

2026 STATE PRIORITIES LIST

FUNDING

1. \$4 million for **mental health co-response, homeless support, and community-based violence interruption** programs within the Office of Community Safety.
2. \$2 million **Affordable and Workforce Housing Initiatives**: \$1 million in each year of the biennium in addition to legislative policy and actions to increase affordable and workforce housing in Fayetteville.
3. \$500,000 for a **transportation connectivity study (I-685, rail and surface transportation)**: Outlines the economic benefits study to identify benefits of interstate connectivity linking I-95 and I-295 to the proposed I-685 through Cumberland County, expanded rail routes and other surface transportation.
4. \$5 million to support **sewer and water extension**: Support sewer and water infrastructure expansion that encourages increased economic development activity.
5. \$10 million for **pedestrian and safety projects**: Leverage state funding to expedite pedestrian safety studies and efforts.
6. \$1 million for **workforce development initiatives**: Expand and launch STEM and NextGen workforce growth opportunities.
7. \$3 million for planning and feasibility for **regional public safety training center**
8. \$2 million for **Cape Fear River Park Trail Extension Phase II**
9. \$2 million for **Solid Waste & Transit facility** modernization and improvements

POLICY

1. **Tax Allocation**: Equitable tax distribution among local government entities.
2. **Recruitment and Retention**: Advocate for legislative changes to extend the Law Enforcement Officers Separation Allowance (LEOSA) to firefighters and advocate for the continuation of the NC Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program.
3. **Ghost Gun Regulation**: Support legislation that prohibits and imposes strict penalties for ownership and use of ghost guns in North Carolina.
4. **Dam Infrastructure**: Coordinate with state agencies to include Arran Lakes West and College Lakes dams in hazard mitigation plans.