

Highlights of the General Government Budget

The Conference Budget for General Government in FY 2022-23 includes net appropriations of \$559.4 million, which is \$41.6 million above the FY 2021-22 amount, an 8.0% increase. The highlights of the General Government adjustments are as follows:

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Committee Report Items (F24-F31)

- Provides funds from the **State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF)** to EmitBio, Inc. to assist with the development of **COVID-19 therapies** for individuals with severe respiratory issues (\$6.0 million NR in FY 2022-23).

State Board of Elections (SBE)

Committee Report Items (F37-F43)

- Appropriates a **new federal** Help America Vote Act (**HAVA**) grant to update and maintain voter lists and to continue activities to enhance election technology and make election security improvements (\$1.8 million NR in FY 2022-23).

Housing Finance Agency (HFA)

Committee Report Items (F56-F60)

- Provides funds for the **Workforce Housing Loan Program (WHLP)** to address funding gaps in previously awarded deals caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (\$170 million NR in FY 2022-23 from the Housing Reserve). These funds replace the original appropriation made using SFRF funds in the FY 2021-22 budget. The Conference Budget also includes **additional funds** for the WHLP for new multi-family housing units across the State (\$20 million NR in FY 2022-23 from the General Fund).
- Provides additional funds for the **Housing Trust Fund** (\$10 million NR in FY 2022-23).

Department of Insurance (DOI)

Committee Report Items (F66-F71, F77)

- Provides funds to award a **Supplemental Grant of \$35,000** to each eligible volunteer fire department (as per G.S. 58-87.1) and each eligible rescue/emergency management services unit (as per G.S. 58-87.5) to help mitigate revenue losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (\$36.6 million NR in FY 2022-23). These funds replace the original appropriation made in the FY 2021-22 budget.
- Provides additional funds for **\$10,000 base grants** to each eligible **volunteer fire department** across the State that applied but did not receive a grant in FY 2021-22 to help **mitigate revenue losses** due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (\$1.5 million NR in FY 2022-23). These additional funds for base grants brings the total to \$9.5 million NR (the initial \$8 million NR was appropriated from SFRF funds in the FY 2021-22 budget).