

Western NC's \$5M Grant Wave

How infrastructure funding reveals a hidden real estate advantage in the Triangle.

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Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program

Announced by Governor Stein on September 24, 2026, to support recovery in western North Carolina's hardest-hit communities.

This allocation is part of a broader \$10 billion federal request aimed at rebuilding infrastructure, housing, and economic resilience after Hurricane Helene. The funds are being directed toward critical downtown systems—sidewalks, stormwater, water lines—proving that public investment in physical infrastructure is a leading indicator of long-term real estate value stability.



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Infrastructure as a Real Estate Catalyst

The fact that western NC is now deploying \$5 million in grants for sidewalk repairs and stormwater systems underscores how critical such infrastructure is to commercial viability. In the Triangle, this level of planning is already standard, making it a more stable, investor-ready market than regions still recovering from crisis.

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Resilience Is a Market Differentiator

This structural advantage means that even during economic downturns, Triangle properties in well-planned, infrastructure-robust neighborhoods maintain higher occupancy and faster sales velocity. Investors should not view infrastructure as a cost—but as a performance multiplier.



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