

NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Monthly Connect
Partnership Perspectives from Government, Research, and Philanthropy:
Reflections and Opportunities
Relevant Resources

This is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) March 2024 Monthly Connect: *Partnership Perspectives from Government, Research, and Philanthropy: Reflections and Opportunities* ([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:

Sara Coplai, Partnerships Officer, WNC Bridge Foundation

Eliza Edwards (facilitator), Deputy Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

Samantha Mosier, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, East Carolina University

Jenni Owen (facilitator), Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

Maria Pitre-Martin, Executive Director, SERVE Center, UNC Greensboro

McKinley Wooten, Assistant Secretary for Tax Processing, Research & Equity, NC Department of Revenue

Resources

Descriptions are in alphabetical order and paraphrased from active links as of March 28, 2024. Links are organized by agency/organization.

East Carolina University ([ECU](#))

- ECU’s [Master of Public Administration Program](#) educates, trains, and supports public administration professionals in Eastern North Carolina and surrounding communities to be competent and effective public administrators and leaders for a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.
- The [Water Resources Center](#) at ECU aims to create support structures, facilities, and resources to enable ECU faculty and students to perform world-class water research and education.

NC Department of Revenue ([NCDOR](#))

The NC Department of Revenue is a cabinet agency charged with administering tax laws and collecting taxes on behalf of the people of North Carolina.

- NCDOR partnered with researchers from N.C. A&T State University to analyze the impact of cryptocurrency transactions on NC tax obligations. The resulting [white paper](#) provided NCDOR with accessible information for the agency to share about how to enforce tax compliance related to digital currency and peer-to-peer cash apps. OSP facilitated the partnership project, [What issues will the expanded use of digital currency and peer-to-peer cash apps create in terms of the NC Department of Revenue's ability to enforce tax compliance?](#)

NC Office of Strategic Partnerships ([OSP](#))

OSP develops, launches, and enhances partnerships between state government and North Carolina’s research and philanthropic sectors. This includes elevating state government’s internal capacity to use and generate evidence in its policy and programmatic functions. 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.

- [Register](#) for OSP’s **Government Research Partnerships Learning Forum at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh on April 11**. The Learning Forum brings together representatives from government, research,

philanthropy, and other sectors to learn about government-research and government-philanthropy partnerships and to share information about aspects of partnership development, launch, and execution. [Click here](#) for the preliminary agenda.

- [Agency Contacts for Partnerships and Research](#): Not sure who to contact at a state agency for a partnership proposal? Have an idea for a joint project? State agency leaders have designated "points of entry" contacts for college, university, and other research institution representatives who need an initial contact for potential partnerships such as research projects, grant proposals, and other collaborative opportunities.
- [North Carolina Project Portal](#): A tool for sharing state agency research needs and for people to express interest in partnering on those opportunities.
- [Seeking and Pursuing Federal Grants](#) (virtual session): This session, hosted by the OSP Philanthropy Liaison, invited successful grant seekers from the state government, nonprofit, and research sectors to share tips and strategies for identifying and pursuing federal grants.

SERVE Center at UNC Greensboro ([SERVE](#))

The SERVE Center's mission is to work collaboratively to provide high quality research, evaluation, and customized support that drives positive educational outcomes for all learners.

- The [NC Homeless Education Program](#) (NCHEP), the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program for the state of North Carolina, is dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth experiencing homelessness have access to public education. (The [National Center for Homeless Education](#) operates the U.S. Department of Education's technical assistance and information center for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program.)
- The [Early College Research Center](#) at UNC Greensboro is intended to serve as a global hub for building knowledge about early college. The Center's mission is to conduct, synthesize, and disseminate research concerning topics related to early college.

[WNC Bridge Foundation](#)

The WNC Bridge Foundation is a community-based charitable organization that works to provide funds to support and assist in meeting the many health challenges that face the people of WNC.

- [Social Impact Commons](#): Advises individuals, nonprofits, funders, and others about different fiscal sponsorship models, forms, and other assistance. Social Impact Commons has provided guidance to the Foundation about how to support nonprofits, municipalities, and individuals.
- [Buncombe County resources](#): Buncombe County has developed a range of resources for organizations or groups looking for public funding or interested in learning more about it. The resources include a public funding readiness checklist, information on required internal controls, NC Secretary of State requirements, and more. If you have questions, please reach out to Rachael Sawyer, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Buncombe County at Rachael.Sawyer@BuncombeCounty.org.