NC Association of County Commissioners

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2026 NCACC Legislative Goals Process

- **August 27:** Deadline to submit county goals
- **Mid-September:** Review and voting on goal proposals and guiding principles by steering committees
- **October:** Legislative Goals Committee reviews steering committee recommendations, approves core values and goals package for Board of Directors
- **November 19-20:** Membership adopts goals at Legislative Goals Conference

State-level: NCACC Legislative Goals

1. Support additional resources for mental and behavioral health including emergency responders, law enforcement and state employees (2025 Legislative Agenda Item)
   a. Any restructuring of the state behavioral health system should account for county fiscal and operational impacts and protects community-based crisis capacity including co-responder teams.
   b. Encourage state funding to provide essential medical, mental health, substance use disorder and social services to persons incarcerated in local detention facilities.
   c. Advocate for statewide modifications and support for counties facing detention facility bed and in-custody treatment challenges in response to recently enacted state legislation.
2. Seek state funding for State Employees, including K-12 and Community College education, and related capital needs (2025 Legislative Agenda Item)

State-level: NCACC Legislative Goals (Continued)

3. Adjust State programs to help those in need of property tax relief including: Low Income Seniors, Veterans and the Disabled
4. Preserve local taxing authority & local control for services delivered locally
5. Fund and support affordable housing initiatives:
    1. Support closure of affordable housing property tax loophole which does not currently require adequate nonprofit participation or ownership.
6. Pursue legislation to provide increased recurring state funding for farmland preservation initiatives.

Federal-level: NCACC Legislative Goals

1. Support increased funding for disaster preparation, assistance and mitigation; policy changes that expedite and expand county use of federal disaster assistance funds; policy changes to streamline and expedite the FEMA individual assistance process;
2. No unfunded mandates or cuts to essential health programs (Medicaid/SNAP)
3. For **both** state and federal levels, improve food assistance programs.