North Carolina has been allocated $206 million in long-term recovery money through the program known as Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). North Carolina must wait for a Federal Register to begin the process of accessing the funds.

When the Federal Register governing this funding is published it will direct North Carolina on what kinds of projects are eligible, and the state can start the federally-mandated process to access the funds. This includes developing a State Action Plan and submitting it for public comment and approval by HUD.

“More money for storm recovery is important, but Hurricane Florence hit our state well over a year ago and we still can’t access money from HUD for survivors of that storm,” said Governor Roy Cooper. “It’s clear that we need Washington to make reforms to the way theses funds are distributed so that we can help people faster."

Initial recovery funding for Hurricane Florence was passed by Congress in October 2018. North Carolina is scheduled to receive $336.5 million in CDBG-DR funding from that bill, but the state still does not have access to that money.