



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve \$2,951 additional Preparedness State Funds.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to approve \$2,951 additional Preparedness State Funds.

Introduction & Background: Since 2002, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has provided funding through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement to help health departments build and strengthen their abilities to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. PHEP is a critical source of funding for state, local, and territorial public health departments.

Division of Public Health (DPH), Public Health Preparedness & Response (PHP&R) Branch, makes PHEP funds available to all local health departments through a funding formula developed in conjunction with an agreement by the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, which is based on population, land square miles and total square miles. These funds enable the local health departments to upgrade and integrate local public health preparedness and response to public health emergencies with federal, state, local and tribal governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations.

Discussion & Analysis: The emergency preparedness and response efforts made by the Local Health Department are intended to support the National Response Framework and the National Incident Management System. Funds awarded under the CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement will be used to enhance all hazards planning and direction, coordination and assessment, surveillance and detection capacities, risk communication and health information dissemination, telecommunications capabilities, and education and training.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: This funding is used to support Community Assessment efforts, including development of a data dashboard. The Community Assessment was highlighted as an important resource to guide health and planning efforts in the Comprehensive Plan.

Budgetary Impact: No Local Funding Requested.

Recommendation: Vote on a request to approve \$2,951 additional Preparedness State Funds.