



Our Government Affairs and Member Engagement (GAME) department provides specialized and technical services, professional development and networking opportunities for local governments and their staff. Our goal is to ensure that our members have the resources and information they need to best serve their constituents. GAME supports and collaborates with other Centralina departments to provide services and bring in specialized expertise from across the organization. From delivering specific technical services to developing talent and supporting crisis response during COVID-19, we focus on cost-effective, high-quality offerings.

Public Administration and Human Resources

- Strategic planning
- Americans Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) planning and implementation
- Local government process improvement
- Board and Council [retreats and meeting facilitation](#)
- Executive searches for local government managers and finance directors
- Recruitment and hiring services for director level and senior management positions
- Hiring and promotional [assessment centers](#)
- Interim staffing including short-term support during transitions, project level support and mid-term staffing
- HR policy review
- Staffing studies

Professional Development and Peer Networks

As a regional convener of local governments, we provide elected officials, managers and others with networking opportunities to exchange ideas, best practices and discuss collaboration possibilities. Some of our events and programs include:

- Centralina Learns continuing education courses
- City and Town Managers Peer Network
- CLT Aviation Academy

Grant Assistance

We post monthly grants alerts and an annual grants forecasts via our [member portal](#) to help communities identify and plan for grant opportunities. Additionally, GAME offers grant strategy guidance, grant application feedback and formal grant writing and administration training through our Centralina Learns series.

Intergovernmental Coordination

Our GAME department works with Strategics Consulting, our federal relations consultant, to advance our federal action agenda and schedule annual meetings with congressional representatives. One of our key objectives is engagement with policymakers at the federal and state levels to give voice to regional priorities and funding opportunities. We also provide on-demand troubleshooting on issues or challenges related to federal agencies, regulations or funding sources.

Region of Excellence Awards

Our annual [Region of Excellence Awards](#) celebrate the achievements in support of our mission to expand opportunity and improve quality of life in the following categories: Cross-Community Collaboration, Local Government Innovation, Improving Quality of Life, Clean Cities, Aging in Action and Excellence in Government Leadership.



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