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Weekly Update

September 23, 2022

Weekly Highlight

Most County Governments Subject to September 27 Opioid Settlement Annual Financial Report Deadline

Annual financial reports for counties receiving opioid settlement funds prior to July 1, 2022, are due by September 27. The following counties are not subject to this deadline: Anson, Caswell, Cleveland, Gates, Hertford, Hoke, Nash, Pender and Sampson. The annual financial report and other reporting requirements are discussed in the "Reporting Requirements Memo" from the NC Department of Justice shared in July. Review the Reporting Requirements **Memo** and other important information on the **NC MOA Resource Center**. Instructions for the Annual Financial Report and a link to the reporting portal are on the bottom of page two of the memo.

If you have legal questions about the opioid settlement, please contact **opioidsettlement@ncdoj.gov**. For questions about opioid-related strategies and resources, contact **opioidsettlement@dhhs.nc.gov** or **opioidsettlement@ncacc.org**.

NCACC Updates

Steering Committees Kick Off Next Step in Legislative Goals Process

Now that the legislative goals proposals deadline has passed, the next step in the legislative agenda-setting process for the NCACC kicks off with steering committees, where all goals will be discussed, debated, and voted on. Steering Committee meetings will be held virtually the weeks of September 26 and October 3. To see the schedule and to register for meetings, visit the NCACC Steering Committee **events calendar.**

Submit Goals for the 2022 - 2023 NCACC Federal Legislative Agenda

Every biennium, the NCACC solicits input and proposals from our counties concerning federal issues that impact North Carolina counties. To help ensure deliberation on our federal goals, the process is designed to provide opportunities for input and discussion from counties on proposed federal goals.

Counties can **submit federal goals proposals** until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7. For more information, contact Director of Government Relations Amber Harris at **amber.harris@ncacc.org.** To access the federal goals proposal form, **click here.**

Counties Can Illuminate Veterans' Service and Sacrifice Through Operation Green Light

In support of military veterans statewide and across the country, this Veterans Day, the NCACC joins the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers in inviting North Carolina counties to participate in Operation Green Light. This initiative shows support for veterans by lighting county buildings and infrastructure green from November 7 to November 13 as a marker to show that veterans are seen, appreciated and supported.

For more information on this initiative and steps to put this operation into action, **click here**.

Events

Steering Committee Meetings:
Virtual, Sept. 26 - Oct. 6

Legislative Goals Conference:
Wake County, Nov. 16-18
Click Here to Register for Goals Conference

View the NCACC Event Calendar

National Opioid Settlement Updates

'Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic' Webinar Series Returns in October

NCACC and the NC Department of Health and Human Services are partnering on a webinar series that provides information and resources on evidence-based, high-impact strategies that local governments may pursue to address the opioid overdose epidemic utilizing funds from the national litigation settlement.

Three webinars are in development for the remainder of 2022. The dates for the sessions are as follows, to be held from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. via Zoom:

- Monday, October 10: Collaborative Strategic Planning (**register here**)
- Monday, November 14: Recovery Housing Support (**register here**)
- Monday December 12: Criminal Justice Diversion Programs (**register here**)

Click here to access the on-demand “Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic” webinar series.

MAT in Jails Webinar Series Now Available On-Demand

A recent three-part webinar series that focused on legal, medical, community and security considerations for providing access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in jails is now available on-demand. The three modules covered topics related to risk aversion, working with opioid treatment programs (OTPs), and operational basics and facility implementation. Access the archived webinars and related presentation files **here**.

National Opioids Settlement Trust Splits 'Summer 2022' Payment: Makes First of Two Disbursements for 2022-23 Fiscal Year

Local governments should have received a second installment of their allocated national opioid settlement funds on September 15. This is the first of two payments for the current fiscal year; the third overall payment should be disbursed prior to the end of the 2022 calendar year. This is an update from a previously announced schedule; please note that the “Summer 2022” payment is being divided into two payments.

The total sum of the two “Summer 2022” payments will be slightly higher than the initial projection. The Community Opioid Resources Engine (**CORE-NC**) is in the process of updating the **payment schedule** to reflect the slightly higher amounts.

The National Opioids Settlement Trust either wired or mailed the payment to local governments based on the instructions previously provided by local governments to the settlement administrator, BrownGreer.

State & Federal Updates

Reminders from the Division of Water Infrastructure

The deadline for submitting funding applications for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects for the Fall 2022 funding round is Sept. 30, 2022 (no later than 5:00 p.m.).

All applications must be completely submitted and received by the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 30. Please submit your application via DWI's online application submittal portal as early as possible (don't wait for the last hour!) to ensure that your online application can be completely uploaded and submitted to the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2022.

Application information, forms and the application submittal portal link are available **here.** Additionally, the Division of Water Infrastructure has updated the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Q & A document, available at **this link.**

Sales Tax Update — September 2022

ARPA Resource Roundup

The NCACC has launched an email publication to assist counties in accessing the most up-to-date and relevant information surrounding American Rescue Plan Act funds. To view the most recent edition, **click here** and to subscribe to this newsletter, **click here**.

CountyQuarterly Summer 2022 Edition — In This Issue

Cabarrus County's Commitment to Collaboration
Breaking Bread Breaks Down Barriers to Progress

Click here to read the article.

Local Elected Leaders Academy Programs

Hold the Dates for Essentials of County Government

The School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill and the NCACC are again partnering to offer newly elected commissioners a crash course on the essentials of county government. This program, designed to help county commissioners successfully transition from campaigning to governing, will introduce the basic functions of county government and the role of the governing board.

Registration will soon be available for three offerings – two in-person and one online:

- December 15-16, 2022, in Buncombe County (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday)
- January 12-13, 2023, in Durham County (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday)
- January 18-20, 2023, online (8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday through Friday)

Click here for more information on the course, and to sign up to receive a notification when registration becomes available.

September 30 – Affordable Housing Seminar: Tools, Strategies, and Case Studies for Local Government Leadership

This interactive in-person seminar is designed for elected and appointed officials from county, municipal and tribal governments who are setting strategic direction around affordable housing. The seminar will focus on local government support and public-private partnerships for workforce residential housing.

Apply by October 15 – Leading the Way to Board Excellence

Leading the Way to Board Excellence is designed to help you better understand yourself as a leader and to provide you with the skills and tools to work effectively with others towards a common goal. This unique four-part

course is open to local elected officials, including county commissioners, municipal elected officials, school board members and members of American Indian tribal councils.

October 19 – Top 10 Primer: What Local Elected Officials Need to Know about Public Health and Social Services

This free online program will provide an overview of the legal framework for social services and public health agencies in North Carolina, and highlight the various organizational models available to provide the required services across our state.

NOTE: *When registering for LELA programming, use the code* ***NCACC-SOG-LELA*** *to receive the* ***20 percent county commissioner discount****.*

County News

Buncombe County

At its Sept. 20, 2022 meeting, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners formally proclaimed Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2022 as Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. Click **here** to read the county news release.

Forsyth County

Forsyth County Government has announced the appointment of Ed McNeal as the county's communications director. Click **here** to read the county news release.

Granville County

The Granville County Board of Commissioners has selected Drew Cummings to serve as the next County Manager. Cummings comes to Granville after fourteen years of service in the Durham County Manager's Office as Assistant County Manager and Chief of Staff. Click **here** to read the county news release.

Guilford County

The National Association of Counties (NACo) appointed five Guilford County Commissioners to serve national level assignments on various committees, advisory boards, and task forces. The commissioners will work as advocates at the federal level for local county governments on best practices and critical issues. Click **here** to read the county news release.

Iredell County

Iredell County Commissioner Marvin Norman passed away. Norman was the first African-American elected to the Iredell County Board of Commissioners and served on the board since being elected in 2002, including two years as chairman and five years as vice chairman. Click **here** to read the media release.

New Hanover County

The New Hanover County Board of Commissioners approved a pilot program with the City of Wilmington to help connect individuals experiencing homelessness with much-needed resources. Click **here** to read the county news release.

NCACC is seeking information on new county programs and announcements to share. *Please email* ***communications@ncacc.org*** *with your county's news and to be included in the NCACC Weekly Update.*

Classifieds & Additional Items

Featured Classifieds

- **County Manager —** Wilson County
- **Animal Services Director —** Onslow County
- **Education and Training Manager —** NCACC Strategic Member Services

All classified ads are available at **this link.**

Sign Up to Provide Feedback on Food System Development Tool

Community Food Strategies is currently developing a "Public Policies, Program, Practices, and Investments for Food System Resiliency in NC" tool to support community members, planners, economic developers, municipal managers and elected officials in developing and implementing public policies and programs to improve community food system resiliency.

As Community Food Strategies enters the final design phase of its development process, the organization is hosting a series of focus groups with other community food system organizations and public officials to identify challenges and opportunities in communities around food policy/program development. Community Food Strategies wants to collect feedback on how to make an accessible tool that will actually help facilitate food system improvements.

Please register for a focus group session **via Google form** by 3 p.m. on Monday, September 26. Focus groups will be held from 1 – 2:30 p.m. on October 26 and November 2. If you have questions, contact Jared Cates at (919) 542-2402 or **jared@carolinafarmstewards.org**.

North Carolina's Joint Cybersecurity Task Force — Protecting the Whole of State

Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 254, which formally recognizes the N.C. Joint Cybersecurity Task Force as a resource for North Carolina's

critical infrastructure and key resources.

Learn more about the task force at the North Carolina Cybersecurity Awareness Symposium held on October 4, and how it fits into North Carolina's Whole-of-State Approach to cybersecurity, and how it can partner with your organization to mitigate and respond to cyberthreats. Click **here** to register.

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