

Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments



Current Events

COG Executive Board Meeting will be held at the Person County Senior Center, November 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

November 2017 Work Force Event Calendar, click [here](#).

Regional Highlights



Mark Warren, Grants and Loan Officer presenting Chris and Amanda Pegram, owners of Cutting Edge Lawn Care of Macon, LLC with a check in the amount of \$10,000 for new equipment. Funds were distributed through the KTCOG Micro-Enterprise Loan Fund. These loan funds are available for new and the expansion of existing businesses throughout the region. Loan amounts range from \$5,000 - \$25,000, with a fixed Interest Rate.

BroadbandUSA published *What Speed Do You Need?* To help community members learn the minimum download speed requirements for their local institutions.

Communities with existing broadband connectivity can use this infographic to quickly determine if their institutions have the speeds that they need, and communities seeking to enhance broadband access can understand baseline speed requirements. Click [here](#) to access this new resource.

Bunn is a town in [Franklin County, North Carolina](#). Bunn, named for Green Walker Bunn, who first settled southeast of the current town in the late 1800s. The town was established on land purchased around 1909 by the Montgomery Lumber Company and incorporated four years later. The Town of Bunn had a population of 368 as of July 1, 2017, most of its economy founded on agriculture, primarily tobacco. There are a few light industries and several small businesses offering the latest in conveniences that create a warm and friendly town atmosphere. For a calendar of upcoming events in Bunn, click [here](#).

BoS RRH Training December 4-5

In partnership with NC Coalition to End Homelessness, the National Alliance to End Homelessness will be holding a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) training on December 4 and 5 in Greensboro. This training is for agencies in the Balance of State Continuum of Care that are currently providing RRH or are interested in starting a RRH program. Both agency leadership and staff providing RRH direct services are invited to attend.

Please register for the training at <http://www.ncceh.org/events/1208/>. The registration deadline is Monday, November 27. Contact Ben Foti at 252-36-2040 or the Balance of State directly at bos@ncceh.org with any questions.

Planning & Economic Development

The Next Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 30th, 2017**. We will meet from 3-5pm at the KTCOG office, 1724 Graham Ave, Henderson,

NC. Upcoming action items for this meeting will include approving a resolution in support of the Town of Warrenton's Bike and Pedestrian Plan Grant application submitted to the NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Division and approving a Resolution to Endorse the Granville County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.

Prioritization P5.0 Update: To view the tables of Kerr-Tar Prioritization P5.0 Projects in all modes approved at the September 21, 2017 TAC/TCC meeting, please [click here](#). These TAC/TCC approved projects were then submitted to NCDOT by the September 29, 2017 submission deadline. Kerr-Tar RPO was allowed up to 21 projects per mode. Please note that the last page of the project list also includes KTRPO P4.0 Carryover Highway Projects to P5.0, a P5.0 Highway Project partially in our RPO submitted by Peanut Belt RPO, as well as P5.0 Highway Projects submitted by Division 5 located in Kerr-Tar RPO.

North Carolina Lakes District Regional Bike Plan Maps and 2017 North Carolina Highway Maps Available

New Lakes District Regional Bike Plan and NCDOT 2017 North Carolina Highway maps are available. The COG has distributed these maps throughout region. Maps are available county-wide at: County Managers' Offices, Planning Departments, Parks and Recreation Departments, Chambers of Commerce, and Economic Development Commissions. Please visit your local offices to obtain a copy.

The Keep Our Air Clean Art Contest submission deadline has been extended to midnight on November 26, 2017. We are encouraging all school-age children and college students from Granville, Person, and Franklin Counties to submit artwork via the web, click [here](#) to access the website. Winners will have an opportunity to have their artwork featured on billboards across the state, helping spread the word about ways that North Carolinians can help keep the air clean. All billboards will direct drivers to *Fuel What Matters.*****

The Kerr-Tar Council of Governments will be hosting a Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Training on December 19, 2017 at the Granville County Convention and Expo Center. This event is being co-sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau and the North Carolina State Data Center. The COG is encouraging our member governments to participate. Please contact our office about registering. Census Day in North Carolina will be April 1, 2020. Please join us in preparation for this most important day.

The COG's 2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) Report has been approved by the KTCOG Board of Directors and has been uploaded on the

COG's website for public comment and review. The document is available for public inspection on the organization's website. The COG would like to thank the members of the CEDS Steering Committee for their commitment to this process and the economic potential the strategies identified will bring to Region K!

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is planning a seminar to addresses best management practices and standards in school bus anti-idling among school districts. The intent of this workshop is for neighboring school districts to better understand the policies and procedures implemented locally as they relate to SL 2006-143. Further details on this workshop are expected to come.

NCDOT Sending \$147.6 Million to Help Municipalities Improve Their Transportation Networks

More than 500 cities and towns across North Carolina have started receiving their allocation of more than \$147.6 million in State Street Aid, also known as Powell Bill funds from the N.C. Department of Transportation. The initial allocation, half of the overall total, was sent out to 508 municipalities last week. The rest will be paid by Dec. 30. Towns and cities must apply for the funds, and there are the same number of recipients as in 2016. Please click on the following link to read the full NCDOT press release:

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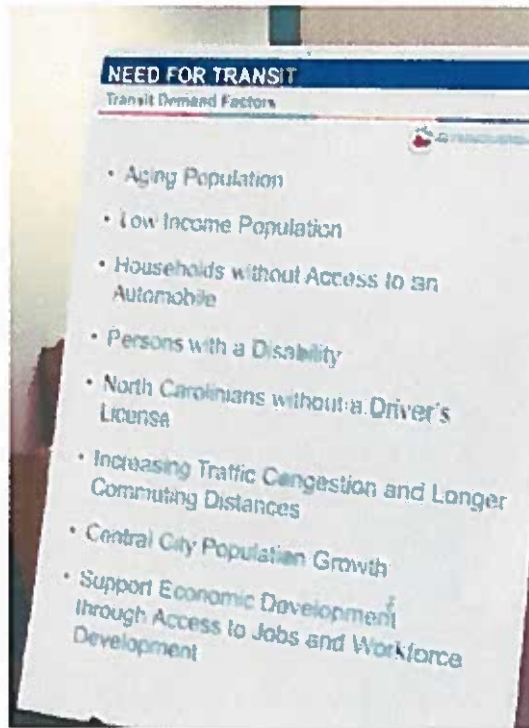
Find out who received Powell Bill Funds.

RPO Staff:

In addition to working on the various elements of the P5.0 Prioritization Process for Kerr-Tar, RPO staff is continuing to work on the Granville County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update with Granville County, CAMPO and NCDOT with the last public meeting held on October 10, 2017 at the South Branch Library in Butner. A Resolution to Endorse the CTP update will be presented as an action item at the upcoming TAC/TCC meeting on November 30, 2017. RPO staff attended sessions at the Southeast Greenways and Trails Summit in Durham on October 3. RPO staff

participated in a Community Workshop for the NC Public Transportation Division Statewide Locally Coordinated Plan on October 16, as well as attending the NCARPO

October Quarterly Meeting in Kernersville. At this meeting, RPO staff received updates from NCDOT, which included Title VI, performance measures, local project awareness and the latest on CTP 2.0 (the next version of Comprehensive Transportation Plans) and toured the latest Kernersville streetscape improvements with Jeff Hatling, Kernersville Community Development Director.



Aging

Save the Date!

Join us for a Legislative Breakfast

When: February 8, 2018

Where: Granville Expo & Convention Center

4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford

Time: 7:45 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr.

William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor for Strategy and Entrepreneurship and Director, Urban Investment Strategies Center UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School



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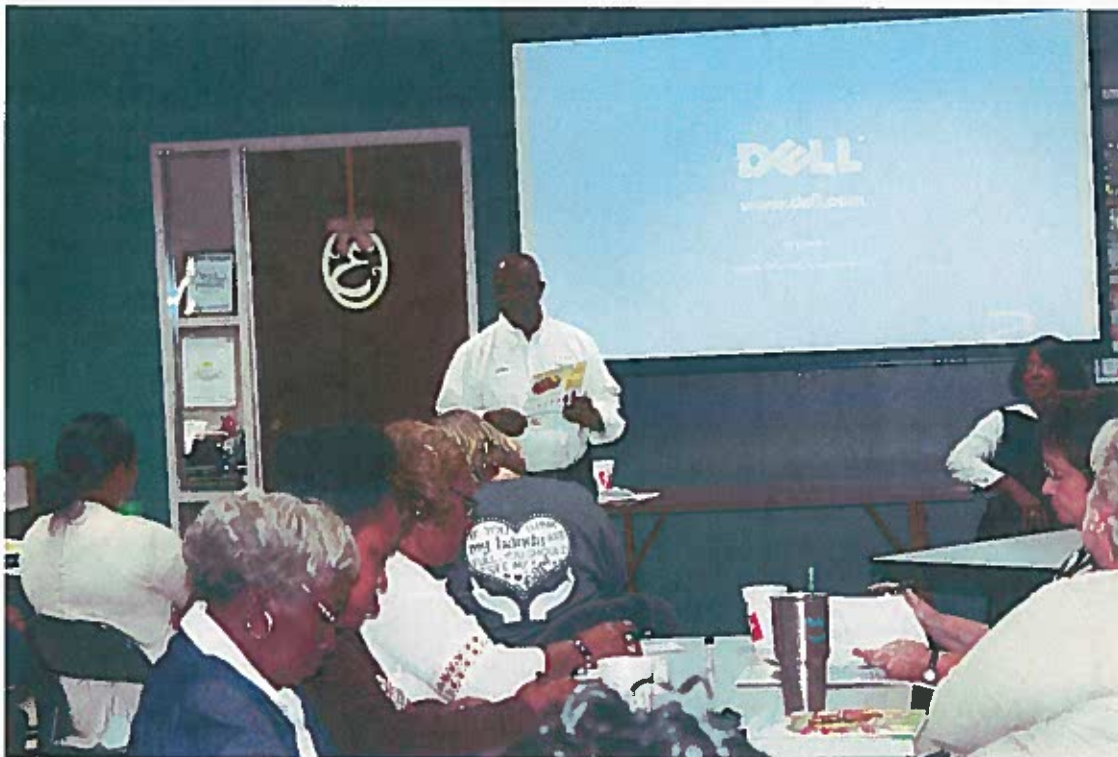
Contact Laura Yeatts to RSVP

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AAA will host a Community Engagement Event on December 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the COG office. The AAA serves as the Local Contact Agency for the region. We work with long-term care residents who are interested in transitioning back to their community of choice. This has led to developing partnerships with various service providers and agencies throughout the region and state. One of the programs that we work with is called Money Follows the Person. This Medicaid program assists individuals who are returning to their community with funds up to

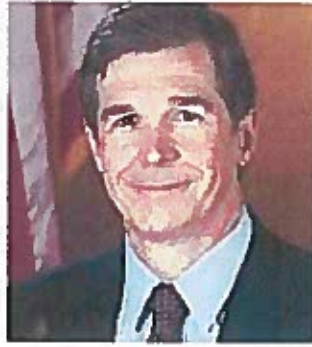
\$3,000 for one-time costs such as down payment on an apartment, utilities, and furniture. Guest speakers include experts from Vocational Rehabilitation, Money Follows the Person, Community Alternative Program for Disabled Adults (CAPDA), and Alliance of Disabilities advocates. Please plan to attend and RSVP to Laura Yeatts at 252-436-2040 or email lyeatts@kerrtarcog.org



“Sleep tight, don’t let the Bed Bugs bite!” This statement has new meaning after our Bed Bugs workshop on Friday, November 3. More than 40 people throughout the region attended the workshop. Those in attendance included Social Workers from local Departments of Social Services, Aging Service Providers, local Housing Authority’s, Central Children’s Home in Oxford, Long Term Care facility staff, healthcare providers and consumers. Attendees learned ways to prevent an infestation, how to protect themselves when working in client homes as well as general pest control and extermination. Everyone received his very own sample of Bed Bugs! This event tied in to elder abuse awareness. If you are interested in a similar training in your community, please contact Kim Hawkins, LTC Ombudsman at 252-436-2040 or email khawkins@kerrtarcog.org.

Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed November to be Family Caregiver Month in North Carolina. This year’s theme is, “Caregiving Around the Clock.” Caregiving can be a 24-hour a day/7-days a week job. There are many caregivers who forget to take a break, ask for help, or may not know how to cope or handle stressful situations.

Caregivers are recognized and highly appreciated for their unpaid hours of care, responsibilities, variety of roles, and unconditional support. The message behind this theme is to inform Family Caregivers that it is important to take care of yourself in order to provide the best care possible to ones you love.



Governor Roy Cooper has also proclaimed November to be Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month. More than 5.4 million people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and is expected to increase to 14 million by 2050. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and there is no cure. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) this devastating condition is the sixth leading cause of death for American adults and the fifth leading cause of death for individuals aged 65 and better. Local aging services providers such as senior centers are planning Annual Candlelight Reflections ceremonies to honor and remember loved ones who have passed.

Communities Served:

Franklin County

Granville County

Person County

Vance County

Warren County

Town of Bunn

Town of Butner

City of Creedmoor

Town of Franklinton

City of Henderson

Town of Kittrell

Town of Louisburg

Town of Macon

Town of Middleburg

Town of Norlina

City of Oxford

City of Roxboro

Town of Stem

Town of Stovall

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Town of Warrenton

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