

**2018 NACo Legislative Conference
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Draft Mecklenburg County Federal Legislative Issues**

CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Infrastructure

- The Administration released an infrastructure proposal outline in February 2018. Congress will work with the Administration on an infrastructure package over the next several months. Several modes of infrastructure are included in the proposal outline (e.g. surface transportation, passenger rail, waterways, flood control, water supply, stormwater facilities, broadband and Veterans Affairs facilities).

Goal: Ensure any final Congressional legislation reflects County infrastructure priorities for federal funding and/or permitting proposals.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Education and Child Care

- The federal government funds several programs designed to support early education and child care programs, such as the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). The CCDBG is the nation's primary source of funding for child care assistance for low-income families and aims to improve the quality of child care for all children.

Goal: Ensure that Federal education and child care programs such as the CCDBG receive increased funding and discuss opportunities to leverage federal resources to support pre-K childhood education.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Opioid Crisis/Substance Abuse

- Congress and the Administration are focusing on substance abuse disorders, specifically the Opioid Crisis and substance abuse treatment. The recently passed Congressional Resolution provided \$3 billion a year in additional funding for the Opioid Crisis and substance abuse treatment in FY2018 and FY2019.

Goal: Target federal funding in areas that would be most helpful to the County in addressing the opioid and substance abuse crisis.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY, CONTINUED

Public Health

- The Administration has proposed cuts to key public health programs in its FY2019 budget. Examples include cuts to the Preventive Health Services Block Grant, Section 317 Immunization Program, Heart Disease and Stroke and Tobacco Prevention programs.

Goal: Congress provides at least level funding for key public health programs in FY19.