

NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Monthly Connect
North Carolina State Budget: Process, Status, and What's Next
Relevant Resources

This is a follow-up to the [NC Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) August 2024 Monthly Connect: *North Carolina State Budget: Process, Status, and What's Next* ([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:

Dr. Sharon Marsalis, Budget Director, NC Department of Public Safety

Brian Matteson, Director of Fiscal Research, Fiscal Research Division, NC General Assembly

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

Dr. Phillip Price, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NC Community College System

Kristin Walker, State Budget Director, NC Office of State Budget and Management

Resources

Descriptions are in alphabetical order and paraphrased from active links as of August 29, 2024. Links are organized by agency/organization.

NC Community College System ([NCCCS](#))

The NC Community College System is dedicated to providing affordable college access to anyone in the state and plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of education in North Carolina. NCCCS does this by serving as a hub for innovation, championing forward-thinking policies and solutions, providing unwavering support, and advocating for the advancement of education at all levels. More information about the [58 colleges](#) served by the NC Community College System and how to enroll can be found [here](#).

NC Department of Information Technology ([NCDIT](#))

NCDIT oversees IT services for the state of North Carolina and is the primary IT service provider for state government agencies. NCDIT serves as a single source of accountability and authority for IT budgeting, personnel, and oversight of information technology to help make government more efficient, effective, and user-friendly for the public.

- **[AI Framework for Responsible Use](#)**: NCDIT developed this framework for state agencies to provide a comprehensive risk management approach to the use of AI. Aligned with existing privacy laws and IT policies, the AI Framework applies to both existing and new uses of AI.

NC Department of Public Safety ([NCDPS](#))

The Department’s mission is to safeguard and preserve the lives and property of the people of North Carolina by means of preparation, prevention, and protection with integrity and honor. NCDPS is comprised of [nine divisions](#) that serve the various public safety needs of North Carolinians, from Emergency Management to State Highway Patrol to Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

NC General Assembly

North Carolina's bicameral state legislature; responsible for enacting the state budget. The General Assembly is made up of numerous [divisions](#) including but not limited to the Legislative Library, Fiscal Research (featured in this Monthly Connect), Legislative Drafting, Legislative Analysis, and General Assembly Police.

- **Fiscal Research Division (FRD):** The FRD was established in 1971 to provide nonpartisan fiscal expertise and analysis of the state budget to all members of the NC General Assembly. The FRD staff publish [summaries](#) of the fiscal and budgetary actions enacted during the respective session each year as well as [fiscal facts](#) that include select information on the State's budget, economy, and taxes. The FRD also have resources regarding the breakdown of the [budget process](#) and [budget bill information](#) dating back to 1961.

NC Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM)

OSBM provides objective information and analysis to ensure a balanced budget and effective stewardship of public resources. Developing and executing the state budget drives much of OSBM's work. Relevant resources include:

- **Budget:** A collection of resources for the state budget and OSBM's role in the budget process.
- **Evidence Trainings:** [Registration](#) is open for two OSBM in-person evidence trainings for state agency staff interested in learning more about generating and using evidence to support budget requests.
- **Federal Funding Opportunities:** A collection of resources for federal funding opportunities, including (specifically mentioned during this Monthly Connect) the State Technical Assistance and Match Program (STAMP).
- **Performance Management Academy:** OSBM offers an annual Performance Management Academy training series for state employees. The program helps agencies' performance management practitioners improve the efficiency and effectiveness of NC government programs.
- **NC State Demographer:** The State Demographer is responsible for producing state, county, and municipal population estimates and state and county population projects. The State Demographer serves as a resource for state agencies by providing advice, analytical reports, and presentations on the implications of population and demographic change. More information and updates on changes to datasets is on [OSBM's Open Data Portal](#) site and the OSBM [blog](#).

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 want to connect, email partnerships@osbm.nc.gov.

- **North Carolina Project Portal:** A tool for sharing state agency research opportunities and for people to express interest in partnering on those opportunities.
- **Monthly Connect:** A series of virtual and in-person panel discussions on topics relevant to partnerships among state government, research institutions, philanthropy, and others. To subscribe to OSP Highlights (e-news and resources) and Monthly Connect invitations, click [here](#). Relevant Monthly Connects include:
 - [North Carolina State Budget: Who, What, Where, When, Why \(September 2023\)](#)
 - [Federal Funds for NC: Sources, Uses, and Opportunities for Collaboration \(May 2023\)](#)
 - [North Carolina County Profile Data: Promises and Pitfalls for Collaboration \(October 2022\)](#)
 - [North Carolina's FY 2022-2023 Budget: What's New and What Are the Impacts? \(July 2022\)](#)

- [North Carolina's Budget: The Process and What's Inside \(December 2021\)](#)