

KTCOG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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GRANT UPDATES

The Economic Development Administration has announced it is accepting applications under its Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program. The purpose of this grant is to assist communities with infrastructure programs. For more information and for the application, [CLICK HERE](#).

PUBLIC WIFI

This is a reminder that with classes potentially returning to virtual instruction, the COG has compiled a list of free WiFi spots in the Kerr-Tar Region. This list can be found on the KTCOG website, found [HERE](#).

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SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Kerr-Tar Council of Governments will be highlighting local businesses that are still open in the region's downtown areas during the continued pandemic. These businesses will be highlighted on the KTCOG Facebook page, which can be found [HERE](#). Feel free to share with your networks!

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COUNT ON ME NC

Count On Me NC is a program that is encouraging businesses to take the necessary steps to keep their customers safe.

Count On Me NC is offering safety training for restaurants to keep and maintain the new health and safety standards. If a business completes these trainings, Count On Me NC will place their name on their website, found [HERE](#).



Your Name

COUNTONMENC.ORG

A MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO KEEP EVERYONE HEALTHY & SAFE

NEW VANCE COUNTY EDC DIRECTOR

Join the Kerr-Tar COG in welcoming Christian Lockamy as the new Vance County ECD Director. Lockamy comes to Vance County with experience in economic development, most recently serving as Economic Development Director in Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County. He was attracted to the area because of the strategic location along a major interstate highway, proximity to the Triangle area, and recent company announcements by Mako Medical Laboratories, and Select Tissue. Lockamy began work in Vance County January 19.

CERRI PROGRAM

The Council of Governments is taking part in the Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative. This initiative is being funded through the North Carolina Department of Commerce. It highlights the biggest needs that communities have to help recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please contact James Cunningham at jcunningham@kerrtarcog.org or Bruce Naegelen at bruce.naegelen@nccommerce.com.

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