

## State Government Grantmaking Webinar

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The North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) Philanthropy Liaison invited speakers to discuss receipt and allocation of federal and state grant funds; requirements and restrictions attached to federal and state funding; and opportunities for philanthropy to support state grant seekers.

### Speakers

- **Susan Brigman**, Section Chief, Specialty Programs, Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)
- **Tamara Brothers**, Deputy Director, North Carolina Arts Council
- **Caroline Farmer**, Executive Director, Governor's Crime Commission, North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS)
- **Joy Vermillion Heinsohn (moderator)**, Philanthropy Liaison, OSP
- **LaTricia Townsend**, Director, Federal Program Monitoring and Support Division, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)

### Key Takeaways

- State agencies make grants both from federal funds allocated to North Carolina and from state funds as directed by legislative appropriations.
- State agencies make grants through:
  - Direct grants that the General Assembly directs to specific grantee organizations/recipients, and
  - Grantmaking programs that state agencies manage.
- Both federal and state grants typically have restrictions on the use of funds. For example, grantees may not be allowed to use funds for capital expenditures or entertainment.
- Federal and state grants typically have eligibility requirements for receipt of funds and reporting requirements related to uses of funds.
- Some state agencies offer grant writing education and training to assist prospective grantees.
- Philanthropy may support organizations pursuing and receiving state grants by funding or otherwise supporting the organizations' capacity to submit quality applications (e.g., providing thought partnership on project proposals) and by assisting with needs that government funds may not be able to support (e.g., evaluations, transportation costs, etc.).

### Resources

*The following resources were shared or elevated during the program. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of information or resources.*

#### [NC Arts Council](#)

Created to strengthen the state's creativity, invention, and prosperity, the NC Arts Council directs resources to arts organizations and artists statewide to ensure that all North Carolinians have access to quality art experiences that improve quality of life, educate and inspire youth, and stimulate economic activity.

### **Governor's Crime Commission**

The Governor's Crime Commission within the NC Department of Public Safety is an appointed commission that serves as the chief advisory body to the Governor and Secretary of Public Safety on crime and justice issues. It also manages federal grants addressing criminal justice improvement and supports (e.g., Byrne Justice Assistance grants), juvenile justice-involved youth (e.g., Children's Justice Act), and crime victim services (e.g., funds directed through the Violence Against Women Act and Victims of Crime Act).

### **NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)**

NCDPI, at the direction of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, leads implementation of state public school laws governing the state's 2,700+ pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade public schools in 115 local public school districts. NCDPI provides instructional, accountability, and financial support for schools, and administers state and federal public school funds.