

NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Monthly Connect

State Government and Philanthropy Partnerships: Learning from three impactful collaborations

Relevant Resources

This is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) August 2023 Monthly Connect: State Government and Philanthropy Partnerships: Learning from three impactful collaborations ([recording](#)).

OSP regularly shares information and resources after the Monthly Connect sessions. Typically, panelists or participants shared the information and resources in the virtual “chat.” This is not intended to be a comprehensive list. More about the Monthly Connect series [here](#).

Speakers at this Monthly Connect were:

Stacey Carless, Executive Director, NC Counts Coalition

Hazel Edmond, Rural Economic Development Associate, NC Department of Commerce

Debra Farrington, Deputy Secretary/Chief Health Equity Officer, NC Department of Health and Human Services

Kimberly Kandros, Manager of Development and Special Projects, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Candice Kane, Program Officer, The Cannon Charitable Interests

Juli Kim (moderator), Philanthropy Liaison, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

Ted Lord, Senior Vice President/General Counsel, Golden LEAF Foundation

Resources

Descriptions are in alphabetical order and paraphrased from active links as of August 31, 2023.

[Cannon Charitable Interests](#)

The Cannon Charitable Interests include The Cannon Foundation, established in 1943, and The Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts, established in 1971. Cannon’s primary areas of focus include healthcare, higher education, human services, and community. The foundation funds capital and equipment projects for organizations across North Carolina. The Trusts can award grants only to named beneficiaries.

[Golden LEAF Foundation](#)

The Golden LEAF Foundation was established in 1999 to administer a portion of the funds North Carolina received through the Master Settlement Agreement with cigarette manufacturers. Golden LEAF’s mission is to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina’s rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grantmaking, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation. For almost 25 years, the nonprofit has partnered with the state and with local governments and other foundations in pursuit of this mission.

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

Established in 2018, the NC Counts Coalition is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to building a healthy, just, and equitable North Carolina through cross-sector partnerships (among government, planning and community organizations, service providers, businesses, and others) that advance systemic solutions for communities facing systemic barriers, including BIPOC communities, LGBTQ+, low wealth, immigrant, and other communities.

[NC Department of Commerce \(NC Commerce\)](#)

The NC Department of Commerce works with local, regional, national, and international organizations to improve the economic well-being of North Carolinians. The agency publishes data, statistics, information, and reports that are relevant to the state’s economy.

- [Economic Development Partnership of NC \(EDPNC\)](#)

EDPNC is a nonprofit public-private partnership that works closely with public- and private-sector partners at the state, regional, and local levels to recruit new businesses to the state, support the needs of existing businesses, connect exporters to global customers, help small business owners get their start, and attract tourists and visitors from all over the world. EDPNC operates under contract with NC Commerce and receives additional financial support from the private sector.

[NC Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#)

NC DHHS manages the delivery of health- and human-related services for all North Carolinians. The agency works closely with health care professionals, community leaders, and advocacy groups; local, state, and federal entities; and many other stakeholders to make this happen.

- **[Healthier Together](#)** (Health Equity Action Network) is a public-private partnership to increase the number of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and from other historically marginalized populations receiving COVID-19 vaccinations across the state of North Carolina. To do that, NCDHHS is building a grassroots mobilization strategy to help overcome centuries of health inequities by investing in state, regional, and community partners.

[NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources \(DNCR\)](#)

NC DNCR oversees the state's resources for the arts, history, libraries, and nature. DNCR manages, promotes, and enhances the things that people love about North Carolina – its diverse arts and culture, rich history, and spectacular natural areas. Through its programs, the department enhances education, stimulates economic development, improves public health, expands accessibility, and strengthens community resiliency.

[North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships \(OSP\)](#)

OSP develops, launches, and enhances partnerships between state agencies and NC's research and philanthropic sectors. As part of this work, OSP has created numerous resources about cross-sector partnerships. If you have questions about OSP or are interested in connecting, email partnerships@osbm.nc.gov.

- **[Philanthropy Liaison](#)**: The Philanthropy Liaison works to build, strengthen, and institutionalize relationships between state government and the philanthropic sector in NC. The Philanthropy Liaison webpage includes resources for those interested in philanthropic partnerships.
 - **[The Many Roles of Philanthropy in Government-Philanthropy Partnerships Past Monthly Connect](#)** (August 2021)
In this Monthly Connect, speakers shared examples of government-philanthropy partnerships, insight into building successful partnerships and overcoming barriers, and the value of research in partnerships. They described various roles that philanthropy plays in partnerships, including convening, thought-partnering, funding, information-sharing, and technical assistance.
- **[North Carolina Project Portal](#)**: A tool for sharing state agency research needs and for people to express interest in partnering on those opportunities.