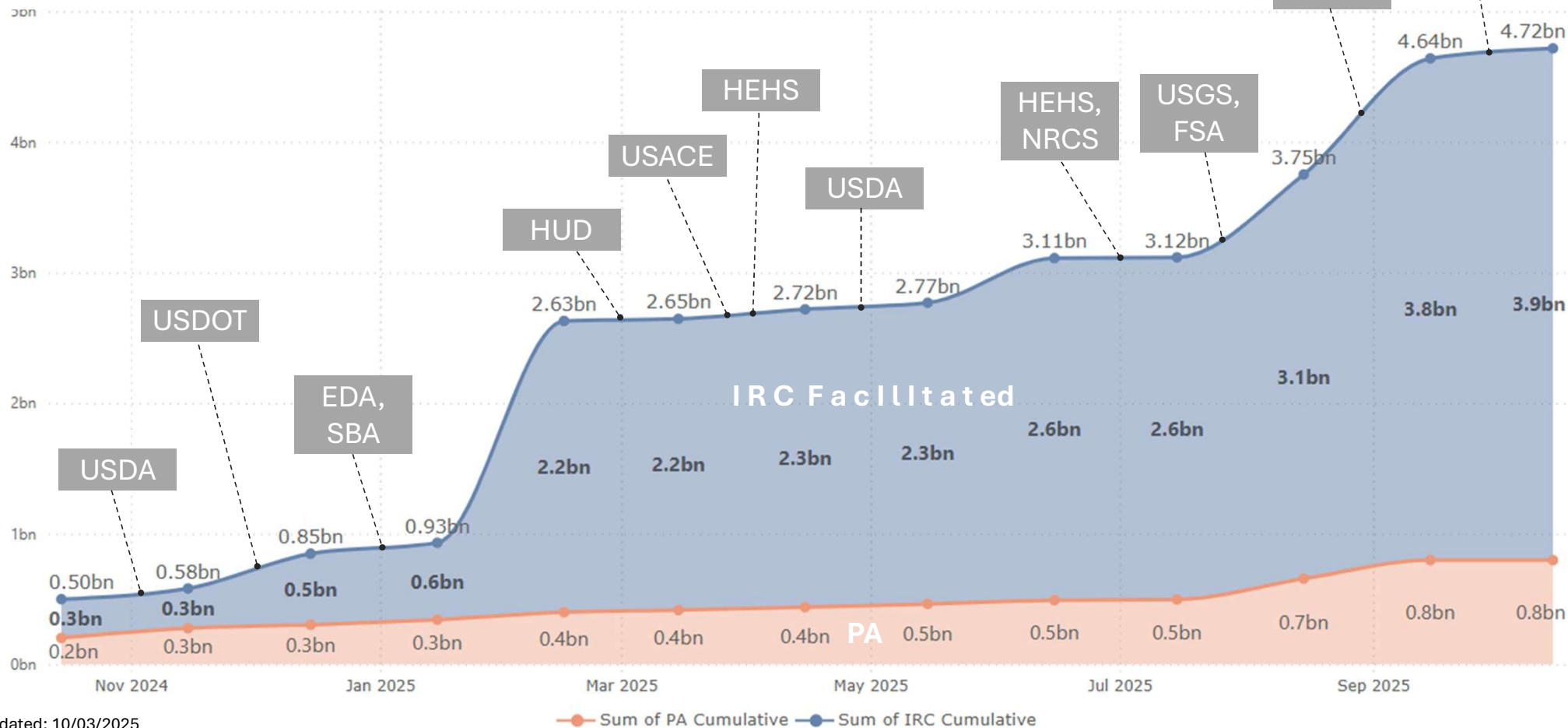


VAL: Spokes for Hope has facilitated the arrival of over 2,000 volunteers to clear debris and rebuild structures.

IRC Coordinating **FEMA PROJECTS** (PA-Eligible) with Federal **PROGRAMS** (Supplemental Funds)

Cumulative Growth in PA and IRC Facilitated Funding
October 2024 – October 2025

Disclaimer: timeline is approximate



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