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REGIONAL COUNCIL

THE CENTRAL LINES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18	Regional Managers Meeting : Funding Opportunities & Disaster Recovery Training
January 19, 27	Matter of Balance Coach Training: Jan. 19 & Jan. 27
January 19	Centralina Learns: Recognizing Human Trafficking - Introductory Training for Local Governments
January 25	Centralina AAA Webinar: Social Security Updates
January 27	Centralina Board Subcommittee: CONNECT Beyond Advancing the Plan
February 1	Chronic Disease Self-Management Leader Training
February 8	Centralina Board of Delegates Meeting: Region of Excellence Awards

CAPITOL CORNER

Notes on the FY23 Appropriations



On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed into law the \$1.65 trillion omnibus bill to fund the government through September 2023. The omnibus bill provides \$1 million in funding for the North Mecklenburg County Housing Preservation Initiative that was requested by Centralina and supported by Congresswoman Alma Adams. The bill also provides \$772.5 billion in nondefense discretionary funding, up almost 6% from \$730 billion from FY22.

The FY23 appropriations funding includes modest increases to most Older Americans Act programs and more significant increases to the Economic Development Administration, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A brief summary of key programs for Centralina in the FY23 appropriations is available [HERE](#).

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FEATURED ARTICLES

Housing Preservation & Innovation: An Interactive Discussion

The challenge of meeting the fair and affordable housing needs in the Centralina region has become a top-of-mind topic for residents, businesses and local government officials alike. The December 2022 Centralina Regional Managers' meeting focused on ways to support housing preservation and innovation in our communities through an interactive discussion. Take a look at our recap article to learn more about how this complex issue interconnects with others in your community, and what Centralina is doing to help.



[Read the Full Article](#)

Centralina Learns: Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) is an important tool to increase the efficiency of existing transportation networks and give people more flexibility in how they move around their



communities and regions. Our December Centralina Learns session concentrated on a collection of strategies for expanding and communicating the importance of transportation choice. Learn more about what regional planners should know and the efforts Centralina are actively working on to support positive development.

[Full Session Recap](#)

Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Goals for Our Region

The CEDS is a locally based, regionally driven economic development planning process and strategy that brings together a diverse set of partners to generate good jobs, diversify the economy and spur economic growth. It outlines an approach to coordinate growth and prosperity that builds on the region's strengths and addresses weaknesses and barriers to future growth, prioritizes key regional industry clusters and emphasizes collaboration. The plan will be achieved through regional collaboration and collective action across three goals, 15 recommendations and 58 near-term action items over the next five years. We invite you to review the full plan to learn more about where the region is today and our plan to move towards prosperity for all.

The greater Charlotte region collaborates to inclusively support businesses, innovators and individuals in reaching a prosperous and globally-connected future.

Goal 1:
Expanding
Economic
Opportunity

Goal 2:
Building
Community
Supportive
Infrastructure

Goal 3:
Strengthening
Regional Resilience
and Global
Competitiveness

[Lean More About the Goals & Recommendations](#)

Service Spotlight: Grant Support

Public and private grant programs provide local governments with resources to advance key initiatives, enhance service delivery and improve quality of life. The grant preparation and administration process can be daunting, however, so we want to make sure you have the best chance to successfully secure critical funds for your community's priorities. As a partner to local governments, Centralina offers comprehensive grant support services including:

- Funding Resources
- Technical Assistance

- Grant Writing
- Strategic Support

- Grant Training on a variety of topics

Applying for competitive federal, state or private grants requires careful planning and a well-written application but grant writing can be overwhelming and time-consuming. Experienced grant professionals can help you increase your community's grant-seeking capacity and potential for successfully securing funding.

More on our Grant Support Services

More on Grant Writing Services

Region of Excellence Award Winner Spotlight: Rowan Education Collaborative



The 2021 Region of Excellence award for Cross-Community Collaboration in a large community was awarded to Rowan County for the projects planned and executed through the Rowan Education Collaborative. This initiative is the first of its kind in the area, bringing government and education leaders from across the county together to increase local educational attainment and expand job opportunities for residents. The ingenuity in project development and successful facilitation of regional collaboration seen here highlights strong partnerships between stakeholders towards a common goal to make their community stronger

and further advance Centralina's mission for regional collaboration.

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IN THE NEWS

Mass Transit Magazine: **CONNECT Beyond Regional Transit Plan**

Learn more about how Henningson, Durham & Richardson's (HDR) consultant team assisted Centralina in creating a transit propensity map for our CONNECT Beyond initiative. [Full Article](#)

UNCC Spring '23 MPA Public and Non-Profit Management Training Academy

Applications are now open for the UNC Charlotte Spring '23 MPA Public & Nonprofit Management Academy! This fully online three-day program allows government & non-profit employees the opportunity to accessibly learn & develop key skills needed to be effective managers in their unique field. Participants will hear presentations from MPA faculty, engage in peer learning exercises and network with other professionals and experienced community practitioner leaders. The program is open to supervisors, managers and staff with high management potential. Group discounts are available upon request.

[Click here for more information and to register for the program.](#)

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