

FAST NC

Introduction

Hurricane Florence in 2018 and Hurricane Dorian in 2019 caused extensive destruction in North Carolina. Students, educators, and school staff members, like so many other members of the community, have suffered as a result of these storms. Helping these children and educators to recover from the storms and continue the processes of teaching and learning are critical steps in restoring their well-being and the well-being of their families and communities.

FAST NC Application Cycles

FAST NC receives and responds to applications for assistance in cycles. The original application rounds occurred from November 2018 to May 2019 and were dedicated to the Hurricane Florence response. A new round of applications will be received in October of 2019. This round will be the final opportunity to submit an application for Hurricane Florence damages/losses. This round will be the first opportunity to submit an application for Hurricane Dorian damages/losses. The deadline for these applications is October 11, 2019.

Purpose

The purpose of FAST NC is to provide funds and in-kind contributions to assist public school students and employees in recovering from the impact of Hurricanes Florence and Dorian. The focus of this support will be on the counties that were declared federal disaster areas as a result of the damage from Hurricane Florence. This support has also been extended to the Dare County Schools and Hyde County Schools, which experienced significant damage during Hurricane Dorian. Priority will be given to school materials, supplies, and resources that aid students in being prepared for instruction and aid educators in the restoration of a high-quality learning environment. FAST NC funds are not intended to address needs that are covered by insurance, or county, state, or federal governments. While exceptions may occur, FAST NC funds are typically intended to replace resources that were lost or made unusable by Hurricanes Florence and Dorian rather than purchase resources that were not lost or made unusable by these storms. Similarly, while exceptions may occur, FAST NC funds are not intended to address the personal losses of school employees.

Eligibility

Entities eligible to receive FAST NC funds include North Carolina public school districts and North Carolina public charter schools who seek to aid students and employees impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Dorian. The actual applicants for these funds must be North Carolina public district, school and public charter school employees. Each application must be signed by the applicant's principal/school leader (if applicable) and LEA superintendent or public charter school board chair.

Process

The applicant completes the application and submits it to FAST NC. Instructions for submission are at the end of the application form. Each application is reviewed by the FAST NC steering committee. The committee then recommends approval or disapproval to either the State Board of Education's executive committee or to the board of Communities in Schools of North Carolina. FAST NC funds are available

FAST NC Application Information, Form, and Scoresheet (Revised, 9-24-19)
from both organizations. The State Board's executive committee decision or the CISNC board's decision
will then be communicated to the applicant.

Questions? Please contact FASTNC@dpi.nc.gov.

1. PLEASE INDICATE THE STORM THAT CAUSED THE LOSS OR DAMAGE THAT IS THE REASON FOR YOUR SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION (Check the appropriate box):

- Hurricane Florence**
- Hurricane Dorian**

2. Your Name _____ 2. Your School or Other Work Site _____

3. Address for Your School or Other Work Site _____

4. Your Local Education Agency (Sch District) _____ 5. Your Professional Role in the School/LEA _____

6. Your Work Phone # _____ 7. Your Mobile Phone Number _____

8. Your Work Email Address _____

9. What is the total amount of funding that you are requesting? \$ _____
(Depending on funds available, the Steering Committee of FAST NC may adjust this dollar amount.)

10. Will these funds replace items lost or damaged as a result of the hurricane checked in Item 1 above?
Yes _____ No _____

11. What is the specific purpose(s) for which these funds are requested?

12. At which sites (school, central office, other) in the LEA or charter school will the funds be used?

13. Please explain how the funds will benefit public school or public charter school students and/or employees who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Florence or Hurricane Dorian.

14. How many students and/or employees will be helped? _____

15. Once received by the LEA, how long do you anticipate it will take to deploy these funds for the purposes outlined above? _____ months

(Ordinarily, FAST NC funds that are not expended within 3 months of issuance of these allocations shall be returned to the NC Education fund. If you are asking for longer than 3 months, please provide an explanation. In cases of unusual difficulties in the disbursement of funds, requests for extension can be considered. If there are unusual difficulties in the disbursement of funds, contact Deanna Townsend-Smith to request consideration for an extension of the deadline.)

16. Please attach a simple budget outlining the amounts for the various expenditures associated with this request.

Please note:

- a. *The North Carolina State Board of Education has sole responsibility for deciding the degree to which requested grant funds align with the purposes of FAST NC.*
- b. *FAST NC does not address expenses that are covered by insurance, or county, state, or federal governments. The superintendent, in signing this application, is providing assurance that the funds requested in this application are not being used to address such expenses.*
- c. *Funds for FAST NC will be paid to the applying school LEA or charter school. Disbursement from the LEA or charter school will then be to the school or individual(s) for whom the money is requested. It is expected that the LEA will monitor documentation of the disbursements and collection of receipts.*
- d. *Receipts and/or records of expenditures for the grant funds, consistent with the application's stated purposes and the specific grant approval provided herein, shall be provided to the FAST NC steering committee no later than 3 months from the LEA's receipt of the funds. Please direct these records to Deanna Townsend-Smith at FASTNC@dpi.nc.gov. These records are subject to monitoring and audit. They should be maintained by the LEA for at least one calendar year from the final expenditure of FAST NC funds. If there are unusual difficulties in the disbursement of funds that delay submission of these records, contact Dr. Townsend-Smith to request consideration for an extension of the deadline.*

17. Signature of Principal (if applicable)

Date

18. Signature of Superintendent/Charter School Board Chair (required)

Date

Please mail the completed and signed application to **State Board of Education, FAST NC, 6302 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6302**. Alternatively, applications that are completed, signed, and scanned can be emailed to FASTNC@dpi.nc.gov.

FAST NC Application Scoring Rubric

This form will be used in the review of each FAST NC grant application by the steering committee. Points will be assigned for each of the categories and a total tallied at the end of the scoresheet. The score will inform the recommendation for approval/disapproval that the steering committee makes to the State Board of Education. The State Board makes the final decision concerning the approval/disapproval of a FAST NC grant application.

LEA: _____ Program or School:

Individual submitting application: _____ Date: _____

Categories	Scoring Criteria	Possible Score	Score
1. All elements of application addressed, including signature & date	Signature of appropriate local school official provided	20	
2. Fidelity to FAST NC purposes	Identification of who will receive benefits and for what purpose	20	
3. Completion of questions/items	Responses to all relevant items and questions provided	20	
4. Alignment of budget & purpose	Budget proposal accurately reflects support for stated purpose	20	
5. Financial support for initiatives not otherwise funded or reimbursed	Lack of duplication with other funding sources, e. g. insurance, government	20	
TOTAL SCORE		100	

Steering Committee Recommendation: _____
