Two Topics for LGF Subcommittee

1. Municipal Data Collection – Conduct an inventory of the different data collected by the state from municipalities and boards of education and determine how those data are utilized.  The topic would include analysis and recommendations regarding:

* Whether the data being collected are actually tied to a purpose, such as funding formulas, or left on a shelf
* What metrics, if any, are in place to measure the results of funding
* Whether the data being collected are missing elements that are important for setting policy
* What data collection tools are not being fully utilized
* To what extent should the state reimagine the role of data in setting policy and distributing state funding

1. Maximizing Federal Funding –Connecticut consistently ranks at or near the bottom in terms of the balance of payments between states and the federal government and what are the causes of this? [See the recent [Rockefeller Institute of Government](https://rockinst.org/) report: [*New York’s Balance of Payments with the Federal Government*](https://rockinst.org/issue-area/balance-of-payments-2022/)]

As a starting point, the ACIR should identify and analyze examples of other states’ counties that are of a size comparable to our COG regions or even our state. The goal is to identify what systems are necessary to achieve the best results.  This topic would provide analyses and recommendations regarding:

* The extent to which our mismatched array of service delivery agencies and service geographies hinders our ability to apply for funding
* What resources our COGs and RESCs would need to ramp up their grant making capabilities as surrogates for county governments
* The extent to which our data collection efforts can complement the grant-seeking functions