



We're celebrating [National Residents' Rights Month](#). Next month look for a combined November/December issue. Happy Halloween!

## Upcoming Events

**Fri., Nov. 1** - [2019 Centralina Aging Conference](#)

**Tues., Nov. 5** - [2019 Planning for Healthy Communities Conference](#)

**Thur., Nov. 7** - Congressman Dan Bishop Meet & Greet for CCOG Delegates

**Thur.-Fri., Nov. 7-8, 14-15** - [Living with Diabetes Lay Leader Training](#)

**Fri.-Sat., Nov. 8-9** - [NC BikeWalk Summit](#) in Winston-Salem (*Healthy Communities Specialist Katherine Herbert Godwin is on the Intercity Rail: First-Mile Last-Mile Connections panel*)

**Tues., Nov. 12** - [Grant Writing Workshop](#)

**Wed., Nov. 13** - [CCOG Executive Board Meeting](#)

**Tues., Nov. 19** - [NextGen Youth Council Meeting](#)

**Thur., Dec. 5** - [CCOG Scenario Planning](#)

**Tues., Dec. 10** - [Centralina Workforce Development Board Meeting](#) in Kannapolis

**Tues.-Wed., Dec. 10-12** - [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Certification](#)

**Wed., Dec. 18** - Regional Managers Group Holiday Appreciation and Legislative Luncheon

**Mon.-Wed., Jan. 13-15** - [Planning for Effective Public Participation Workshop](#) (The Lee Institute, AICP credits available)

**Thur.-Fri., Jan. 16-17** - [Techniques for Effective Public Participation Workshop](#) (The Lee Institute, AICP credits available)

## Capital Corner: Working For You From DC to Raleigh *Older Americans Act Reauthorization*

As part of CCOG's federal advocacy agenda, our federal lobbyist Leslie Mazingo organized a briefing call recently with staff from Senator Tillis and Senator Burr's offices on the Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization, which expired on September 30<sup>th</sup>. CCOG Executive Director Geraldine Gardner, Centralina Area Agency on Aging (CAAA) Director Linda Miller and CAAA Assistant Director Debi Lee all participated in the call. Our recent federal advocacy efforts have been focused around the push to reauthorize the OAA this year, as well as adjustments to the formulas to benefit states like North Carolina, which are seeing increasing numbers of seniors, by tying all new dollars (over FY2019 levels) to a population-based factor. We learned about an imminent deal facilitated by U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) to change the OAA funding formulas and are pleased with his leadership in negotiating a compromise on the Title III formula, specifically the "hold harmless" clause that prevents funding from flowing to the areas of the country that are gaining population of older adults. This has been imperative for CAAA because people age 65 and older are one of the fastest-growing demographics in the region and some are on waiting lists for services due to funding shortages. We are still waiting for the introduction of the Senate OAA reauthorization bill and the passing of the legislation by the end of the year, which we hear is possible. The House version of the OAA reauthorization, the Dignity in Aging Act (H.R. 4334), passed by voice vote in the House on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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### EDA Funding Opportunity

The EDA released its [FY2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs](#). These programs provide funding for construction and non-construction projects that advance economic development in distressed areas. For assistance, please contact Mike Manis, Director of Community and Economic Development, at [mmanis@centralina.org](mailto:mmanis@centralina.org) or 704.348.2720.

### Grant Alerts

There will be increased funding for the next two years so this is a great time to start pursuing available grant opportunities. Below are three different alerts for your consideration. Need assistance? Contact Leslie Mazingo at 202.255.5760 or [leslie@strategics.consulting](mailto:leslie@strategics.consulting).

- [Federal Grant Alert 1](#)
- [Federal Grant Alert 2](#)
- [Federal Grants Annual Forecast](#)

- Construction projects must be for publicly-owned infrastructure and support construction or renovation. The most competitive applications have a committed beneficiary or a third-party analysis documenting the potential economic value and return on investment.
- Competitive non-construction projects identify a defined audience, a specific problem to be addressed and state how quickly the work output will be utilized to benefit the community.
- Projects generally require a 50 percent match; communities impacted by a Presidentially Declared Disaster may request up to 80 percent.
- Complete electronic applications are required.

## NCWorks Award of Distinction: Innovative Partnership

Last week the 2019 Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction were given at the NCWorks Partnership Conference in Greensboro. The award for Outstanding Innovative Partnership went to Wayne Brothers, Inc. for its partnership with Centralina Workforce Development Board's NextGen Youth Services and Kannapolis City Schools, forming W.I.N. Partnership: Workforce Innovation Nextgeneration. Together they pioneered programs to expose people to new career opportunities and increase workforce diversity. [Read more](#)

## Diabetes Self Management

A 2017 CDC report estimates over 30 million Americans are living with diabetes. Diabetes self-management is critical for people with this condition and better diabetes self-management (DSM) can help them live longer and healthier lives. CCOG has risen to the challenge of providing best care practices for DSM in our nine counties. Initiated by Centralina Area Agency on Aging Director Linda Miller, CCOG received accreditation from the American Association of Diabetes Educators to provide Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support in the community. [Continue](#)

## Podcast: First in Future - Where Emerging Ideas Take Flight

As you look around Charlotte, one of the things you'll notice is how diverse it is. Mecklenburg County is diverse racially, with 51% of its citizens nonwhite. It's also diverse geographically – 57% of its residents was born outside of NC and one in seven residents were born outside of the U.S. Reinaldo Panico Peres, Chairman of the Centralina Workforce Development Board, was born in Brazil and moved to the Charlotte region when he relocated a company. Listen as he is interviewed by Leslie Boney, Director of the Institute of Emerging Issues at NC State University. Highlights include regional diversity data, funding streams for the retraining / advancement of workers and the biggest workforce issue the region needs to improve upon in order to make significant strides in labor shortage areas. [Listen here](#)

## Dementia Friendly Charlotte Mecklenburg Recognition

Dementia Friendly Charlotte Mecklenburg (DFCM) is an initiative that was formed in 2016 by a collaboration of local government, businesses and individuals to address the negative stigma surrounding dementia in Mecklenburg County. DFCM assessed the needs of those living with dementia in Mecklenburg County and identified three priority areas: awareness, education and improved services. Recently, DFCM met the readiness recognition criteria set forth by Dementia Friendly America and received the official designation of a dementia friendly community. Sara Maloney, Aging Specialist with Centralina Area Agency on Aging and co-chair for DFCM said, "This is an important step to make sure all citizens feel welcome in our community. Our initiative is working hard to raise awareness about dementia and transform attitudes to improve the quality of life in Mecklenburg County." [Continue](#)



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