

WPCOG MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

APRIL 2022

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

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Finance



11
Contracts
Logged



197
Checks
Written



150
Purchase
Orders
Processed



137
Deposits
Processed



421
ACH/Online
Payments



9
Processed
Payrolls for
190 Employees

Admin

- WPCOG is assisting the Town of Long View with their search for a new deputy police chief and the Town of Gamewell with their search for a part-time town clerk/administrator.
- Upcoming meetings/events: June 17 - Regional Managers Meeting, June 30 - Mayors, Chairs & Managers Meeting @ Mimosa Hills Golf Club.
- Management has scheduled interviews for workforce development director position.

Outreach & Facilities Usage

Website



5,628
Users

7,256
Pageviews

Facebook



58
Posts

14,476
Reaches

Twitter



44
Tweets

7,106
Reaches

Site Usage



11
Meetings

216
Attendees

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Tina Miller
Christina Franklin
Ricky Handoo
Michael Layza
Mary Mitchell
Karen Phoenix
Anita Roberts
Sarah Stamey



AAA OUTREACH

14
Community
Presentations

104
In-Home
Respite
Hours

35
Information
& Referral
Contacts

107
Attended
FCSP
Programs

0
Registered
Caregiver
Directed Voucher

429,749
Reached for
Vaccine
Outreach

Home & Community
Care Block Grant



OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM ACTIVITY

14
Facility
Visits

2
Facility
Trainings

3
New
Investigations

2
Cases
Closed

25
Technical
Assistance



PROJECT C.A.R.E. ACTIVITY

6
Assessments

1
Reassessment

1
Home
Visit

12
Vouchers
Issued

3
Agency
Outreach Calls

132
People Reached/
Outreach

14,012
Meals
Served

4,399
Hours of
In-Home
Aide Service

15
Housing/Home
Improvement
Projects

908
Medical/General
Transportation
Trips Provided

67
Hours of Legal
Assistance
Provided

325
Adult Day Care/
Health Days of
Service

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ben Willis
Jennifer Cannon
Lisa Helton
Joel Herman
Rick Oxford
Laurie Powell
Erin Schotte
Paul Teague
Helen Whisnant



30
Homeowner
Foreclosure
Preventions

Alexander - 1
Burke - 6
Caldwell - 3
Catawba - 11
Lincoln - 4
Wilkes - 1
Iredell - 3
Rowan - 1



7
Housing
Rehab(s)
Completed

Alexander - 1
Burke - 3
Caldwell - 0
Catawba - 3
Lincoln - 0

GRANTS AND ACTIVITIES

Scattered Site Housing (SSH)

- Conover CDBG SSH-7 houses under contract
- Rhodhiss SSH inspected 1 and working on rehab write-up to bid out
- City of Newton Scattered Site Housing grant received Release of Funds

Essential Single Family Rehab (ESFR)

- Caldwell: under construction 3; rehab inspections on 2, working on write-ups for 4
- Burke: 2 under construction, 6 units approved for rehab by NCHFA
- 8 - under contract in Alexander, Catawba and Iredell Counties

Urgent Repair

- 3 - under contract in Alexander/Catawba Counties

Staff assisted Morganton to obtain a \$200K NC Commerce Building Reuse Grant for Vanguard Furniture to renovate a vacant facility and plans to hire 65 new, full-time employees over the next 2 years. The company is investing \$2.68 million in that time-frame and is part of a \$5.9 million overall investment.

Staff worked with Newton to submit a \$70K Building Reuse Grant application on behalf of a company for a project referred to as Project Primo West. The existing company is investing more than \$11 million in an expansion and plans to hire 10 new, full-time employees.

Staff worked with Caldwell County to gain a \$500K Motorsports Relief Fund Grant through NC Commerce that will assist Tri-County Motor Speedway in the Baton community. The competitive grant was awarded following an application process. The funds will be used to make improvements at the speedway.

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

Alison Adams
 Scott Berson
 Duncan Cavanaugh
 Jack Cline
 Taylor Dellinger
 Brian Horton
 Todd Justice
 Ashley Kale
 Teresa Kinney
 Dustin Millsaps
 Jessica Odette
 Chad Powell
 Averi Ritchie
 Trey Schweitzer
 Caren Shorthouse
 Todd Stroupe
 Johnny Wear
 Curt Willis

Planning	24 Major, Minor & Exempt Subdivisions 130 Issued Zoning Permits 2 Major Subdivision Plan Review 2 Rezoning, Annexations, Variances, & Appeals
ADA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA support to Conover for two subdivision plans. • Inventoried one building and one parking lot in the Town of Sawmills.
Transportation	20 Greenway Passenger Sampling Trips 8 Catawba 10 Workshop /Training 12 Transportation Meetings Attended
GIS/Data Center	47 Data Requests 15 Presentations & Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed new Burke County Transit Service Web Application. • Maps for Long View & Gamevell Land Use plans. • Maps for two Claremont grant applications. • Continued work on NC Foothills Experience. • Collected 308 stormwater features and fieldwork. • Continued work on Catawba School Growth Model. • Updated Alexander County Building Permit Data. • Completed 1970-2020 population growth charts for Hickory MSA region and Hickory MSA Counties. • Demographic profile for STEM West.
Environmental Planning	22 Maps/Spatial Data 8,235 Geocoded Map Points
Code Enforcement	3 SW Plan Reviews 13 SCM Inspects 6 Outreach Events 533 # of People PEO 10 Monthly Town Reports 146 New Violations 110 Nuisance Violations 28 Abandoned or Junked Vehicles 4 Residential 4 Non-Residential 138 Violations Resolved
Homeowner/IDDE Issues	1 Homeowner/IDDE Issues Alexander County approved a bid for the Emergency Watershed Grant; waiting on the state to approve the contractor and amount.

REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Stephanie Hanvey
 Lisa Acuff
 Jennifer Cater
 Kim Duncan
 Stephanie Godfrey
 Kelley Hayward
 Chasity Houck
 Viveca Huffman
 By Khang
 Elizabeth Moncrief
 Doug Woodall

1,240 Units Leased	118 In Office Client Meetings	199 Inspections Completed	48 Vouchers Issued	75 Total Vouchers Pending
180 Congratulation Letters	370 Waiting List	\$501,528 Paid on Tenant's Behalf	\$405.11 Average Housing Assistance Payment	

RHA BY THE NUMBERS

10	Hard to House Families
15	New Admissions
5	New Landlords
111	Recertifications Completed
21	Active Participants Pending Transfers to new units

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Donna Gilbert
 Elizabeth Hilliard
 Matthew Xiong

10 Scholarships Issued	Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships	82 New Register Unemployed
3 Trainings	Paid Internships	116 1x NCWorks Registrants
	People not working that newly registered in NCWorks.gov	1st People that registered in NCWorks.gov for the first time

EMPLOYER SERVICES

113	Employers Served at NCWorks Career Centers
15	Staff assisted Recruitment Events at a Career Center or Employer Site
12,798	Job openings in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell & Catawba Counties

SCHOLARSHIP & TRAINING INDUSTRY

30%	Transportation
50%	Health Science
10%	Human Services
10%	Public Safety