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HOUSE BILL 587

Short Title: Corps Community Center Funding. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Davis.

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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 1, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE SALVATION ARMY OF CAPE FEAR FOR A
COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY IN WILMINGTON.

Whereas, the Salvation Army of Cape Fear has served the Wilmington area for over 135 years and continues to provide assistance to residents of New Hanover, Columbus, Brunswick, Bladen, and Pender Counties; and

Whereas, the Salvation Army of Cape Fear recognizes and strives to address the critical needs of at-risk communities through its seventeen million five hundred thousand dollar (\$17,500,000) Build Hope Capital Campaign, including the planned construction of the Corps Community Center, at a cost of seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000), benefitting eastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Corps Community Center will offer after-school tutoring, business training, and recreational opportunities, while providing the surrounding underserved community with much needed meeting space to the surrounding community; and

Whereas, the Corps Community Center will also coordinate with New Hanover County Emergency Management to serve as an emergency shelter during hurricanes for the area's at-risk and homeless community, as well as the community in general; and

Whereas, the Corps Community Center and the Build Hope Campaign is part of a public-private partnership with nearly three-quarters of funding secured; and

Whereas, the Salvation Army of Cape Fear would be grateful for the support of the General Assembly in securing a portion of funding for the Corps Community Center project; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be provided in the form of a grant to The Salvation Army to be used for the construction of the Corps Community Center in Wilmington by the Salvation Army of Cape Fear.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

