

How to Navigate the Government Appropriations Puzzle Webinar

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The North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) Philanthropy Liaison invited speakers to provide an overview of funding responsibilities at the federal, state, county, and municipal levels of government. Speakers addressed types of funding; highlighted best practices for applying for federal grants; identified North Carolina state resources for grant seekers and others interested in tracking government allocations; and shared tools for learning more about county and municipal resource allocations.

Speakers

- **Joy Vermillion Heinsohn (moderator)**, Philanthropy Liaison, OSP
- **Pat Madej**, Strategic Initiative Manager, Durham County Government (formerly Research Program Manager, NC League of Municipalities (NCLM))
- **Leslie Mozingo**, CEO and Owner, Strategics Consulting
- **Johnna Sharpe**, local government operations consultant to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC)
- **Caroline Valand**, Deputy Secretary for Partnership Engagement, North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS)

Key Takeaways

- The US federal government annually appropriates to state and local governments hundreds of millions of dollars in competitive grant funding. Recent legislation that directed significant funding to states and local governments include the American Rescue Plan Act (2021), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (2021), and the Inflation Reduction Act (2022).
- North Carolina state agencies direct and oversee federal funding that they receive through block, formula, and competitive grants.
- North Carolina's 100 county governments administer state-mandated services, including social services, public safety (e.g., emergency management services, sheriff, court facilities management), and education. North Carolina's 551 municipalities are primarily responsible for planning and regulation related to municipal services (e.g., zoning, police, code enforcement, solid waste), and utilities.

Resources

The following resources were shared or elevated during the program. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of information or resources.

Slide deck featured in the webinar:

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[County Map Book](#)

Developed by [NCACC](#), this website includes maps and data tables with information related to demographics, economics, health, and education for the state's 100 counties.

[Directed Grants Database](#)

Developed by the [NC Office of State Budget and Management](#), this database provides information on legislatively directed grants to non-state entities appropriated in the most recent biennium state budget.

[Grants.gov](#)

A website to help grant seekers find and apply for federal funding opportunities.

[NC State Government Grant Opportunities](#)

This state website contains links to grant programs across North Carolina state government agencies.

[NC Open Budget](#)

This website provides information on how North Carolina spends tax dollars and other revenues to provide services to North Carolinians.

[NC League of Municipalities \(NCLM\)](#)

NCLM is a voluntary member-organization representing NC cities and towns.

[NC Local Government Budget Association](#)

The NC Local Government Budget Association is a professional organization focused on advancing budget, strategy, and performance management responsibilities of local government.