A CURATED LIST OF FREE ON-DEMAND RESOURCES FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

UPCOMING: Food Supply Resiliency Office Hours

DATES/TIMES: WEDNESDAYS, MAY 27 – JUNE 17, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Beginning on Wednesday, May 27, on four consecutive Wednesdays, the School of Government and Community Food Strategies are bringing together subject matter experts and local practitioners for “office hours” from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. to answer your questions about specific topics related to food supply challenges and to offer guidance on how to transfer some of the resiliency strategies underway in communities across North Carolina to your own local area.


Instructions will appear when you register. One link works for all parts in the series. Dates and topics are as follows:

- May 27 School Nutrition Programs
- June 3 Community Gardens and Farms
- June 10 Leveraging Underutilized Infrastructure to Improve Food Access & Supply
- June 17 Food Business Innovation in the Time of COVID-19

Budgeting in a Pandemic (May 13)

Local government budget officers and SOG faculty discuss how they are approaching their budgets, including revenue streams, forecasts and expenditure adjustments. Presenters: Rodney Harris (Cabarrus), Ken Hunter (Rocky Mount), Tony McDowell (Asheville), Brian Barnett (Pitt), Teresa Fulk (Newport), and Stephen Hawryluk (Winston-Salem). Recording is available here: https://vimeo.com/418573331

Budget-Balancing Tactics in a Time of Crisis (May 14)

SOG’s local government budgeting expert David Ammons and co-presenters Carl Stenberg and Rob Shepherd discuss budget balancing tactics from the 2009-2010 recession, explore tactics used then that might apply to current times, and review some of the advice being offered now. Local ideas to balance budgets are also included. The recording is available here: https://reg.abcsignup.com/view/cal4a.aspx?ek=&ref=&aa=&sid1=&sid2=&as=46&wp=316&tz=&ms=&nav=&cc=&cat1=1481&cat2=&cat3=&aid=UNCSOG&rf=
Additional resource: The full February 2010 Ammons and Fleck research paper, Budget-Balancing Tactics in Local Government, is available here.

Food Supply During COVID-19: Innovative Ideas for Local Governments (April 28)

This 45-minute webinar showcases local examples of innovative food collaborations taking place across North Carolina, from Madison County to the Cape Fear region. The webinar gives a range of examples that include public and non-profit-based solutions to helping make sure your citizens are nourished in this time of need. Click here view on-demand for free.

DFI team available to advise local governments creating emergency loan funds for small businesses.

The Development Finance Initiative (DFI), a program of the School of Government, is available to assist local governments who are considering or in the process of creating their own small business emergency loan programs to provide bridge loans to local businesses impacted by COVID-19.

The DFI team is available to provide one-hour phone consultations at no charge with local government staff to think through loan program structures and financial modeling on a first-come, first serve basis. To request assistance, click here: https://www.sog.unc.edu/webforms/dfi-covid-advising

Local Government Emergency Loans for Small Businesses and Preparing Your Local Government to Apply for Federal/State/Private Grants (April 1)

This webinar is hosted by faculty member Tyler Mulligan, joined by Kelley O’Brien, Owner and Principal, KTO Strategy & Communications; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager, Buncombe County; Matt Raker, Executive Director, Mountain BizWorks; and Kara Millonzi, also of the School of Government faculty. Topics covered include small business emergency loans by local governments, federal/state/private grants for pandemic issues, and writing grant proposals. Slides are available here: https://vimeo.com/403835882

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- How Interim Budgets Might Impact Tax Collections, by Chris McLaughlin (May 14, 2020)

- New Legislation: Disclosing Communicable Disease Information to Law Enforcement to Prevent or Lessen a Serious or Imminent Threat, by Jill Moore (May 13, 2020)
• **Courts Will Expand Operations on June 1, But It Won’t Be Business as Usual**, by Shea Denning (May 11, 2020)

• **Using Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds for Small Business Support**, by Tyler Mulligan (May 11, 2020)

• **S.L. 2020-3 (SB 704) Makes (Limited) Changes to Budget Process**, by Kara Millonzi (May 7, 2020)

• **Remote Zoning Hearings during Declared Emergencies**, by Adam Lovelady (May 6, 2020)


• **New Rules for Meetings of Public Bodies During State-Level Declared Emergencies**, by Frayda Bluestein (May 5, 2020)

• **The COVID-19 Crisis and How North Carolina Local Governments are Budgeting for It**, by Whitney Afonso (April 28, 2020)

• **A Stay at Home Order is Not a Quarantine: The Case for Semantic Precision**, by Jill Moore (April 13, 2020)

• **Electronic Meetings During the COVID-19 Emergency: Recommended Practices**, by Trey Allen (April 9, 2020)

• **Enacting and Amending County and City Emergency Ordinances: What Rules Apply?**, by Norma Houston (April 8, 2020)


• **Governor’s EO 124 Prohibits Local Government Utility Disconnections and Late Fees and Mandates New Reporting Requirements**, by Kara Millonzi (April 2, 2020)
• **Taxes, Reappraisals, and Budgets in the COVID-19 Era**, by Chris McLaughlin (March 26, 2020)

• **Financial Implications of COVID-19 for Water and Wastewater Utilities**, by Shadi Eskaf (March 26, 2020)

• **Local Government Emergency Loans for Small Businesses: Contracting with Financial Institutions for Loan Administration**, by Tyler Mulligan (March 25, 2020)

• **Can We Really Ban In-Person Attendance at Board Meetings During the Coronavirus Emergency?**, by Trey Allen (March 25, 2020)

• **Disclosing Information about People with COVID-19 to First Responders**, by Jill Moore (March 24, 2020)

• **Remote Participation in Quasi-Judicial Evidentiary Hearings**, by Adam Lovelady (March 24, 2020)

• **Working with Community Partners on COVID-19 Response**, by Margaret Henderson (March 23, 2020)

• **Local Government as a Lender: Emergency Loans for Small Businesses**, by Tyler Mulligan (March 20, 2020)

• **Failures to Vote by Board Members Participating Remotely**, by Trey Allen (March 20, 2020)

• **Taxes in Troubling Times**, by Chris McLaughlin (March 19, 2020)

• **The Correctional System Responds to COVID-19 (and Some Preliminary Thoughts on Minimizing Correctional Interactions)**, by Jamie Markham (March 16, 2020)

• **Meetings and Public Hearings Under the Coronavirus State of Emergency**, by Frayda Bluestein (March 13, 2020)

• **COVID-19: Who Has What Emergency Authorities at the Local Level?**, by Norma Houston (March 13, 2020)