FAYETTEVILLE

# AMERICA'S CAN DO CITY

## **STATE ACTION AGENDA 2025**

### **2025 STATE FUNDING REQUESTS**

#### QUALITY OF LIFE

- \$2 million for homeless support initiatives to include shelter and emergency shelter operations
- \$2 million for Cape Fear River Park Trail Extension Phase II
- \$2 million for Solid Waste & Transit facility modernization and improvements

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• \$1 million for workforce development initiatives including STEM and NextGen workforce

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

- \$3 million for regional law enforcement training center
- \$1 million for mental health co-response
- \$1 million for community-based violence interruption programs

Infrastructure and Transportation	<ul> <li>AIR SERVICE</li> <li>Runway Extension: Less restrictive NC Airport Improvement Program (AIP) guidelines.</li> <li>PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</li> <li>FAST (Fayetteville Area System of Transit) West Fayetteville Hub: Seek funding for construction of west Fayetteville hub to increase access, service and operational efficiency. Service Expansion to Ft. Liberty to expand transit services for military communities.</li> <li>Expansion of Passenger Rail Connectivity: State support and advocacy for completion of passenger rail routes from FAY to RAL and FAY to WLM.</li> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE</li> <li>Protect Grant Projects: Align local transportation priorities with Protect Grant eligibility and DOT priorities.</li> <li>Dam Infrastructure: Coordinate with state agencies to include Iron Lake and College Lakes dams in hazard mitigation plans.</li> <li>Pedestrian and Safety Projects: Request state funding for implementing completed safety studies.</li> <li>ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION/TRAILS</li> <li>Cape River Trail Extension: Advocate for state funding to support the trail's recreational and environmental benefits.</li> </ul>

Housing & Community Development	<ul> <li>Affordable and Workforce Housing: Legislative policy, actions and funding programs to increase affordable and workforce housing in Fayetteville.</li> <li>HOME and CDBG Funding Supplement: Consider supplemental state funding and programs aligning with federal programs to more efficiently address stabilizing individuals and families.</li> <li>VASH Voucher Program: State policy and funding support to offset costs of the program.</li> <li>Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP)/Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP): Alignment of housing initiatives with state fair housing priorities and address barriers to program engagement with state support.</li> </ul>
Public Safety	<ul> <li>Recruitment and Retention: Advocate for legislative changes to extend the Law Enforcement Officers Separation Allowance (LEOSA) to firefighters. Support Law Enforcement recruitment and retention efforts with state support, policy and programs.</li> <li>Firefighter Cancer Benefits: Advocate for the continuation of the NC Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program beyond 2025     </li> <li>School Resource Officers: Expand public education funding to support School Resource Officer Program.     </li> <li>Office of Community Safety: Seek state funding for pillars of the office addressing youth intervention, gun violence, homelessness, and mental health.     </li> <li>Ghost Gun Regulation: Support legislation that prohibits and imposes strict penalties for ownership and use of ghost guns in NC.     </li> <li>PFAS Disposal: Work with state agencies to address PFAS foam collection and disposal challenges.     </li> </ul>
Quality of Life & Economic Development	<ul> <li>Tax Allocation: Equitable tax distribution among local government entities.         <ul> <li>I-685 Connectivity: Interstate connectivity linking I-95 and I-295 to the proposed I-685 through Cumberland County.</li> <li>Sewer/Water Extension: Support sewer and water infrastructure expansion that encourages increased economic development activity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Blight Removal: Support and funding for programs that enhance the City's ability to engage in blight removal in key development areas.</li> <li>Corridor Improvements: Support City corridor improvements to support key corridors of Murchison, East Fayetteville, Airport, Bragg Blvd and I-295 interchanges.</li> </ul>