

Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments

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UPDATES

- Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 25th @ 7:00 p.m.
We will have guest speakers from the NC Association of County Commissioners and the NC League of Municipalities.
- Annual Awards Banquet: Thursday, September 22nd

AROUND THE REGION

In Memory of Sheila Brown



On July 30, 2016 we lost our co-worker and friend Sheila Brown, Aging Program Coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging, after a short illness. As a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) volunteer Sheila assisted hundreds of Medicare beneficiaries to navigate and enroll in Medicare plans. In addition, Sheila facilitated Health Promotions programs such as the Living Healthy, Living Healthy with Diabetes, Pain Self-Management, A Matter of Balance and was recently certified in the Healthy Eating program. It is these self-management programs where Sheila helped participants to better manage their chronic conditions. Sheila was a certified Options Counselor. She responded to referrals from residents in skilled nursing facilities who were interested in returning to their home. Sheila would meet with these individuals and provide them with various resources and programs that could assist in them returning to their community of choice. She truly had a servants heart. We will certainly miss her.

Annual Awards Banquet
Thursday, September 22, 2016



TAC/TCC Meeting
Thursday, August 25th
3:00 p.m. @ COG Office

CSX Railroad Foundation Grants
Available

Free eBook: Enabling Millennials
in Government

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Henderson Vance Farmers' Market. Our guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Patricia Mitchell, Assistant Secretary of the NC Department of Commerce/Rural Division. If you have any questions please contact Gina Parham at gparham@kerrtarcog.org.

The next meeting of the Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Kerr-Tar Office. Please note that the August meeting may need to be rescheduled for September until the NCDOT calculates the Regional Impact total scores and programs Regional Impact projects. Please check our websites <http://www.kerrtarcog.org/> and www.ktrpo.com for updates as they become available. The last meeting of the Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC took place on June 23, 2016 where the TAC/TCC approved our KTRPO Regional Local Points Assignments which were submitted to the NCDOT SPOT office by the July 29, 2016 deadline. At this next TAC/TCC meeting we will approve our KTRPO Division Local Points Assignments after we see which projects cascade down to the Division level. For more information contact Ann Stroobant (astroobant@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

Nonprofits in area municipalities may be able to apply for CSX funding for safety; community leadership and service; environment and wellness projects. Grants are in the \$2,500 to \$5,000 range. CSX has a long history of investing in the communities in which it has a business or employee presence. The company, with the help of its employees, works to establish and maintain close relationships with customers and communities across the CSX network; not only by investing charitable dollars, but time, talent, transportation and in-kind donations as well. CSX considers grant, sponsorship, volunteer, transportation and in-kind requests from organizations that have been approved by the IRS as 501c3 charities. Government institutions such as fire departments and schools allowed under Internal Revenue Code 170(c) are also eligible. An on-line application is provided for all requests and is available from January 1 through December 15th of each year. There are no deadlines for applications, but organizations are encouraged to submit all their annual requests at one time each year. To read more, click [here](#).

Does your agency face accelerating executive and staff retirement? Discover how government leaders are preparing for the future and developing the next generation of leaders in this free eBook. Download [here](#).

Applications Requested for 2017 Hearst Health Prize

The Hearst Health Prize in partnership with the Jefferson College of Population Health released a call for submissions for the 2017 Hearst Health Prize. The prize was created to help identify and promote promising ideas in the field that help to improve health outcomes, and therefore proliferate best practices. The goal is to discover, support and showcase the work of an individual, group, organization or institution that has successfully implemented a population health program or intervention that has made a measurable difference. Applications are due by Friday, August 26, 2016 at 11:59pm. To learn more and submit an application, click [here](#).

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Section 5310: Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities Program

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments' Mobility Management program received the FY 2016-2017 contracts from the North Carolina Department of Transportation "Section 5310 Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities program". For more information, contact Tony Sumter (tsumter@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

Preparing for Electric Vehicles

Understand EVs and how to update municipal policies and building codes to integrate EV charging in multi-families and workplaces, communities and workplaces. Some headlines say consumer interest in alternative fuel cars is lagging, but [electric vehicle \(EV\) sales are trending up](#). Maybe its the mass appeal of the [more affordable Tesla Model 3 sedan that is expected to bring the price of its Lithium-ion battery down to \\$100 per kilowatt-hour](#). Or maybe it's the [Federal government and states funding consumer incentives for EVs](#). What is clear is that more widespread adoption of EVs will be driven in large part by local governments. How should local governments prepare to get their communities plugged in? Click [here](#) to read more.

Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Nissan understands selecting the right Alt Fuel vehicle for your fleet is a critical decision. Therefore, Nissan Leaf is offering up to an additional \$8000.00 off which makes it a more plausible investment. Visit NissanUSA.com/LEAF to see why those who chose LEAF, would chose it again. Also click "Find Rebates and Incentives" for eligibility on additional local incentives.

Rural Center

On July 25, 2016, the House Select Transportation Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning invited a couple of statewide rural advocacy groups to present the rural counties view of transportation project planning and funding. The Rural Center was one of the groups invited to speak and provided an analysis regarding how the STI Act is working for rural counties. For the P4.0 process, we are currently in, only 9.5% of “statewide” transportation funds will be going to projects in rural counties. This is an issue the KTRCOG TCC and TAC Boards have been concerned about, and working to change, since the STI Act took affect. Click [here](#) to view the article regarding the Rural Centers presentation. Click [here](#) to view their presentation.

Division of Water Infrastructure Announces Available Funding for Fall 2016

The Division of Water Infrastructure in the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality announced the fall 2016 funding round and related application training. Funding offered this round will include a portion of the Connect NC bond program. All applications must be received by the division no later than close of business on September 30, 2016. Application training for the following funding programs will be offered statewide in August in Sylva, Boone, Salisbury, Raleigh, Ahoskie, Kinston, Lumberton, and Raleigh/second session. Click [here](#) for more information or contact Jennifer Haynie at (jennifer.haynie@ncdenr.gov) (919-707-9173).

GIS Survey for NC: How is your government using this tool?

GIS has become an important part of many planning activities. From zoning to land use and more, Planners continue to expand the use of GIS into all aspects of what they do and the analysis they conduct. eGIS Associates, in partnership with NC State’s Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) and Davidson County Community College (DCCC) Continuing Education, is conducting a GIS Training survey to ensure the courses they are offering meets the needs of the community. We want to know what types of GIS training you or your staff need so they can more effectively perform the vital work you do. We would appreciate it, if you would take about 10 minutes or less to complete the 14 question survey. Anyone that either uses GIS, would like to learn more about using GIS or someone that supervises those that use GIS can complete the survey. We will use this to help us determine what classes are offered and where to hold them. Click [Here](#) for the link to the survey.

NCDOT Needs Your Input on Potholes

Potholes are a major issue for all of the NCDOT 100 NCDOT county maintenance offices. But with 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads, it's a problem the agency is asking the public to help battle.

The NCDOT has just launched a new pothole [web page](#) on its site. It explains what causes potholes, shows the difference between a pothole and other road issues, describes how DOT crews fix potholes, and the steps taken to prevent them from happening in the first place. There is also a link to the "DOT Report" site that launched in January for citizens to report potholes and other maintenance issues on state roads. Citizens can go [online](#) or simply call the customer service number at 1-800-368-4968 to report their concern.

Our Town Placemaking Program Seeks Applications

The National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants to support placemaking projects through the Our Town Program. The program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful and resilient places with arts at their core. The funding ranges between \$25,000-100,000 and will support local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create a distinct sense of place. A requirement for this funding is partnerships between arts organizations and government, nonprofit organizations, and private entities to achieve livability goals for communities. Applications are due by Monday, September 12, 2016. To learn more and submit an application, please go to: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>.

EDA Accepting Proposals

REMINDER: EDA accepting Proposals for projects that will foster economic development and support job creation EDA invites applicants to work with their Economic Development Representative and develop a Proposal for potential projects that will foster economic development by promoting long-term job creation and the attraction of private investment. EDA grant programs support eligible applicants (States, units of local government, institutions of higher education, nonprofits working in collaboration with political subdivision of a State, Tribes) in implementing construction projects to advance economic development. To learn more about EDA's grant programs and opportunities, please feel free to Hillary Sherman (hsherman@eda.gov) or 404-730-3013.

The Big Jump Project: Bike Plans

PeopleForBikes is opening applications for an ambitious new effort called The Big Jump Project. The Big Jump Project builds on the momentum and success of the PeopleForBikes Green Lane Project that helped get protected bike lanes on the ground, into the design toolbox and established them as the gold standard for comfortable biking on busy streets. The Big Jump Project will provide a package of support to the ten places, including technical advice, leadership development, and national media exposure. Applications accepted until October 28, 2016. For more information on this project, click [here](#).

Responsive Countryside: The Digital Age and Rural Communities

This free webinar will be held Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 10:30 a.m. CT/11:30 a.m. ET [Webinar Link](#) [Learn More](#)

Orton Family Foundation Releases Outreach and Communications Guide for Community Development

The [Orton Family Foundation](#) has released a new [Outreach and Communications Guide](#) to highlight steps communities can take to engage local stakeholders in community development efforts. The guide features strategies and approaches from Orton's [Heart and Soul](#) planning process, though it is applicable for a variety of engagement efforts. Topics include establishing communications goals, developing core messages and branding, tracking performance, and more. Click [here](#) to access the guide.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

NCWorks Career Centers

Do you realize the support your local businesses could receive from our workforce development professionals? If not, partner with the NCWorks Career Centers to find your next "right fit" employee. Our Certified NCWorks Career Centers provide the following services:

- Job posting;
- Job fair coordination;
- Candidate evaluation and review;
- Candidate referrals;
- Off-site interview space;
- Labor market information

Contact Vincent Gilreath (vgilreath@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040 for more information.

Jobs for Future Released Document Highlighting Best Practices

Jobs for the Future, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, recently released a new tool designed to help highlight two-generation approaches to development. Two generation approaches consider the needs of both vulnerable children and parents, together, in the design and delivery of services and programs to support improved economic, educational, health, safety, and other outcomes that address the issues of intergenerational poverty. This document is intended to provide local communities and practitioners with an overview of the research, best practices, and resources available to stakeholders interested in two-generation approaches. For report, click [here](#).

Underutilized Tool for Building Future Workforce

While a strong workforce is critical to strong future prosperity and development, sometimes identifying ways to build and maintain a strong workforce can be challenging. An emerging concept is something called Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), or the concept of designing ways to give credit to prior experiences to allow older workers a more realistic way to retrain and retool. To learn more about this concept, click [here](#).

AGING

Scam Jam

Thursday, August 18th @ 1:00 p.m.
Oxford Senior Center

Learn from the experts how to protect yourself from Medicare Scams, Internet Fraud, Charity Fraud, Identity Fraud, Investment Fraud and more. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Melissa Catlett (mcatlett@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

Elder Abuse Awareness Recognized by Franklin Oaks Nursing And Rehabilitation Center in Louisburg

The staff and residents of Franklin Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Louisburg, NC recognized Elder Abuse Awareness on June 15th by wearing Purple and Silver. Elder Abuse Awareness is celebrated once a year to remind individuals that millions of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited.



Aging With Gusto

Tuesday, August 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.
Person County Office Building

“Aging With Gusto” is a program that will help you be the best you can be. You will learn about health trends that can help you live your life to the fullest, financial information that will enable you to make educated choices and other topics that will keep you up to date on what is happening in the world around you. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on August 23rd. For more information please contact Melissa Catlett (mcatlett@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

MISSION

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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