

What is your top research priority for NCACC for the coming year?

At the County Manager's Lunch meeting during the 2015 NCACC Annual Conference, managers were asked: *What is your top research priority for NCACC for the coming year?* We received 35 responses electronically (via smartphone). The responses follow.

<p>Sales Tax (9) Sales Tax Distribution/Redistribution/Legislation/Policy Impacts of the Sales Tax and Develop an appropriate distribution that is fair to ALL counties.</p>
<p>Revenue (4) How sustainable is the current revenue mix available to local governments in NC? Revenue growth Revenue sources (sales tax, etc.) Funding</p>
<p>Education Funding (4) Creative ways to deal with school funding Education funding trends Obtain statewide K-12 construction bond referendum. Public education funding correlated with outcomes/achievement</p>
<p>Economic Development (4) Economic Development Avenues For all counties in the state Effective Job creation strategies Correlation between public health indicators/outcome and economic development.</p>
<p>Rural Counties (4) Revenue options for rural counties/Obtain funding for rural counties. Rural policy Rural counties make a majority of NCACC so we need assistance.</p>
<p>Legal Issues (3) 115C-431 lawsuits Home rule policy Off duty deputy role/liability</p>
<p>Health and Human Services (3) Fixing NC Fast Mental health Statewide evaluation of DSS staffing benchmarks based on workload across different program areas (e.g., food stamps, Medicaid, WorkFirst, etc.)</p>
<p>Local Government Management (2) Collect institutional knowledge of retiring managers Engaging young professionals/college grads in local government careers</p>
<p>Land use (1) Land Use</p>
<p>Tax Foreclosures (1) Simplified tax foreclosures</p>