



**NCAH Priorities  
2021 Budget Process**

<b>NCAH Priority</b>	<b>Senate Budget</b>	<b>House Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>
<b>\$17 million in recurring funds for tobacco use prevention programs</b>	Not included	\$13 million for FY 21-22 and \$8 million for FY 22-23. The funds come from the State's settlement with JUUL and are to be used for e-cigarette prevention and cessation programs for young people	\$13 million for FY 21-22 and \$8 million for FY 22-23. The funds come from the State's settlement with JUUL and are to be used for "tobacco and nicotine dependence prevention and cessation activities targeted at youth and young adults." The funding includes \$2 million that will be transferred to DOJ to reimburse litigation costs incurred by the case against JUUL.
<b>\$3 million increase in recurring funds for tobacco cessation programs</b>	Not included	Not included	Not included
<b>No cap on cigar taxes or other tobacco taxes</b>	\$.30 cap on cigar taxes	No cap included	\$.30 cap on cigar taxes
<b>No easing of age verification requirements</b>	The budget includes easing of age verification for online sales of cigars	No easing of age verification requirements	The budget includes easing of age verification for online sales of cigars
<b>Tax all tobacco products, wherever they're sold, in parity</b>	The budget includes provisions to ensure online retailers pay taxes	Not included	The budget includes provisions to ensure online retailers pay taxes
<b>\$3 million in recurring funds for the NC Feeding the Carolinas food banks</b>	\$40 million in nonrecurring funds	\$40 million in nonrecurring funds	\$40 million in nonrecurring funds
<b>Reduce the amount of indirect costs that School Nutrition Programs pay</b>	Not included	Included as a study	Public school units may not assess unrestricted indirect costs at a rate of more than 8% and may only assess indirect costs if the school nutrition account has an operating balance of at least two months.
<b>\$2 million in nonrecurring funds for a GAP cost-share program</b>	Not included	Not included	Not included
<b>\$2 million in nonrecurring funds for FarmsSHARE</b>	Not included	\$2 million in nonrecurring funds	\$2 million in nonrecurring funds

<b>\$50,000 in nonrecurring funds to allow the Safe Plates Program at NC State to develop standard operating procedures and trainings for unserved prepared food recovery</b>	Not included	\$62,500 in nonrecurring funds	\$62,500 in nonrecurring funds
<b>Allow Strategic Transportation Investment funds to be used for bicycle and pedestrian projects</b>	Not included	The budget allows NCDOT to provide financial support for federal or local government funded independent bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects	Not included
<b>Additional and continued funding for Safe Routes to Schools</b>	Not included	Not included	Not included
<b>Restore Master's pay for all teachers, including Physical Education teachers</b>	The budget restores Master's pay for teachers who received their degree prior to 2013	The budget provides Master's pay for new teachers, but does not provide pay retroactively for teachers who have already received their Master's degrees	Not included
<b>Support policies and appropriations for closing the health insurance coverage gap</b>	\$12.5M in 2021-22 and \$50.8M in 2022-23 to extend Medicaid benefits for the pregnant women eligibility category from 60 days postpartum to 12 months postpartum	Not included	\$38,157,000 NR to extend Medicaid benefits for the pregnant women eligibility category from 60 days postpartum to 12 months postpartum, effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2027
<b>Support policies that reduce inequities and barriers to health, including housing, transportation, and equitable pay and leave policies</b>	The budget includes a minimum wage of \$13/hr for noncertified school employees, excluding School Nutrition employees. The budget also includes a total of \$232.1 million over the biennium for the Healthy Opportunities pilot.	The budget includes a total of \$271.7 million over the biennium for the Healthy Opportunities pilot program. The budget also provides \$2 million in recurring funds for the Key Rental Assistance Program to provide rental subsidies. This increases the total appropriation for the program to \$7.3 million each year. Additionally, the budget includes \$15 million to assist families who are at risk of homelessness due to COVID-19.	The budget includes a minimum wage for noncertified school employees, excluding School Nutrition staff, of \$13/hour for FY 21-22 and \$15/hr for FY 22-23. The budget also includes a total of \$252.1 million over the biennium for the Healthy Opportunities pilots. The budget also provides \$2 million in recurring funds for the Key Rental Assistance Program to provide rental subsidies and \$15 million to assist families who are at risk of homelessness due to COVID-19.
<b>Support policies that maintain and restore local control</b>	The budget does not repeal any preemptive policies in our policy areas.	The budget does not repeal any preemptive policies in our priority areas.	The budget does not repeal any preemptive policies in our priority areas.