



NCACC Funding Strategy Summit Agenda

March 28 & 29, 2022
Grandover Resort, Guilford County

DAY ONE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING — MARCH 28

9:00 a.m. Check-in and On-Site Registration Opens & Networking Coffee

10:00 a.m.

Welcome — Grandville Ballroom C&D

NCACC President Frank Williams of Brunswick County opens the Summit with a welcome and NCACC Immediate Past President Ronnie Smith delivers the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

U.S. Representative Kathy Manning will welcome attendees and share remarks about the historic passage of the American Rescue Plan Act. N.C. Representative Jason Saine will make remarks about the passage of the state budget and the opportunities for counties to leverage state funds for long term investments.

10:30 a.m.

Announcing NCACC's New Division: Strategic Member Services

NCACC Executive Director Kevin Leonard and NCACC Director of Strategic Member Services Jason King reveal the new division of the Association, which will provide a variety of services to counties as they plan to administer their Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and national opioid settlement funds.

11:00 a.m.

General Session: How to Expand Broadband Access Through ARPA, Part 1

NCACC Executive Director Kevin Leonard will moderate a session on the challenges and opportunities that exist with expanding broadband access in North Carolina. Speakers to include:

- NCACC President-Elect Tracey Johnson, Washington County
- Trey Rabon, President, AT&T North Carolina
- Keith Holden, CEO, ATMC
- Don D'Ambrosi, N.C. Representative Dean Arp's office

12:00 p.m. Lunch — Grandville Ballroom A&B

1:00 p.m.

General Session: How to Expand Broadband Access Through ARPA, Part 2

NCACC Government Relations Director Amber Harris will moderate this session focused on the different ways counties can use ARPA funds and other existing programs to expand broadband access. Speakers to include:

- Jeff Sural, Senior Broadband Policy Advisor, US Treasury
- Angie Bailey, NC Director of Broadband Infrastructure Office
- Shannon Tufts, Professor of Public Law and Government and Director, Center for Public Technology, UNC School of Government



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2:00 p.m.

Telling your Story: How Counties are Investing with ARPA Funds

NCACC Policy Research Director Lacy Pate will facilitate a conversation about ways counties can share stories on how they are using their ARPA funds. This session will include tips and remarks from:

- Mark Ritacco, Chief Government Affairs Officer, National Association of Counties
- Tiffany Olivia, Program & Fiscal Research Manager, Guilford County
- Stephanie Blair, Regional Representative for Piedmont/Triad Region, U.S. Senator Tillis' office

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m.

General Session: ARPA Compliance — How to Get it Right

It is important for counties to know how to spend and account for their ARPA funds and this panel will include experts who will share what counties need to know about compliance as they plan for projects. NCACC Policy Research Director Lacy Pate will facilitate the session, which will include presentations by:

- Connor Crews, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government
- Sharon Edmundson, Deputy Treasurer and Director, State and Local Government Finance Division, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer

3:45 p.m.

General Session: Water Infrastructure ARPA Funds

NCACC Legislative Counsel Adam Pridemore will facilitate a session about the opportunities that are available to counties to invest in water infrastructure projects, both with ARPA funds and state programs. Speakers will include:

- Shadi Eskaf, Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, NC Department of Environmental Quality
- Elsemarie Mullins, Project Director, UNC Environmental Finance Center

4:30 p.m. Conclusion

5:00 p.m. Reception — Grandville Ballroom Pre-function Area



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DAY TWO: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING — MARCH 29

7:30 a.m. Breakfast & Check-in and On-site Registration Opens

9:00 a.m.

Welcome — Grandville Ballroom C&D

NCACC First Vice President Johnnie Carswell of Burke County and NC Attorney General Josh Stein will welcome attendees and set the stage for day two of the summit and provide context for how planning and work done now will save lives and address underlying factors that contribute to substance abuse.

9:20 a.m.

A Brief Primer on What You Need to Do Now

NCACC Deputy Director and General Counsel Amy Bason will briefly overview fundamental provisions local governments need to have in place to ensure they receive the first disbursement of national settlement funding.

9:30 a.m.

Keynote Address: Sam Quinones

Award-winning author Sam Quinones will share stories from his latest book, “The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth,” while making the case of why the synthetic drugs that are destroying lives demand a new approach to response and recovery, and how county leaders can make systematic changes that save lives.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.

Examples of ‘Option A’ Strategies: Model Programs

This session will feature local programs that utilize evidence-based strategies and introduce:

- An Emergency Medical Services-based buprenorphine bridge program and post-overdose response/community paramedicine
 - Presenters: Mike Campbell, EMT-P, Training Officer; Chief Dale Chandler, EMS Manager; and Lt. Phil Smith, Paramedic, Stanly County EMS
- Naloxone distribution, and a partnership with Olive Branch Ministries for syringe services
 - Presenter: John Simmons, Peer Support Specialist with AppHealthCare
- Housing and re-entry support for justice-involved populations
 - Presenter: David Crispell, Executive Director of Jubilee Home in Durham

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break



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12:30 p.m. NC Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kody Kinsley

12:45 p.m.

A Brief Primer on Moving Forward

Regional strategy sessions will for many counties represent an important step in moving forward with a plan to provide assistance and save lives. This brief primer, facilitated by Amy Patel, Overdose Prevention Program Lead with the NC DHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, will provide an overview of resources and data available to consider before moving into the regional breakouts.

1:15 p.m.

Facilitated Regional Strategy Sessions — Breakout Rooms (To Be Announced)

Attendees will transition to eight breakout sessions based on region and will engage in a facilitated discussion designed to aid awareness of existing initiatives and help identify potential regional partnerships.

3:00 p.m.

Takeaways & Next Steps — Grandville Ballroom C&D

A handful of regions will be asked to provide takeaways from their breakout discussions. NCACC and DHHS representatives will discuss next steps and resources that will be available to provide hands-on and in-person assistance.

3:30 p.m. Conclusion

QUESTIONS AND GUIDANCE

For American Rescue Plan Act questions and guidance, email arpquestions@ncacc.org — or visit: www.ncacc.org/arp