



The University of North Carolina

Federal Policy & Programmatic Funding Priorities

Fiscal Year 2008

The Board of Governors is grateful to the North Carolina Congressional Delegation for its consistent support for the over 200,000 students that attend the 17 campus University of North Carolina. This document, developed in collaboration with the Chancellors and their staff, outlines the University's collective Federal policy and funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2008.

	Priority	Actionable Items
1	<p>Increase Funding for Student Financial Aid, Campus-Based Aid & Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs</p>	<p>Department of Education: Student Financial Aid Increase overall funding pool for the Pell Grant program Increase Pell Grant Maximum Award per Student</p> <p>Department of Education: Campus-Based Aid Federal Perkins Loans Federal Work-Study Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG) TRIO & GEAR UP Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Javits Fellowships Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)</p> <p>Department of Education: International Education and Foreign Language Studies Programs Domestic, Overseas, and Institute for International Public Policy</p> <p>Department of State: Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs The Fulbright Program Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program</p>
2	<p>Higher Education Act Reauthorization</p> <p>Status: Under Extension.</p> <p>GA Staff and the Federal Relations Council will work with the North Carolina Congressional Delegation to develop provisions favorable to the University of North Carolina in the HEA reauthorization.</p>	<p>Provisions in the HEA should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantially increase the amount of financial assistance available for students, particularly the Pell Grant; • Expand and hold-harmless campus-based student aid programs and student support/college access programs; • Provide greater flexibility for distance education students to qualify for federal grants and loans, while also protecting against fraud and abuse; • Ensure that students, parents, policymakers and the public receive information about higher education that is useful and appropriate; • Streamline the financial aid application process for students and institutions of higher education while ensuring equitable distribution of funds; • Support Title II which encourages university-school partnerships that focus on teacher and school leader professional development, new teacher support, and teacher retention; • Strengthen Title III and other institutional capacity building programs and resist expansion of the definition of eligible institutions without a commensurate increase in available funding; • Support state pilot programs that utilize longitudinal data systems linking elementary, secondary and higher education data while also preserving student privacy and the confidentiality of individually identifiable student data. • Support reauthorization of Title VI: International Education Programs.

3	<p>Increase Federal support for university-based research</p> <p>Critical Agencies for UNC: National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Science Foundation (NSF) Department of Education (ED) Department of Defense (DoD) Nat'l Astronomical and Science Administration (NASA): <i>Space Grant</i> Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): <i>Sea Grant</i> Department of Energy Office of Science (DoE) Department of Agriculture (AG) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>American Competitiveness Initiative: Support President Bush's call to action for more aggressive investment by businesses in research and development, double the Federal support for vital basic research over ten years, and improve math and science education for America's students.</p> <p>Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) at NOAA: Work collaboratively to fund the Southeast United States Regional Association in IOOS through the President's annual budget request for NOAA in addition to the annual appropriations process.</p> <p>National Undersea Research Program (NURP): Support the continued funding of the NURP program at NOAA, which enables UNCW to operate the southeast regional center, Aquarius.</p> <p>Aquaculture Research and Development: Support increased funding for the NOAA aquaculture program, thereby enabling research dedicated to stock enhancement. Further, support Congress' call to action for the NOAA National Sea Grant Program to expand and enhance its seafood technology capabilities.</p> <p>Alternative Energy Research and Development: Increase university-based research for alternative energy research and development including bio based fuels at DoE and at the USDA.</p> <p>National Children's Study: Support the continued funding of the National Children's Study at the NIH that sustains the UNC-CH led Vanguard Center in Duplin County.</p> <p>NSF Funded Research at Minority Serving Institutions: Support increased funding for NSF programs which seek to build productive capacity and output within institutions with significant enrollments of minority populations underrepresented within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM): Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP), Centers for Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST), and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP).</p> <p>Minority Health Research: (NCCU, NCA&T, WSSU, FSU, ECSU, UNC-CH, UNCG) Support the continued funding of research and training programs at the NIH to improve the public health of minority populations, particularly through the BBRI program at NCCU, the Center for Health Disparities in Underserved Populations at NCA&T, the Center in Innovation in Health Disparities at WSSU, the Research Center for Health Disparities at FSU, the Minority International Research Training Program at ECSU, and the TRIAD Project for Health Disparities at UNCG.</p> <p>UNC Photonics Consortium Initiative: Support optics and photonics research by DOD and NSF that will strengthen the ongoing effort to commercialize optics and photonics technologies in North Carolina.</p> <p>Stem Cell Legislation: Support legislation to expand federal funding for stem cell research and to establish additional stem cell lines.</p> <p>Increase Funding for Fundamental Space Biology and Physical Sciences for Human Support Research & Technology: Work with OMB and Congress to increase funding for Fundamental Space Biology and Physical Sciences within the NASA budget.</p>
4	<p>Improve access, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for North Carolinians</p>	<p>Medicare/Medicaid Physician Payments: Support fair and adequate payment rates for physicians, and of efforts to tie reimbursement rates to reasonable measures of quality over the entire health care sector.</p> <p>Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) Refinements: Work to ensure that the severity case mix reimbursement is adequate for teaching hospitals as the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services moves from a charge-based methodology to a cost-based methodology.</p> <p>Medicare and Medicaid Reform: Work to protect the long-term solvency of Medicare and Medicaid through ongoing legislative reform efforts.</p> <p>State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization: Support the reauthorization and expansion of the SCHIP program. 123,000 North Carolina children are served by this program annually.</p> <p>Tax-Exempt Status for Hospitals: Work with Congress and the Hospital community to determine common definitions and reforms in such areas as community benefit, charitable care, charges to the uninsured and debt collection.</p>

		<p>AHEC & Allied Health Funding, Title VII: Restore health professions funding under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act to the FY 2005 level of approximately \$300 million. These programs provide vital support for the recruitment, education and training of a unique group of physicians and other health professionals, including minority candidates and those who provide care in rural and other underserved areas.</p> <p>Nursing Shortage, Title VIII: Increase funding for Nursing Workforce Development programs under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act, and especially for the programs under Section 811, Advanced Education Nursing, and under Section 846A, the Nurse Faculty Loan Program.</p> <p>Pharmacist Recruitment: Support legislation to recruit and retain pharmacists in underserved areas (e.g., loan repayment and scholarship programs) and to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide federal funds to pharmacy schools for technology upgrades and building expansions, renovations, and repairs.</p> <p>Dentistry Recruitment: Support legislation to increase dental Medicaid reimbursements and to recruit and to retain dentists in underserved areas (e.g., loan repayment programs).</p>
5	<p>Economic development outreach grant awards & centers</p> <p>Critical Programs for UNC: DoC: Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) USDA: Cooperative Extension USDA: Economic Dev. Admin. USDA: CSREES SBA: SBIR SBA: SBTT SBA: SBTDC</p>	<p>National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility: Support the North Carolina collaborative effort to host a Department of Homeland Security/USDA/DHHS facility for threat characterization, forensics, and detection to defend both animal and public health.</p> <p>South East Crescent Authority: Legislation to create a federal regional authority to make grants for projects in the southeast crescent region. The South East Crescent Authority region shall include all parts of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida that are not eligible for assistance from the Appalachian Regional Commission or the Delta Regional Authority.</p>
6	<p>Public Service and Engagement</p> <p>Critical Agencies for UNC: Department of Defense (DoD) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Department of Agriculture (USDA) Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) ED: Ready to Learn Television National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)</p>	<p>Citizen-Soldier Support Program: Support inclusion of a specific line item and \$5 million annually for North Carolina's Citizen-Soldier Support Program in the President's annual budget request for the Department of Defense.</p> <p>Environmental Finance Center: Restore supporting language in the annual EPA Appropriations report, and include \$5 million in funding for the Environmental Finance Center Network program at the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> <p>UNC Institution Access to National Forests: Advocate for USDA Forest Service Region 8, Department of the Interior: National Park Service agency rule change that allows altered indemnification when obtaining special use permits by UNC campuses to legally access federal lands for educational purposes.</p>
7	<p>Farm Bill Reauthorization</p> <p>Status: Due for Authorization Spring 2007</p>	<p>Protect and Preserve Cooperative Extension Program/Rural Development: North Carolina has one of the strongest cooperative extension and rural development networks in the nation as a result of its rural economic roots and diverse agriculture and forestry production.</p> <p>Preserve and enhance formula funds (Hatch, Smith-Lever and McIntire-Stennis): North Carolina is the largest recipient of Hatch formula funding for USDA cooperative research and extension and receives the second-largest Smith-Lever formula allocation. These funds are fully-matched with non-federal funds and complement the state's strong and diverse agriculture research and extension effort throughout the state.</p> <p>Support the proposed Create-21 Initiative: Create21 would substantially increase the amount of competitively awarded research funds focused on agriculture, forestry and rural development. 20 percent of North Carolina's population is involved in agricultural and forestry sector of the economy.</p> <p>Kannapolis ARS Authorization: Authorize funding for the Kannapolis project in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS).</p>

8	<p>Information Technology</p> <p>Critical Programs for UNC: Commerce: NTIA, Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP)</p>	<p>Net Neutrality: Include language in the Telecommunications reauthorization legislation that prohibits anticompetitive discriminatory behavior, permits differential access pricing based on differential performance or quality of service and prohibits the imposition of new surcharges, separate from access charges, for transporting data over networks.</p> <p>Copyright Legislation: Oppose any new federal mandates that require specific technologies that restrict the downloading and redistribution of copyrighted material. Work to provide an understanding of methods to restrict access of copyrighted works to authorized faculty and students as required under the TEACH Act.</p> <p>Patent Legislation: Support the development of a patent system which provides substantive review of software patent applications consistent with current knowledge of technological developments and the cautious application of intellectual property law to software products so as not to deter innovation in software production.</p> <p>Copyright Infringement and the Value of P2P File Sharing: Support the development of innovative peer-2-peer systems in support of research and education. The university supports the requirements of the law and will protect its network resources through measures including policy, education, and network management.</p> <p>Municipal Networks: Support the right of municipalities to build and deploy their own networks through regulatory and legislative action.</p>
9	<p>More and Better Teachers</p> <p>Critical Agencies & Programs ED: Office of Innovation and Improvement ED: Institute of Education Sciences ED: Teacher Incentive Fund National Science Foundation</p>	<p>No Child Left Behind (NCLB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support NCLB Title II which encourages university-school partnerships that focus on teacher and school leader professional development, new teacher support, and teacher retention. • Support provisions that recognize and support the vital role played by schools of education in the recruitment, preparation and retention of teachers; develop appropriate measures of the success of those programs, emphasize teaching and teacher quality and strengthen support for recruiting and retaining teachers especially in high need licensure areas (mathematics, science, middle grades, and special education) and high need schools. • Support legislative initiatives to create or expand loan forgiveness and/or tuition reimbursement programs for undergraduate, graduate, and career change programs that are designed to increase the supply of teachers, particularly in mathematics and science. • Expand the Transition to Teaching program with increased funding for campus-based programs. • Support the development and utilization of longitudinal data systems to facilitate data driven decision making that will enable improved articulation, accountability, teacher quality, leadership development, student performance research and decision making.

Campus and Partners	Project Title	Funding Request	Project Summary
ASU & K-12 Schools	Blue Ridge Science Education and Research Outreach Consortium	\$1,000,000.00	Working in partnership with the Blue-Ridge Science Education and Research Outreach Consortium, Appalachian State University seeks to establish observatory-based and mobile science outreach facilities that will provide high-quality science education and research opportunities for students, teachers, and university faculty across all educational levels as well as a broad range of the public. The Blue-Ridge Science Education and Research Outreach Consortium (BR SEROC) consists of observatories affiliated with the UNC Asheville (UNCA) Pisgah Astronomical Research and Science Education Center (PARSEC) and the Appalachian State University (ASU) Dark Sky Observatory (DSO) and Visitor Center. Western North Carolina (WNC) is a technologically underserved region that will be supported by this consortium. The consortium will address STEM needs of the entire Blue Ridge region which contains a growing student population in particular need of enhanced science opportunities. At a time when the proper scientific education of the American public is critical for the economic future of the country, this Consortium brings significant and high quality science education resources, programs, and research to the Blue Ridge Region and engaging, but informal, science education to travelers on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
UNCW NCSU UNCCH	North Carolina Coastal Ocean Observing Program	\$6,000,000.00	The North Carolina coastal zone supports a range of essential economic activities, including coastal development, shipping and commerce, fishing, boating and tourism. It is also vulnerable to a variety of natural and man-made hazards, which regularly threaten resources, property and lives. Supported by Federal and non-federal sources, several UNC-system institutions (e.g. UNCW, UNC-CH, and NCSU) have established functioning sub-regional observational programs. The North Carolina collaborative effort will build upon existing observing programs (i.e. NCCOOS, CORMP, Caro-COOPS) to establish a coordinated, statewide, observation and information system for North Carolina coastline. The proposed venture provides a venue for enhancing inter-institutional cooperation, public outreach, and engagement of partners, stakeholders, and end-users at the state level. Further, these activities will foster private sector partnerships resulting in economic growth in North Carolina. This program will: 1) maintain existing observing assets 2) coordinate observing activities in North Carolina 3) engage additional UNC-system institutions, stakeholders, government, and private sector.
NCSU & Red Hat, IBM	Secure Open Source Institute	\$4,000,000.00	The Secure Open Systems Institute (SOSI), located on NCSU's Centennial Campus, is focused on making open source systems more secure, trusted and efficient through research, developing automated testing tools and providing qualification services. SOSI will accelerate the creation and growth of high tech industries in North Carolina and beyond by providing a centralized repository of research results, testing tools and qualification services. SOSI will also significantly contribute to strengthening mission critical information technology infrastructures. Open source accelerates development of new products and services by enabling functions quickly with great flexibility, higher quality at less cost. The Linux open source operating system market alone will grow 36% to become a \$35 billion market by 2008. More than 160 governments worldwide have already invested over \$2 Billion, and many corporations use open source as a major business strategy. IBM committed to spend \$1 billion in 2003 and continues to spend equitable amounts. SOSI is partnering with leading open source companies (e.g., IBM, Red Hat), government agencies (e.g., DARPA, NSA), university researchers and NCTA, MCNC.

<p>NCAT & North Carolina Zoo</p>	<p>Alternate Energy Center</p>	<p>\$2,500,000.00</p>	<p>The Alternate Energy Center will conduct exploratory fundamental and applied research on biomass, bioenergy, and biomaterials in partnership with the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. The Center will provide viable, alternative energy sources for rural areas in North Carolina. Further, the Center will establish a network of multi-interdisciplinary researchers to conduct collaborative research in alternative energy; identify opportunities and develop market technologies for biofuel, bioenergy, and biomaterial production; educate the public and promote the use of bioproducts; and incorporate bio-based technology into existing courses and curricula at the University. Specifically, the Center will develop an environmentally friendly pyrolytic gasification system to convert mixed feedstock of municipal solid wastes (MSW), yard trimmings, and wood residues to syngas for fuel. Syngas can be further separated and reformed to hydrogen fuel. The project will focus on developing an efficient process for feedstock preparation and syngas generation and clean up (emissions control). The environmental, economic, and social impacts of this project are numerous.</p>
<p>UNCA, UNCC & DHS</p>	<p>The VisualGRID</p>	<p>\$2,500,000.00</p>	<p>UNC Asheville and UNC Charlotte are establishing an institute to bring together the resources and intellectual strengths of three research centers at the two institutions to leverage economic development of a unique high-performance computing resource, the Visualization Computing Grid (VisualGRID). The VisualGRID will take advantage of the Charlotte Ring, the new high-bandwidth connectivity between Charlotte and Western North Carolina, and will put Western North Carolina at the forefront of visualization, simulation, and analysis. A powerful resource for business, government, and education, it will be a unique tool enabling business and government to look at visual portrayals of hugely complex data patterns and model behavioral patterns associated with simulation, modeling, and data acquisition on a large scale, with particular focus in the areas of energy infrastructure, disaster analysis and mitigation, natural resource valuation, environmental sustainability and security, and atmospheric science. UNC Charlotte has been selected as one of five Regional Visualization and Analytics Centers that will assist the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Homeland Security in developing visual analytics tools to identify and thwart terrorist threats.</p>
<p>ECSU & K-12 schools</p>	<p>Viking Arts Mobile Program</p>	<p>\$953,111.00</p>	<p>The Viking Mobile Arts Unit will enhance ECSU's existing Spring Arts Festival by adding a portable arts classroom and a program including musical performances, visual art exhibitions, story telling, etc. to be transported to rural North Carolina counties on a mobile stage to benefit K-12 students and others who have limited access to cultural exploration. A summer camp will also be offered at ECSU under the project to address the issue of limited access by providing 100 middle school and high school students with an opportunity to engage in cultural exploration in a college setting.</p>
<p>ECU & Duke, Patterson School, Johnson & Johnson</p>	<p>Metabolic Institute</p>	<p>\$2,200,000.00</p>	<p>The Metabolic Institute is a research facility founded by the UNC Board of Governors to address the most serious diseases confronting eastern NC including diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. ECU scientists are international leaders in the study of metabolic diseases. The role of the Institute is to conduct research, educate health care professionals, and provide up-to-date care. The Institute will translate advances in research into improved patient care, recruit investigators who will attract grants, educate scientists and technical personnel at all levels and support the training of scientists at community college and public school levels, recruit students into the health care and scientific professions, and promote industrial development and employment through the development of patents, products, and spin-off companies that will contribute to economic development. The Institute has strong partnerships with others: Duke University, Northeastern University in Boston, U of Berlin, Johnson & Johnson labs, Camp Timber Creek and Patterson School in Lenoir, NC, NIH, American Association for Bariatric Surgery, and others. FY 2008 funding will allow the Institute to upgrade equipment.</p>

<p>FSU, UNCP</p>	<p>Establishing a Regional Electron Microprobe Facility</p>	<p>\$1,375,000.00</p>	<p>Fayetteville State and UNC Pembroke seek funding for an electron microprobe. The microprobe is commonly used for igneous, metamorphic, and experimental petrology as well as mineral investigations and geochronology. In addition to rocks and sediments, faculty intend to conduct analyses of metals and alloys, thin films, ceramics, composites, optical fibers, and other artificial materials. More unusual items, including human teeth and archaeological artifacts, have also been analyzed with the microprobe. The lab will have the capability of analyzing artificial materials for various purposes (quality control, product testing, characterization, research and development) for commercial or industrial sectors. External users can come from numerous industries and research fields (e.g., semiconductors, medical technology, geological exploration, electronics and photonics, chemical and mechanical engineering). The centerpiece of a regional analytical facility housed at Fayetteville State University, the microprobe facility will be run by a consortium of faculty members from FSU and UNCP.</p>
<p>NCSA & K-12 schools</p>	<p>NCSA K-12 Outreach - Open Dream Ensemble</p>	<p>\$244,000.00</p>	<p>The Thomas S. Kenan Institute for the Arts at the North Carolina School of the Arts seeks federal funding to increase its K-12 outreach and educational programming through the Open Dream Ensemble (ODE), a collaborative performing troupe created in 2005. ODE performances are designed for the NC public schools, the primary partner in this project. In its first two years ODE touched over 12,000 students in 16 counties. Working with the NC Department of Public Instruction, the requested federal funding would be used to increase outreach to over 20,000 students per year targeting rural and low income counties otherwise not able to afford to participate. In addition ODE is working with Linda Bamford, Arts Education Director for the NC Department of Cultural Resources toward inclusion in the state-wide touring program. ODE Arts-in-education residencies have been designed and tested for K-8 students and teacher support materials have been developed in line with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Based on the positive response of the public schools and demand for additional performances the goal is to expand the season to 36 weeks.</p>
<p>UNCC & CPCC</p>	<p>Diversity in Nursing Education: A Plan for Nursing's Future</p>	<p>\$500,000.00</p>	<p>The Diversity in Nursing Education demonstration project (Central Piedmont Community College and UNC Charlotte) aims to increase the number of minority nursing educators to serve as role models in the training of minority nurses. There is a direct link between poorer health outcomes for minorities and the shortage of minority health care providers, and there is substantial benefit from a health workforce that is culturally sensitive and focused on patient care. African Americans represent 22 percent of the population in North Carolina, but only nine percent of registered nurses. This program will address the diminution of minority students at each step of the academic ladder by developing a Nursing Fellow program for minority students from both high schools and the community college, with an articulation agreement that allows students prepared at the associate degree level to seamlessly continue their training and achieve a Master's degree in nursing education. The program will provide on-site and shared academic and career advising for students, boot camps for students at both CPCC and UNC Charlotte, mentoring by successful minority nurses, and childcare.</p>
<p>UNC-CH & NCCCS, Abbott Labs</p>	<p>The Kidney Care Prevention Program</p>	<p>\$3,500,000.00</p>	<p>The Kidney Care Prevention Program (KCPP), a collaborative demonstration project of the UNC Kidney Center, the NC Community College System, and Abbott Labs, will offer an aggressive combination of community-based, targeted educational outreach, free screenings, and sustained, personalized disease management by trained kidney disease care educators, to reduce the morbidity, mortality, and costs associated with renal disease. The KCPP partnership will provide a 2-stage assault on the epidemic of kidney disease: 1) 3 fully-equipped mobile outreach units (1 each in eastern, central, and western NC) will provide screening and intervention for citizens at risk for developing chronic kidney disease; 2) a new curriculum for allied health</p>

			students, implemented at all 58 NC community colleges, will provide certification for kidney care educators, community-based health professionals with expertise in managing patients and populations at high risk of developing kidney disease. In 2003, approximately 325,000 Americans were being treated for end-stage kidney disease, resulting in \$18.1 billion in Medicare costs. North Carolina ranks 9th in the U.S. for the highest prevalence of end-stage kidney disease.
WSSU & Wake Forest, Johns Hopkins and others	Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities	\$1,300,000.00	In its 2003 Eliminating Health Disparities -- Call to Action, the NC Department of Health and Human Services cited health statistics that document "persisting racial and ethnic disparities in health status for almost all conditions." As a response to this Call to Action and given its historical role in developing disparities programs and activities, WSSU recently established a Center of Excellence in Health Disparities. The mission of the Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities—an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional, applied health services and research center—is to improve minority health outcomes and eliminate health disparities within the state through research, education, and community outreach activities. The University already has partnerships with UNC-CH, UNCG, NCCU, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Novant Medical Center, and Johns Hopkins University in health disparities areas. The University has also allocated funds for operational expenses including communication, travel, supplies, and funds to assist with grant writing. The University has also provided space, technology, and staff development.
UNC-CH, NCSU & Dole Food	Kannapolis: ARS Nutrition Center	\$1,000,000	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Nutrition Research Institute and the North Carolina State University Institute for Fruit and Vegetable Science propose the creation of a new United States Department of Agriculture Human Nutrition Center. This new Center will focus on using cutting edge genomic, proteomic and metabolomic biotechnology to develop innovative approaches to designing healthier agricultural products and to understanding the role of diet and activity in normal brain development, preventing cancer and preventing obesity. Further, the Center will evaluate how nutrition enhances human health -- using individual variations in metabolism to develop custom solutions that target individual susceptibilities and differences.
UNC-CH, AHEC, Local Agencies and Physicians	Kannapolis: Health on Wheels	\$1,500,000	UNC Chapel Hill's <i>Health on Wheels (HOW)</i> program will combat the growing obesity epidemic by moving the prevention and treatment of obesity out of hospitals and clinics and into communities across the state. Working in partnership with the Nutrition Research Institute (NRI) in Kannapolis, <i>HOW</i> physicians and nutritionists will use mobile consulting centers to perform diagnostic testing; disseminate obesity prevention and treatment tools and programs to communities, families, and local clinical practices; and provide obesity treatment plans without requiring patients to travel to major medical centers. <i>HOW</i> units will work closely with local physicians, Area Health Education Centers, and other local agencies to bring the most recent advances in obesity prevention and treatment directly to clinicians and their patients. Federal funds will be used to purchase and equip three mobile <i>HOW</i> units; to provide technical training on the operation of the <i>HOW</i> mobile unit equipment; and to support experts whose role will be to provide diagnoses and treatment plans.
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