



Cumberland County 2024 (FY2025) Federal Legislative Agenda

Water and Sewer

- Water utilities infrastructure to address contaminated drinking water and sewer system upgrades
- Stormwater management, flood prevention and drainage improvements, including increased funding from the USDA for beaver management and debris and sediment removal from waterways

Transportation

- Future I-685 route – Advocate for the proposed new Interstate Highway between Greensboro and Dunn to not bypass Cumberland County, instead adjust the route to connect with I-295 providing economic development opportunities
- Passenger/commuter rail from Fayetteville to Raleigh

Mental Health

- Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health – Support increased funding for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants, including substance use disorder and mental health block grants, the Children’s Mental Health Services Program, and other substance use disorder prevention and treatment, mental health and supportive services and training grants
- Mental Health Crisis/Recovery Center
- Mental Health Court
- Mental Health professionals in 911 Call Center
- Opioid response including provision of NARCAN to first responders

Health and Human Services

- Housing – funding to provide affordable housing, address homelessness and offer supportive services (case management, counseling, transportation, childcare, ex-offender re-entry support)
- Farmers Market/Food Security/Healthy Foods Access- Seek grant funding for farmers market to address food insecurity and increase access to healthy foods
- Increased funding for the Aging – Support increased funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs and funding to support the Adult Protective Services program
- Medicaid for the incarcerated - counties are required to provide adequate health care to individuals who pass through jails each year, while federal statute prohibits Medicaid funds from paying for that care even if the individual is eligible and enrolled.
- Healthcare related emergency preparedness

Environmental

- Landfill Expansion - Support proposals that provide funding for creating new and modernizing existing solid waste related infrastructure, including organic waste processing facilities and PFAS removal from leachate

Public Safety/Emergency Response

- Emergency Operations – Seek funding for mobile Emergency Incident Command Center

Military and Veterans Affairs

- Advocate for additional Federal and State funding to provide critical resources to County Veterans Services