

VISITOR CENTERS

State Authorization: North Carolina General Statute 20-79.7

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Brief Description of Program:

The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorizes funding to certain Visitor Centers (NCGS 20-79.7(c)(2) revised) located within rest area sites or at stand-alone sites, for the purpose of providing visitor information to the traveling public. The Visitor Center Agreements specify the activities allowed and unallowed Funding may only be used for allowable operational costs and in accordance with the cost principles and uniform administrative requirements defined in the OMB Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR 200, and/or state policies. Each Visitor Center Funding agreement specifies the activities allowed to be funded under the program.

The program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the Department. Recipients are nonprofit organizations or local governments appointed by the State Legislature. The recipients receive an allocation of \$92,857 annually from the Special Registration Plate fund with an additional \$50,000 from the Highway Fund (with the exception of the McDowell Visitor Center and the visitor center in Transylvania County which receives an annual allocation of \$25,000 from the Highway Fund, and Tabor City, in Columbus County, Fair Bluff in Columbus County, Randolph County – two visitor centers, and Wilkes County, which does not receive an allocation from the Highway Fund at this time).

On NCDOT's confirmation Grant Master List (GML), the Visitor Centers' program disbursements are identified as State No.: DOT-13

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State X Federal