



Beneficiary UPDATE

BENEFICIARY NEWSLETTER of THE NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY



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Lottery funds to boost education funding this year by \$481 million

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Education programs in North Carolina are scheduled to get \$481 million in lottery proceeds this year, the largest amount of funding in one year since the lottery started.

Most of the money, \$461 million, is what the Education Lottery is projected to earn for the state this year based on lottery sales. The additional \$20 million comes from higher-than-expected earnings in fiscal year 2013 that were carried over to support education this year.

Legislators decide each year how lottery proceeds are used. Under the budget approved by legislators in July and signed by Gov. Pat McCrory, all of the proceeds of the lottery will continue to be used for education programs this year and next year. ★

How lottery funds are allocated for FY14

-  \$220.6 million for teachers' salaries in grades K-3
-  \$100 million to counties for school construction and repair projects
-  \$75.5 million to the N.C. Pre-K, an academic program for at-risk four-year-olds
-  \$32.5 million for a reserve fund for the UNC-Need Based Grant Program
-  \$30.4 million for N.C. Education Lottery Scholarships, which go to students based on financial need
-  \$10.7 million for financial aid grants provided by the UNC Need-Based Grant Program
-  \$11.9 million for digital learning

BENEFICIARY BRIEFS

Digital learning initiative to be lottery-funded

A new benefit of lottery funds for the 2013-14 school year will be monies to help schools meet their needs in the area of digital learning.

Legislators, at the urging of Gov. Pat McCrory, allocated \$11.9 million in lottery proceeds for the new initiative. The monies will be used to provide grants to local school systems. The grants can be used to train teachers on the use of digital technologies in learning and to buy digital content to enhance instruction.

Up to \$1 million of the monies can be used by the state Department of Public Instruction to develop a plan to transition from funding of traditional textbooks to the funding of digital materials. ★

Poll: Public supports lottery and its mission

North Carolinians support the state having a lottery and like that the pro-