

**North Carolina Association of County Commissioners**  
**LEGISLATIVE GOALS**  
**2021-22 Biennium**

1. Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the unserved and underserved areas and residents of the state
2. Seek additional revenue sources, including a statewide bond referendum and expanded lottery proceeds, and changes to the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund, to equitably address statewide public school and community college capital challenges. Revisions to the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund that will allow more equitable access to counties to take advantage of the funds include:
  - Allowing Needs-Based Public School Capital Funds to be used for renovations and improvements in addition to new construction.
  - Reducing or eliminating local match requirements for tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.
  - Eliminate the five-year prohibition of receiving funds from the Public School Building Capital Fund if a county receives a grant from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund by repealing G.S. 115C-546.2(f).
3. Support legislation to allow counties to include specific language on the ballot referendum designating how the proposed quarter-cent local sales tax levy will be spent.
4. Increases state funding and support legislation for behavioral health services and facilities, including dedicated resources for community paramedicine projects; inpatient crisis beds; substance use disorders; specialty courts; individuals with mental health issues in county jails; and single stream funding for area authorities.
5. Oppose efforts to divert to the state, fees and taxes currently allocated to counties or to erode existing county revenues= streams with unfunded mandates.

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