

# Grants Update

March 2, 2026



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# Summary of Grant Expenditures

- Grants tracked through Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (SEFSA) by fiscal year

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Federal	16,695,362	17,415,740	29,650,691	26,503,682	45,528,190	26,818,187	53,072,379
State	6,665,689	5,911,909	6,871,418	7,537,243	7,116,625	9,667,624	8,538,104
Total	<b>23,361,051</b>	<b>23,327,649</b>	<b>36,522,109</b>	<b>34,040,925</b>	<b>52,644,815</b>	<b>36,485,811</b>	<b>61,610,483</b>

# Union County Grants saving Citizens Taxes

- FY 2025 received \$61,610,483 million in outside revenue
- One penny on the tax rate provides roughly \$6 million in revenue
- Union County staff have avoided nearly 10 penny in taxes in FY 2025; 6 pennies in FY 2024; and 7.5 pennies in FY 2023
- Union County staff have avoided an average of 6 cents in property taxes each year over the past seven years.



	# OF GRANTS	TOTAL DOLLARS
Applied	19	\$30,144,500
Awarded	4	\$1,267,953

## FY 2026 Grant Picture

If Union County is successful in all these awards, staff will have avoided another 5 pennies in property taxes for Union County citizens; and we are still have four months of the fiscal year to go...

# FY 2026 Grants Update

- Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure - \$4,306,100 Applied
- NC Agricultural Manufacturing & Processing - \$1,500,000 Applied
- Transportation Combined Capital Grant - \$800,000 Applied
- Economic Development Administration - \$200,000 Applied
- StRAP (Stream Rehabilitation Assistance Program) - \$200,000 Applied
- Gary Sinise Foundation - \$33,400 Applied
- State Veterans Services - \$20,000 Applied
- Firehouse Subs - \$15,000 Applied
- Recreation Trails - ? NOFA March 2
- Golden Leaf Open Grant - ? Project Defined
- Goal for at least 5 other grant applications this year



# The grant world has changed

- In past three years, we went from writing a grant in crayon to federal government deleting grant programs
- The intersection of federal state and local government funding is changing and changing rapidly
- Need to coordinate and understand the long-term benefits and costs of a grant application
- Grow to a place where we are strategic in our approach to and how we apply to grants that make us stronger now and, in the future,

# Our Grant Strategy: Moving Forward

**Managing the Whole Journey:** We are working to coordinate the entire life of a grant, from the very first application all the way to the final closeout.

**Clear Reporting for Everyone:** We will provide easy-to-read quarterly reports so that departments, management, and the Board always know where our funding stands.

**Working Together:** We are building strong partnerships between departments to make sure we are "looking under every rock" for new funding and meeting the specific needs of our community.

**Better Tools:** We are using **eCivis** to find new grants and **Power BI** to track our data and show our progress clearly.

Questions?



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