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A weekly newsletter on North Carolina policy and political news relevant to the North Carolina's ABC Boards

Budget Talks Update

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger (R-Rockingham/Caswell/Surry/Stokes) and Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) continue final budget negotiations with Governor Roy Cooper.

General Assembly leaders sent to the Governor a \$25.7 billion budget proposal in late September. The spending plan was not released to the public.

The state has not operated under a full budget since 2018, but has passed mini budgets, which are not all encompassing.

Legislative leaders have been at an impasse in recent years on teacher pay, Medicaid, tax policy, and other priorities.

NCAACB lobbyists are monitoring two provisions that were included in the House version of the budget.

House budget writers proposed raising Clerks of Courts salaries, which are the statutory maximum for general managers unless there is appointing authority approval.

The House budget also allocates funds for roof replacement, warehouse office renovations, and warehouse storage at the ABC Commission.

A final state budget agreement is expected within weeks. Follow this story on [NCAACB Twitter](#).

Pitt Co ABC Board Reinvests \$200K in Community

The Pitt County ABC Board announced \$200,000 in grants to six local non-profit organizations in the Pitt County area in support of the education, prevention, treatment and research of alcohol and substance abuse.

"The Pitt County ABC Board, along with all of our ABC Boards across the state, are doing important and life-changing work to support organizations that are educating, preventing, and treating alcohol and substance abuse within our community," said NCAACB President Nancy Gooch.

Below is a list of the community organizations that received funds on September 20 from the Pitt County ABC Board. In each of the photos below are Chairman Max Joyner Jr. and Board Member Tom Coulson presenting checks:

East Carolina University - \$35,000

Pitt County Students Against Destructive Decision (SADD) - \$25,000

Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program (ECIPP) - \$10,000

NC Stop Human Trafficking - \$10,000

Bethel Youth Center - \$20,000

PORT Health - \$100,000

