



**DEDICATED TO REGIONAL
EXCELLENCE**

**2024-2025
ANNUAL REPORT**

LRCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2024-2025

OFFICERS

Chair
1st Vice Chair
2nd Vice Chair
Treasurer

Angeline David - Dobbins Heights
Owen Thomas - Lumberton
Robert McLaughlin - Wagram
David Kirby - Dublin

Bladen County	Charles Peterson
Hoke County	James Leach
Hoke County (A)	Tony Hunt
Richmond County	Toni Maples (July - Dec.)
Robeson County	John Cummings
Scotland County	Tim Ivey
Scotland County (A)	Clarence McPhatter, II

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES

(A) Alternate

Bladenboro	Jeff Atkinson	Norman (A)	Tonia Collins
Clarkton	Linda Croom	Orrum	Jessie Stephens
Dobbins Heights	Angeline K. David	Parkton	Doris Underwood
Dublin	David Kirby	Pembroke	Theresa Locklear (June - Dec)
East Arcadia	Lillian Graham	Pembroke	Ryan Sampson (Mar - June)
Elizabethtown	Bobby Kinlaw	Pembroke (A)	Rudy Locklear (Mar- June)
Elizabethtown (A)	Howell Clark	Proctorville	Michael Sealey (June - Mar)
Ellerbe	Elsie L. Freeman	Proctorville	Alphonzo McRae (Mar -June)
Fairmont	J.J. McCree	Raeford	Johnny Boyles
Fairmont (A)	Jan Tedders-Rogers	Red Springs	Murray McKeithan
Gibson	Eric Stubbs	Red Springs (A)	Caroline Sumpter
Hamlet	Maurice Stuart	Rennert	Vivian McRae (June - Sept)
Hamlet (A)	Oscar Sellers	Rennert	Olivia Alford (Oct - June)
Hoffman	Karla Bostick	Rockingham	Denise Sullivan
Laurinburg	Mary Jo Adams	Rockingham (A)	Eugene Willard
Laurinburg (A)	Mary Evans	Rowland	Jackie Davis
Lumberton	Owen Thomas	St. Pauls	Evans Jackson
Lumber Bridge	William Davis	St. Pauls (A)	Jerry Quick
Marietta	Donna Stubbs	Tar Heel	Samuel Allen
Marietta (A)	Walter Powell	Wagram	Robert McLaughlin
Maxton	Virgil Hutchinson	Wagram (A)	Barbara Pierce
McDonald	Dannie Bacot	White Lake	Terri Hawley
Norman	Nancy Paxton	White Lake (A)	Paul A. Evans

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Lumber River Council of Governments' (LRCOG) Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. The annual report provides an excellent overview of the outstanding work and resources the LRCOG has brought to our five-county region.

Among the prime examples of the value and success that the LRCOG has brought to our region over the past year is the distribution of 300 laptop computers, 100 internet hotspots, and the deployment of a digital navigator to increase our region's digital access and literacy. The Workforce Development Division has assisted over 600 of our region's residents in obtaining employment and provided over 250 individuals with occupational skills training. Finally, the Aging Division has helped to meet the nutritional needs of our region's older adults by providing over 147,000 meals while helping older adults to save almost \$700,000 on their prescription drug plans.

The impacts of the LRCOG are felt throughout our region on a daily basis. The tireless work of the LRCOG Board and staff in advocating, planning, and serving our region truly makes Region N the best place to call home.

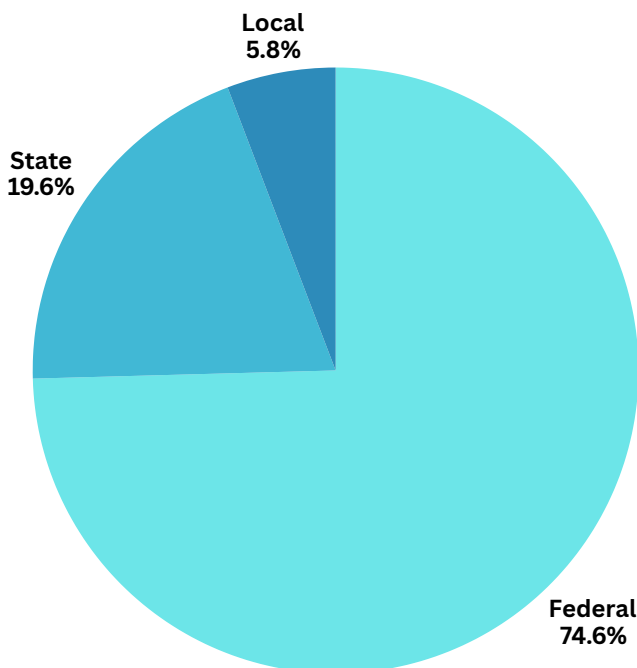
Angeline David, Chairman

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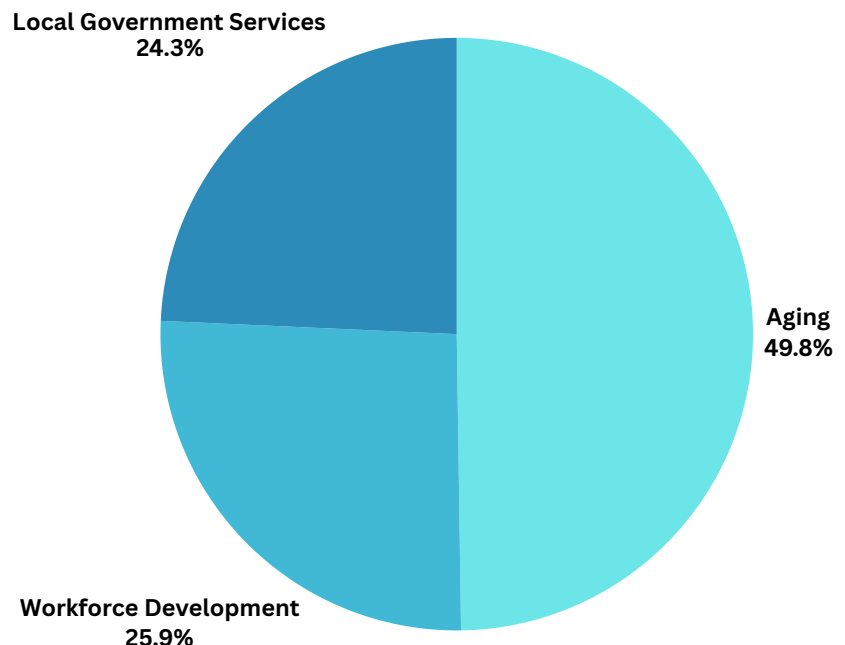
Revenues

\$8,673,130



Expenditures

\$8,673,130



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

HOME & COMMUNITY CARE

Home and Community Care Block Grant & American Rescue Plan

**Housing & Home
Improvement Projects**
276

Legal Counsel Hours
566

Transportation Rides
26,548

**In-Home Aide
Service Hours**
36,901

**Nutritious Meals
Served**
147,701

**Family Caregiver
Supports**

647
Respite Hours

4
Home Modifications

578
Supplemental Supplies

Health Promotions

9
Classes

100
Participants

**Senior Health
Insurance
Information Program**

451
Clients

\$699,760
Savings

**Senior
Center
Support**

\$54,580

10
Centers

Long-Term Care Ombudsman

22
Complaints

222
**Technical
Assistance
Calls**

11
Trainings

130
**Staff
Trained**

**Operation
Heat Relief**

110
Fans

Lumber River Senior Games

207
Participants

30
Events

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

35
Grant
Administration,
Support & Writing

3
Comprehensive/
Land Use Plans

33
Educational
Trainings

6 Governments
Financial
Administration
Assistance

2
Code of Ordinance/
Zoning Code

3
Manager/Clerk
Searches

3
Zoning Maps

19
Water/
Wastewater Rate
Studies

Regional Studies & Supports

Digital Access Planning
Geographic Information System (GIS - Portal) Support
Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Local Development District
Intergovernmental Review

American Rescue Plan

36 Governments
1,120 Technical Engagements
594 Individuals

Digital Champion

300 Laptops
100 Hotspots
201 Individuals Educated

Lumber River Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funded Projects
37 Highway **8 Bicycle/Pedestrian** **3 Aviation**

Committee Service

NCDOT STIP Prioritization Process Workgroup
SEATS Microtransit Feasibility Study Steering Committee
Robeson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Reviewed Functional Classification of Roads
Vision Zero Task Force

Workforce Development

Adult & Dislocated Worker Program

**On-the-Job
Training**

**2
Placements**

**\$13,163.29
Reimbursements
to Employers**

Work Experience

**14
Placements**

**\$82,959.49
Employee Wages**

**Occupational
Skills Training**

**204
Placements**

**\$281,997.16
Training Cost**

**Supportive
Services**

**135
Services**

**\$36,097.21
Service Cost**

Youth Program

**On-the-Job
Training**

**2
Placements**

**\$13,419.60
Reimbursements
to Employers**

Work Experience

**61
Placements**

**\$66,538.64
Employee Wages**

**Occupational
Skills Training**

**58
Placements**

**\$62,965.03
Training Cost**

**Supportive
Services**

**53
Services**

**\$14,944.90
Service Cost**

**Lumber River NCWorks
Career Centers**

**11,376
Individuals Served**

**116,943
Services Provided**

Business Services

**438
Employers**

**5,108
Services Provided**

**827
Job Orders
Created**

**605
Hiring Results**

**3,647
Job Referrals**

NADO IMPACT AWARDS

**Lumber River Chore & Chore
Enhanced Services**

**Lumber River Financial
Administration Assistance**

Lumber River Digital Champion

LRCOG STAFF

Administration & Finance

Administration

David Richardson, JD/MBA
Executive Director

Finance

Jo-Annah Sinclair
Finance Director

Yvonne Isidro
Assistant Finance Director

Local Government Services

Darrien Locklear
Regional Planner

Bryceston Oxendine
Digital Educator

Janet Robertson, MPA
Rural Planning Organization Coordinator

Craig Usher
Regional Planner

Workforce Development

Patricia Hammonds, MA
Workforce Development
Administrator

Alice Williams, MBA
Workforce Development
Services Director

Area Agency on Aging

Twilla Allen, MSW
Aging Administrator

Markalya Foote
Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Kayla Lowry
Aging Specialist

Stephanie Powers
Family Caregiver Resource Specialist

Donna Wright
Aging Coordinator

Nutrition

Ursula Selles
Nutrition Director

Camisha Laws
Nutrition Coordinator

Nutrition Site Managers
Jerry Williams
Fairmont

Joanna Jacobs
Laurel Hill

Phyllis McLean
Lumberton

Vivian Locklear
Pembroke

Joseph Ray
Red Springs

Daris Hunt
Rowland

Joyce McKinnon
St. Pauls

Penny Hammonds
Wagram

Virigina Nicholson
Home Delivered Meals
Driver



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