

Chair Bobby Compton will convene a meeting of the Centralina Executive Board **on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm.** The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Time	Item	Presenter
5:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting Call to Order	Bobby Compton
	Roll Call	
	Moment of Silence	
	Amendments to the Agenda (if any)	
<p>Consent Items: Consent agenda items may be considered in one motion and without discussion except for those items removed by a Board Member.</p>		
5:05 p.m. Item 1 Pages 4-7	<p>FY22-23 Budget Amendment The Executive Board will review and approve the FY22-23 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.</p> <p>Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to approve the FY22-23 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.</i></p>	Denise Strosser
Item 2 Pages 8-11	<p>Strategics Consulting Activities Report- April-May Leslie Mazingo, CEO and President of Strategics Consulting, provided, in the Consent Agenda, an update on Centralina's federal relations efforts, including a performance report of activities for April – May 2023 and the Federal Relations -Centralina Annual Report.</p> <p>Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to approve the Strategics Consulting performance report for April-May, 2023 and the Federal Relations -Centralina Annual Report</i></p>	Bobby Compton
Item 3 Pages 12-15	<p>Approval of April 12, 2023, Executive Board Meeting Minutes Approval of April 12, Executive Board Meeting Minutes. The minutes from April 12, 2023, meeting have been distributed to all members of the Executive Board and should be approved if correct.</p> <p>Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to approve April 12, 2023, Executive Board meeting minutes.</i></p>	Bobby Compton
Item 4 Pages 16-18	<p>Home and Community Care Block Grant Authorization (HCCBG) The Executive Board is asked to approve the FY24 regional funding allocations from the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services (NC DAAS) to the Centralina Area Agency on Aging for Region F Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) services, AAA Planning and Administration funds, AAA Support, Ombudsman, Family Caregiver Support, Legal Services, Title III-D Health Promotion, Senior Center General Purpose, and Elder Abuse funds. For regional aging service providers to continue services uninterrupted, approval is needed at the current Executive Board meeting for the total amount of \$15,770,457. This includes both pass-through funding and funding for internal CAAA operations.</p>	Linda Miller

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	<p>Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to approve the FY24 allocation to the Centralina Regional Council from NC DAAS for allowable services through HCCBG and Older Americans Act (OAA) services.</i></p>	
<p>Item 5 <i>Pages 19</i></p>	<p>Finance Committee Authorization The required action from the Executive Council members is to approve delegation of the Boards authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY22-23 Operating and Passthrough Budget ordinances.</p> <p>Action/Recommendation: [OBJ] <i>Motion to approve the delegation of the Board's authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY22-23 Operating and Passthrough Budget ordinances.</i></p>	<p>Denise Strosser</p>
Regular Business Items:		
<p>5:10 p.m. Item 6 5 minutes <i>Pages 20-23</i></p>	<p>Centralina Spotlight: Centralina Workforce Development Board <i>Centralina WDB staff will provide a short portrait of our work in the region related to workforce development and assisting local governments with their hiring needs.</i></p> <p>Action/Recommendation: <i>Receive as information.</i></p>	<p>David Hollars</p>
<p>5:15 p.m. Item 7 15 minutes <i>Pages 24-31</i></p>	<p>Overview of Discretionary Grants in Relation to Centralina's Budget The Executive Board is being asked to review and approve the amendments to FY 2022 operating and grants budgets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD Funding (Approval of Grant Agreement) • Climate Pollution Reduction Grant • RIA Grant Application • Brownfields <p>Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into two separate grant agreements with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the US Environmental Protection Agency in order to receive \$2,000,000 in federal funds.</i></p>	<p>Geraldine Gardner</p>
<p>5:30 p.m. Item 8 20 minutes <i>Pages 32-33</i></p>	<p>FY24 Workplan Briefing and Approval Centralina will provide the Executive Board with a briefing on the proposed FY23-24 workplan that implements year two of the Centralina Strategic Plan. The workplan was developed with input from Centralina staff, Regional Managers, and the Board of Delegates. The Executive Board is asked to approve the FY23-24 workplan so that activities can commence on July 1, 2023.</p>	<p>Geraldine Gardner</p>



Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
 Zoom Meeting
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Time	Item	Presenter
	Action/Recommendation <i>Motion to approve the FY23-24 Workplan as proposed</i>	
Item 9 5:50 p.m. 15 minutes <i>Pages 34-37</i>	Advancing the Plan Committee Update Mayor Darrell Hinnant, co-chair of the Advancing the Plan Committee, will provide an update to the Executive Board on the Committee's work to date and forecast what the Committee will be working on for the remainder of the calendar year. Action/Recommendation: <i>Receive as information</i>	Darrell Hinnant Jason Wager
Item 10 6:05 p.m. 10 minutes <i>Pages 38-40</i>	Raleigh Relations Update The Board will receive an update on Centralina's state advocacy activities and key legislation in the General Assembly. Action/Recommendation: <i>Receive as information</i>	Kelly Weston
6:15 p.m. 5 minutes	Comments from the Board and staff	Board Members and Staff
6:20 p.m. 5 minutes	Comments from the Executive Director	Geraldine Gardner
6:25 p.m. 5 minutes	Comments from the Chair	Bobby Compton
6:30 p.m.	Adjournment	Bobby Compton

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Item 1

Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent: X		Regular:	
Submitting Person:	Denise Strosser	Presentation Time:	NA			
Presenter at Meeting:	Denise Strosser	Phone Number:	(704) 372-2416			
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Alternate Contact:	Geraldine Gardner	Phone Number:	(704) 248-2703			
		Email:	ggardner@centralina.org			
Submitting Department:	Finance	Department Head Approval:	Denise Strosser			
Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: FY22-23 Budget Amendment						
Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
<p>The Executive Board will review and approve the FY22-23 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>A placeholder budget was approved by the Executive Council on January 13, 2022 and adopted by the Board of Delegates on February 9, 2022 as required by Centralina Regional Council's Charter. This initial "placeholder" budget is developed prior to receiving information from various state and federal agencies. This second amendment represents changes to reflect Federal and State grant allocations as of March 27, 2023 as well as other contracts received and confirmed since the adoption of the budget. We will continue to update the budget as new funds are received from new business contracts or grants from state and federal agencies. The attached amendments are to replace the placeholder budget and any prior amendments with current and up to date fundings and expenditures.</p>						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
<p>Motion to approve the FY22-23 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.</p>						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	Before June 30, 2023					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	As indicated on attached					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	FY22-23 Operating and Grant Budget Amendment					

Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Operating Budget Ordinance Amendment

ANTICIPATED REVENUES	Placeholder FY2022-2023 <u>Budget</u>	12.31.2022 FY2022-2023 <u>Budget</u>	3.24.2023 FY2022-2023 <u>Budget</u>	2023.05.24 FY2022-2023 <u>Budget</u>	<u>Net change</u>
Program Revenues					
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	5,699,605	4,871,482	5,194,238	5,089,244	(104,994)
Technical Assistance Projects	621,569	1,840,777	1,929,080	1,716,840	(212,240)
Other Program Revenue	257,473	790,831	724,230	779,971	55,741
Fund Balance Appropriated	-	-	-	-	-
Total Program Revenue	<u>6,578,647</u>	<u>7,503,090</u>	<u>7,847,548</u>	<u>7,586,055</u>	<u>(261,493)</u>
Other Revenues					
Member Dues Support	929,000	928,715	930,000	930,000	-
Interest and Other Revenue	1,000	20,000	27,050	37,050	10,000
Total Other Revenues	<u>930,000</u>	<u>948,715</u>	<u>957,050</u>	<u>967,050</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	<u>7,508,647</u>	<u>8,451,805</u>	<u>8,804,598</u>	<u>8,553,105</u>	<u>(251,493)</u>
EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS					
Member services, Board and committees	225,000	706,768	710,947	698,120	(12,827)
Management and Business Operations	1,935,000	1,903,372	1,627,673	1,699,435	71,762
Information Technology	165,000	208,720	233,860	233,860	-
Community and Economic Development Depart.	696,188	1,173,886	1,191,212	1,193,655	2,443
Planning Department	620,509	1,405,622	1,447,509	1,161,363	(286,146)
Area Agency on Aging Department	4,656,950	3,863,622	4,127,143	4,151,272	24,129
Workforce Development Department	830,000	961,048	941,614	951,617	10,003
Indirect Costs Representation	(1,620,000)	(1,771,233)	(1,475,360)	(1,536,217)	(60,857)
TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS	<u>7,508,647</u>	<u>8,451,805</u>	<u>8,804,598</u>	<u>8,553,105</u>	<u>(251,493)</u>

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Grant Pass Through Budgets Amendment

<u>Program</u>	<u>Placeholder FY2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>12.31.2022 FY2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>03.24.2023 FY2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>05.24.2023 FY2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>change</u>
Area Agency on Aging					
HCC Block Grant	9,850,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	-
USDA Supplement	650,000 (1)	650,000	650,000	650,000	-
Title III-B Legal	85,000	102,922	102,922	102,922	-
Family Caregiver	520,000	572,818	572,818	572,818	-
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion	40,000	52,300	52,300	52,300	-
State Senior Center General Purpose	120,000	116,616	116,616	116,616	-
Heat Fan Relief	15,000	14,363	14,363	14,363	-
Supplemental Nutrition	-	45,973	46,985	46,985	-
ARPA Support Services	-	209,103	214,103	214,103	-
ARPA Congregate Nutrition	-	1,727,801	1,727,801	1,727,801	-
ARPA Home Delivered meals	-	1,107,478	1,107,478	1,107,478	-
	<u>11,280,000</u>	<u>16,099,374</u>	<u>16,105,386</u>	<u>16,105,386</u>	<u>-</u>

(1) Decrease due to placeholder budget inadvertently included Centralina's internal funding.

Workforce Development					
WIOA - XX-4010 Administrative Cost Pool	450,000 (2)	23,495	23,495	13,495	(10,000)
WIOA XX-4020 Adult Services	1,275,000	1,188,627	1,460,427	1,460,427	-
WIOA XX-4030 Dislocated Worker	950,000	940,887	504,071	504,071	-
WIOA XX-4040 Youth Services	1,250,000	1,180,392	1,085,155	1,085,155	-
WIOA XX-4050 Youth Initiative	65,000	62,586	62,587	62,587	-
WIOA XX-4050 Finish Line Grant	105,000	108,871	108,872	108,872	-
WIOA XX- XXXX Infrastructure Cost	85,000	90,249	90,249	90,249	-
NDWG COVID 2X-3130	-	214,637	214,638	214,638	-
	<u>4,180,000</u>	<u>3,809,744</u>	<u>3,549,494</u>	<u>3,539,494</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>

(2) Decrease due to placeholder budget inadvertently included Centralina's internal funding.

Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Operating Budget Ordinance Amendment
Change in Revenue
May 31, 2023

Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue

New Awarded Grants	
US Aging Vaccine grant	30,000
USDOE Outreach	13,296
Change in classification from from Federal Revenue to Other Revenue	(154,800)
Change in classification from from passthrough to internal	10,000
Change in timing of grant allocations over fiscal years	(3,490)
Net increase/(decrease)	<u>(104,994)</u>

Technical Assistance Projects

New Contracts	
GCLMPO Community Viz	21,000
Belmont	6,802
Change in timing of contract allocations over fiscal years due to realignment of work priorities and staff availability	(240,042)
Net increase/(decrease)	<u>(212,240)</u>

Other Program Revenue

Change in timing of contract allocations over fiscal years due to realignment of work priorities and staff availability	(100,000)
Change in classification from from Federal Revenue to Other Revenue	154,800
Other	941
Net increase/(decrease)	<u>55,741</u>



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Item 2



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:	X	Regular:	
Submitting Person:	Narissa Claiborne	Presentation Time:	5 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Leslie Mozingo	Phone Number:	202-255-5760			
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Alternate Contact:	Geraldine Gardner	Phone Number:	704-348-2703			
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Submitting Department:	Administration	Department Head Approval:	Geraldine Gardner			
Description of Agenda Item:						
Leslie Mozingo, Strategic Consulting, will present an update on Centralina's federal relations efforts, including a performance report of activities for April – May 2023.						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
Since 2015, Centralina has contracted with Strategic Consulting for federal relations consulting services. The Executive Board has requested that Ms. Mozingo present performance metrics reports at each of its meetings.						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
Motion to accept the Strategics Consulting performance report for April – May 2023						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategics Consulting Activities Report: April - May • 2023 Centralina Annual Report 					

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR STRATEGICS CONSULTING
April-May 2023 REPORT

- 1. Build, maintain, and enhance relationships with Members of Congress and the federal agencies:**
 - Coordinated with U.S Senator Ted Budd's office to arrange video message from Senator Budd to Centralina Executive Board.
 - Scheduled and participated in meeting with U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry's district staff regarding Centralina's federal priorities.
 - Coordinated meeting with U.S. Representative Dan Bishop's staff regarding Centralina's federal priorities.
 - Arranged for and participated in meeting with U.S. Department of Transportation Intergovernmental Affairs office regarding Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Program.
 - Scheduled and participated in meeting with U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau regarding Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Program.
 - Updated Centralina's Congressional Delegation contact information sheet.

- 2. Develop advocacy strategies around the approved Federal Action Plan on regional priorities and implement in coordination with Centralina's management:**
 - Contacted U.S. Senator Thom Tillis' office regarding support for bill report language request to amend definitions of local governments to also include regional councils. (Committees targeted include Agriculture and Rural Development; Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water; Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Homeland Security; Labor, Health and Human Services; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development).
 - Monitored and reported on Centralina's community project funding request.
 - Prepared slides for, and presented to, Executive Board at April meeting and attended May Board of Delegates meeting.
 - Updated Federal Relations Calendar for, and participated in, biweekly calls with Executive Director.

- 3. Provide information and support related to federal grant opportunities in coordination with Centralina staff:**
 - Researched and provided subject expert advice on the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program guidance, including Centralina's eligibility and potential opportunity to serve as the lead organization for the Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia (NC-SC) MSA.
 - Provided weekly Grants Alerts, as well as weekly updates on Requests for Information from federal agencies.
 - Wrote Capital Corner articles to update membership regarding key updates to transportation programs from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and on key developments regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).
 - Helped coordinate grant writer for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program.

- 4. Respond to trouble shooting requests from members and Centralina on federal issues:**
 - Answered inquiries related to transportation grants, recycling grants, energy efficiency funding, and more for Centralina members.

For more information, contact Leslie Mozingo at (202) 255-5760 or leslie@strategics.consulting.

**CENTRALINA REGIONAL COUNCIL
FEDERAL RELATIONS ANNUAL REPORT
July 2022 – May 2023**

Thank you for allowing Strategics Consulting to provide federal advocacy and government relations services to the Centralina Regional Council. Each year, the level of awareness about Centralina’s innovative work, the stronger relationships built and maintained with the region’s Congressional Delegation and the federal agencies, and their interest in working in partnership with Centralina, continues to grow. For example, this year U.S. Senator Ted Budd’s office took the lead in requesting the annual appropriations language with seven subcommittees. This will be the first time the language has moved forward on the Senate side. Additionally, Senator Budd sent a video message to the Executive Board to announce his support of the language and his desire to continue working in partnership with Centralina on regional priorities as he was known for doing while a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Also, **Centralina has \$300,000 pending**, in Community Projects Funding as one of only 15 requests that Congressman Jeff Jackson was allowed to sponsor in FY24 Appropriations. If approved, this funding will help implement recommendations in the Greater Charlotte Region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to increase the advanced manufacturing workforce in the region.

The following are some additional highlights of the work performed by Strategics Consulting during the past year:

- ✓ Coordinated in-person and virtual meetings with members of Centralina’s Congressional Delegation and their staff; prepared and sent background information prior to each meeting to attendees; provided Centralina briefing materials electronically to congressional offices in advance of meetings; and followed up with all accordingly.
- ✓ Worked with Centralina’s Executive Director to revise the Federal Action Plan and strategies for implementing those priorities, and participated in biweekly strategy sessions to discuss action items, federal updates, and more.
- ✓ Secured FY23 Appropriations Report Language in four subcommittees to give more attention to regional councils and regional collaboration. The language must be repeated each year, so as noted above we are currently working on FY24.
- ✓ Wrote Capital Corner entries monthly for Centralina’s newsletter and advised on opportunities to share social media related to actions taken by congressional delegation.
- ✓ Reported personally to all Executive Board meetings, as well as several more meetings of the Board of Delegates and Regional Managers.
- ✓ Responded to new issues and provided breakdowns and analysis of large, complicated legislation such as the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in meetings with federal agencies including Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- ✓ Continued to track and report on changes to American Rescue Plan Act guidance and possible claw-backs of unspent funds, as well as answered questions related to eligibility, compliance, and reporting.

- ✓ Analyzed redistricting impacts on the Centralina region and prepared a detailed memo summarizing the midterm elections that resulted in political changes in Congress, the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, and Centralina's representation at the federal level.
- ✓ Prepared federal support materials including updates to congressional contact information and a combined House and Senate congressional calendar to identify best times for local meetings and events.
- ✓ Provided regular updates on individual grant opportunities, a now weekly list of all published funding opportunities for local governments, and a quarterly update on competitive grants forthcoming that is updated twice a year.
- ✓ Researched and provided subject expert advice on often complicated grant opportunities such as the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, and the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program.
- ✓ Participated in federal agency webinars; wrote letters of support for congressional offices on grant applications and programs and coordinated delivery of same; arranged calls with federal agencies; evaluated previously unsuccessful applications and made recommendations for improvement; shared key political contacts; advised on talking points for individual meetings; recommended grant programs and how to make applications more competitive. These tasks were performed for both Centralina Regional Council and for specific member governments.

Although this list is not all inclusive, it does represent the variety of positive work and a few key successful outcomes for Centralina that has occurred while Strategics Consulting has advocated on the organization's behalf. Still, there is always room for improvement and I welcome suggestions that will help me and my team serve you and your constituents better. I also remain personally committed to ensuring that every year you entrust Strategics with your federal advocacy needs will be better than the last.

Respectfully,



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Item 3



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023**

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Bobby Compton, Chairman Jay McCosh, Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn, Secretary	Dante' Anderson Patricia Crump Martha Sue Hall Brian Helms Darrell Hinnant Corinthia Lewis-Lemon Tony Long Jerry Oxsher Shawn Rush David Scholl Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague Jarvis Woodburn	Cathy Davis Kevin Demeny Cathy Davis Gene Houpe Bob Hovis Jay McCosh Elaine Powell Lynn Shue	Narissa Claiborne Geraldine Gardner Venecia Rock Denise Strosser Kelly Weston Guests Leslie Mozingo, Strategics Consulting

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order.

Narissa Claiborne, Clerk to the Board, called roll and noted a quorum present.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Compton called for a moment of silence.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of March 8, 2023, Executive Board Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Centralina Economic Development District Board Appointments Approval of NC Department of Transportation FY24 Public Transportation Program**
- 3. FY22-23 Budget Amendment.**
- 4. FY23-24 Employee Compensation Adjustment and Personnel Policy Amendments**

Amendments to the Agenda.

Centralina Board Chair notes that the FY24 Adjustment has been approved by the Board of Delegates in February.

Commissioner, Brian Helms, Anson County, requested that Item 4 on the Consent agenda be moved to a regular item for discussion. Chairman Compton added items for to the regular agenda.

Mayor Darrell Hinnant proposed a motion to approve items 1-3 on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regular Agenda Items

5. Centralina Spotlight

Ms. Michelle Nance, Director of the Centralina Planning Department, joined the meeting virtually to present a brief overview of Landuse Planning and 160D Updates.

Mayor Martha Sue Hall asked Ms. Nance a question about the Landuse Planning deadline and extension.

Michelle confirmed that there was an extension, and the deadline ends on the First of June.

6. Centralina Audit Services Contract

Centralina Director, Denise Strosser shared with the Board the RFP process for Centralina's Audit Services and the results of the RFP process. Ms. Strosser shared that the Cherry Bekaert and Fovis audit companies submitted proposals. She informed the Board that Cherry Bekaert met the criteria to meet Centralina's financial needs for an array of reasons. Centralina decided to award Cherry Bekaert the Centralina Audit Contract.

Brian Hall and Martha Sue Hall asked clarifying questions of Ms. Strosser. She rectified their concerns.

Councilman Oxsher asked a question regarding single audits. Ms. Strosser clarified.

Martha Sue Hall made a motion to approve the Audit Services contract for 3 years with Cherry Bekaert., not to exceed \$180,000 plus single audits with only domestic work. Elaine Powell Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Federal Relations update

Strategics Consultant, Leslie Mozingo, provided the Executive Board with a brief bio of her work with Strategic Consulting and the scope of work and services she provides for Centralina and our members. Ms. Mozingo shared with the Board the Centralina Performance Report for January-March 2023. Lastly, Leslie Mozingo shared a message video from Senator Ted Bubb.

Chairman Compton called for a motion from the Executive Board to approve the Strategic Consulting Performance Reports from January-March 2023.

Executive Board member, Jennifer Stepp made a motion. Tony Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Centralina Tax Status Document Discussion

Centralina Executive Director Geraldine Gardner shared with the Board changes and updates regarding Centralina Regional Council's Tax Status. Ms. Gardner shared with the Board 3 options that Centralina's Board would need to vote on to move forward regarding Centralina's tax status.

Executive Board members, Councilman Jerry Oxsher and Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall asked clarifying questions of Ms. Gardner regarding previously discussed options.

Mayor Pro Tem, David Scholl made a motion to choose option 2, which states- the Board will take 'No Action'- Prepare a memo to our internal files with all actions taken to date. Commissioner, Elaine Powell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Broadband & Digital Inclusion Update

Chairman Compton introduced Christina Danis, Centralina Economic Development Director to share with the Board the opportunity to improve the Region's connection to Broadband equity. Ms. Danis included what Digital Including involves and how it promotes inclusion for all. Finally, Ms. Danis shared with the Board Centralina's role as it pertains to the grant. Ms. Danis polled the Board to get feedback regarding digital inclusion. She ended her presentation by opening the floor for questions.

Commissioner Patricia Crump, and Councilwoman Dante' Anderson asked Ms. Danis clarifying questions. Ms. Danis rectified their concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall asked if it would be appropriate to present the discussion of Broadband and Digital Inclusion to the Board of Delegates at May's meeting, Ms. Gardner, agreed to share an overview of the Broadband Digital Inclusion Grant initiative.

10. Aging Programs Update

Linda Miller, Area Agency on Aging Director, provided a revised proposal to the Board regarding the USAging Grant Award, including the updates that the Board requested at the previous Executive Board, which was held on March 8, 2023. Ms. Miller assured the Board that the Grant's revisions and amendments have been approved without an adjustment to the Grant award amount.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to approve the USAging Grant. Councilman Rush seconded. The motion passed.

Commission Helms asked a question regarding the amended grant and its exclusion of COVID-19 services and vaccinations.

11. FY23 and 24 Policy Amendments

Item 11 was added to the agenda after Commissioner Helms called it forward to add it as a Regular Agenda Item.

Commissioner Brian Helms called into question the redundancy of some of the language in the policy. Executive Director Gardner explained to the Board her purpose and the thought behind why Centralina policy includes such language. Council member, Dante' Anderson shared her thoughts on the policy language. Council member Oxsher asked a question about the compensation policy regarding promotion practices. Ms. Gardner clarified the promotion policy. Mayor Pro Tem Scholl also asked a clarifying question regarding the promotion/compensation section of the policy. Ms. Gardner clarified.

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve the FY23 & 24 Employee Compensation adjustment, separate from the policy language regarding called into discussion by Commissioner Brian Helms. Commissioner Elaine Powell Seconded. The motion passed.

An additional motion was made to approve the above item as it was originally presented. Narissa Claiborne, Board Administrator, called roll for motion approval. The motion passed.8/7

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff

Mayor Pro Tem David Scholl called for the Board to review Senate Bill 317.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall proposed that an update be presented at the upcoming meeting regarding Senate Bill 317. Brian Helms shared that the bill limits local authority. Mayor Hinnant shared that there may be a bill that amends Senate Bill 317. Ms. Gardner will send a follow-up regarding the bill to the Board following the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hall recommended that Centralina share the Bill information with the other CCOGs in the State.

Comments from the Executive Director

None.

Comments from the Chair

Chairman Compton shared with the Board upcoming events including:

- The Centralina Delegate Interest Survey
- Grant Writing Training- May 18, 2023
- Next Board of Delegates- May 10, 2023
- Next Executive Board Meeting – June 14, 2023
- Area Agency on Aging- Disability advocacy webinar, Registration available online
- Centralina Newsletter events are also available on the Centralina Regional Council website.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



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Item 4



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:	X	Regular:	
Submitting Person:	Linda Miller	Presentation Time:	NA			
Presenter at Meeting:	Linda Miller (if needed)	Phone Number:	704-372-2416			
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Submitting Department:	Aging	Department Head Approval:				
Title of Agenda Item: Contract Placeholder (Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG))						
Description of Agenda Item: (This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)						
<p>The Executive Board is asked to approve the FY24 regional funding allocations from the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services (NC DAAS) to the Centralina Area Agency on Aging for Region F Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) services, AAA Planning and Administration funds, AAA Support, Ombudsman, Family Caregiver Support, Legal Services, Title III-D Health Promotion, Senior Center General Purpose, and Elder Abuse funds. For regional aging service providers to continue services uninterrupted, approval is needed at the current Executive Board meeting for the total amount of \$15,770,457. This includes both pass-through funding and funding for internal CAAA operations.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>The annual HCCBG allocations, which includes both state and federal funds, are for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. HCCBG funds are for allowable services throughout the Centralina region to adults 60 years of age and older and may include nutrition services, in-home aide program, transportation services, Senior Center funding, Adult Day Care, Group Respite, and more. Other Older American's Act services such as the Family Caregiver Support Program, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Ombudsman services are also included in the overall grant award.</p>						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
<p>Motion to approve the FY24 allocation to the Centralina Regional Council from NC DAAS for allowable services through HCCBG and Older Americans Act (OAA) services.</p>						
Time Sensitivity: (none or explain)	<p>Funding for FY24 HCCBG begins July 1, 2023. The funding period ends July 30, 2024. In order to maintain the timeline for counties to receive contracts and funding in a timely manner with continuous services, funds need to be approved by the June Executive Board meeting each year.</p>					
Budget Impact: (none or explain)	<p>Funds require 10% local match.</p>					

Attachments:
(none or list)

FY 24 Notice of Grant Award Summary

Preliminary Notification of Grant Award Summary SFY 2023-24

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	Federal Amt.	State Amt.	Fed/State Total	Local Match Amt.	Total Funding	CFDA#	Fed. Award #	Federal Grant Award Issue Date
AAA Planning and Administration								
Title III-B Supportive Services	180,205		180,205	50,193	230,398	93.044	23/24 AANCT3SS	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Title III-C1 Congregate Nutrition	312,047		312,047	86,915	398,962	93.045	23/24 AANCT3CM	11/8/2021,2/13/2023
Title III-E Family Caregiver Support	117,373		117,373	32,692	150,065	93.052	23/24 AANCT3FC	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Planning and Administration State Funding		33,407	33,407		33,407			
State AAA Support (State Funds)		48,263	48,263		48,263			
Planning and Administration Total	609,625	81,670	691,295	169,801	861,096			
Home and Community Care Block Grant								
Title III-B Supportive Services	2,335,191		2,335,191	274,728	2,609,920	93.044	23/24 AANCT3SS	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Title III-C1 Congregate Nutrition	1,363,889		1,363,889	160,457	1,524,346	93.045	23/24 AANCT3CM	11/8/2021,2/13/2023
Title III-C2 Home Delivered Meals	1,855,825		1,855,825	218,332	2,074,157	93.045	23/24 AANCT3HD	11/8/2021; 2/13/2023
SSBG	455,257		455,257	95,256	550,514	93.667		
Home and Community Care Block Grant - State		5,743,311	5,743,311	557,206	6,300,517			
HCCBG Total	6,010,162	5,743,311	11,753,473	1,305,980	13,059,453			
Ombudsman								
Title III-B Supportive Svcs. For Ombudsman	322,952		322,952	37,994	360,946	93.044	23/24 AANCT3SS	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Title VII Ombudsman	94,344		94,344	11,099	105,444	93.042	23/24 AANCT3OM	11/8/2021; 2/13/2023
Ombudsman State Funds		192,799	192,799	18,672	211,471			
Ombudsman Total	417,296	192,799	610,095	67,766	677,861			
Legal Services	103,969	6,262	110,231	12,232	122,462	93.044	23/24 AANCT3SS	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention	22,619	1,331	23,950	2,661	26,611	93.041	23/2401NCOAEA	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Title III-D Health Promotion	143,436	8,437	151,874	16,875	168,749	93.043	23/24 AANCT3PH	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program	783,894	70,331	854,225	-	854,225	93.052	23/24 AANCT3FC	11/8/2021, 2/13/2023
Senior Center General Purpose Funding		-	-	-	-			
Total Award	8,091,002	6,104,140	14,195,142	1,575,315	15,770,457			



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Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regular: <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitting Person:	Denise Strosser	Presentation Time:	N/A	
Presenter at Meeting:	Denise Strosser	Phone Number:	(704) 348-2704	
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Alternate Contact:	Geraldine Gardner	Phone Number:	(704) 351-7130	
		Email:	ggardner@centralina.org	
Submitting Department:	Finance	Department Head Approval:	Denise Strosser	
Description of Agenda Item:				
<p>The required action from the Executive Council members is to approve delegation of the Boards authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY22-23 Operating and Passthrough Budget ordinances.</p>				
Background & Basis of Recommendations:				
<p>There is only one Board meeting in June and it is early in the month and final amendments may still be needed to the FY22-23 budgets. These budgets are amended to reflect the current year revenues and expenditures. The North Carolina General Statues require governmental entities to have a balanced budget and expenditures not exceed the budget as approved by the Governing Body.</p>				
Requested Action / Recommendation:				
<p>Motion to approve the delegation of the Board's authority to the Finance Committee to approve the final FY22-23 Operating and Passthrough Budget ordinances.</p>				
Time Sensitivity:	Before June 30, 2023			
Budget Impact:	None			
Attachments:	None			



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Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Committee work sessions:		Regular:	X
Submitting Person:	Queen Lundy	Presentation Time:	5min			
Presenter at Meeting:	David Hollars	Phone Number:	(704) 877-1321			
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		Email:	nknight@centralina.org			
Submitting Department:	WDB	Department Head Approval:	David Hollars			
Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: Centralina Spotlight: Workforce Services for Local Governments						
Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
Centralina WDB staff will provide a short portrait of our work in the region related to workforce development and assisting local governments with their hiring needs						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
This will be a standing item on all Centralina Board meetings in 2023. The purpose is to share a success story of Centralina's work, regional collaboration or local innovation from a member government.						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
Receive as information.						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	The Town of Mooresville and NCWorks - Centralina – A Perfect Match!					



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The Town of Mooresville and NCWorks-Centralina – A Perfect Match!

By Jens Schmidt, NCWorks Career Center-Mooresville Center Leader



The Town of Mooresville Fleet Department recently entered a partnership with the NCWorks Career Center in Mooresville for hiring new staff using the center's ***On the Job Training (OJT)*** services. Initial outreach by the Town of Mooresville was made by HR Generalist **Violet Carter** during the COVID-19 lockdown in the summer of 2020. This began a series of meetings between the Town of Mooresville staff and **Jens Schmidt**, NCWorks Career Center-Mooresville Center Leader. They discussed services offered through NCWorks in detail and how to implement them in the structure of the Town of Mooresville. Many managers from different departments of the town's administration got involved in this process.

In February 2021, **Julio Malatesta** started the first OJT at the Town of Mooresville as a Mechanic Assistance. Julio was very motivated and got into the job quickly. His supervisors were very pleased with Julio's progress and with the smooth paperwork of the Centralina Workforce Development Board (WDB) funded OJT services. Julio



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finished his OJT successfully. **Robert Wayne and Brian Overcash**, Project Managers for the Town of Mooresville, had nothing but praise to report about the new employee and OJT. "It was a perfect fit for us, as the position is a new one, created to be a springboard; like a paid internship, to give unskilled workers an opportunity to learn about the mechanics of the job," said Wayne. The entire leadership within the mechanics department was involved and excited about this new hiring initiative.

In July 2021, the next two OJT candidates started at the Sanitation Department. The two individuals, **Damiene Turner and Matthew Kelly** have recently ended their OJTs successfully. Their supervisors are also ready for more OJTs in the future. Centralina WDB NextGen Services Leader Monica Gramling also met with Violet Carter and the Park & Recreation staff. They discussed how to build a partnership that would assist the youth and young adults in Mooresville. Centralina WDB NextGen services are currently utilizing the Winnie Hooper Center in Mooresville as an Opportunity Site providing NextGen services onsite once a month. The Park & Recreation department has developed two job descriptions, Facility Maintenance Trainee & Recreation Aid Trainee, that are catered for NextGen customers for either for OJT or work experience.

Violet Carter was so pleased with the outstanding customer service from the NCWorks Career Center-Mooresville that she enthusiastically requested to speak as the "mission moment" at the Centralina Workforce Development Board meeting on October 19 to share with board members her excitement in working with the NCWorks Career Center-



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Mooreville staff. As a result of the new partnership, an NCWorks information display is now placed in the foyer of the Mooreville town hall. This specific area is where citizens of the town go to pay their monthly utilities. Now, the public can get firsthand information on the services of the NCWorks Career Center in Mooreville during their visit.

For more information about the Centralina Workforce Development Board and our NCWorks Career Careers, please visit <https://centralinaworks.com/>. And, be sure to download the **FREE Centralina WDB Mobile App** – available on at the Google Play Store and the App Store for iPhone to keep up with all the local workforce services and events happening around the region.



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Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	X
Submitting Person:	Geraldine Gardner	Presentation Time:	15 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Geraldine Gardner	Phone Number:	704-351-7130			
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Alternate Contact:	Michelle Nance	Phone Number:				
		Email:	mnance@centralina.org			
Submitting Department:	Administration	Department Head Approval:	G.Gardner			
Title of documents as shown in the Agenda:						
Overview of Discretionary Grants in Relation to Centralina's Budget						
Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
<p>The Executive Board will receive an overview of the role that discretionary grants play in the organization's budget and financial strategy. The Executive Director will present a forecast of approximately \$6 million dollars in grant applications including those awarded and pending review. Finally, the Board is asked to authorize the Executive Director to enter into grant agreements to receive funds from two grants.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>Although Regional Councils are a unit of local government, they are unique compared to local governments because they have no taxing authority and rely on revenue from formula (or pass through) grants and discretionary (or competitive) grants. In Centralina's case, 67% of our budget is attributed to discretionary, competitive grants. Grants provide direct funding to support staff salaries and contribute to overhead costs (i.e., rent, assets, supplies) via a federally approved indirect rate. To address fiscal stability, Centralina must have a robust and multi-year grant strategy. The Executive Director will present information on the role that grants play in Centralina's budget and how the organization must be entrepreneurial in its approach to revenue generation.</p>						
<u>Grant Forecast & Background on Requested Action:</u>						
Additional details on the grant pipeline below will be provided at the meeting.						
<i>North Mecklenburg Housing Preservation Initiative</i>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grantor:</u> U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) • <u>Type:</u> Competitive Grant • <u>Amount:</u> \$1 million over FY24 - FY26 • <u>Uses:</u> Centralina staff salaries, direct costs for consultants, rehabilitation contract agreements with the three towns • <u>Scope:</u> Supporting housing preservation for older adults, disabled adults and veterans in three North Mecklenburg towns: Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson. See Attachment 1. • <u>Board Request:</u> Authorize Executive Director to enter into a grant agreement with HUD to receive funds. 						

- Timeline: Approval requested in order progress with project launch over the summer

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

- Grantor: U.S. Dept. of Environmental Protection
- Type: Formula Grant (Set allocations made available to the most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the US)
- Amount: \$1 million over FY24-FY27
- Uses: Centralina staff salaries, direct costs for sub awardees and consultants
- Scope: Bi-state, 13 county planning effort to complete required federal plan for pollution reduction and air quality improvements that support regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction. Completion of the grant deliverables will enable local governments to apply for \$4.6 billion in available implementation funds to support local efforts (if desired). See Attachment B for further information. See Attachment B.
- Partners: Catawba Regional Council of Governments, UNC Charlotte, Mecklenburg County Air Quality Unit, NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), City of Gastonia, City of Concord.
- Board Request: Authorize Executive Director to enter into a grant agreement to receive funds.
- Timeline: We expect to receive the award documents in July 2023 with execution required within 30 days to meet grant deliverable requirements for FY24.

Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant

- Grantor: U.S. Dept. of Transportation
- Type: Competitive Grant
- Amount: \$3.9 million over FY24-FY6
- Uses: Centralina staff salaries, direct costs for consultants, subaward agreement to CATS for Silver Line west extension design.
- Scope: Funding would support the acceleration of several recommendations in the CONNECT Beyond plan to greater stages of implementation and readiness for project development. Activities include: Silver Line west extension design to 15%, Mobility Hubs design development in pilot communities (focusing on suburban and rural areas), coordination of county para-transit regional scheduling, expansion of intercity/commuter rail service (East: CLT to Salisbury and West: CLT to Kings Mountain), transit-oriented development and innovative infrastructure finance capacity building. See Attachment 3.
- Partners: full range of CONNECT Beyond partners across the region.
- Board Request: None at this time. If awarded, the grant agreement will be brought to the September Executive Board meeting.
- Timeline: Application is under review by USDOT.

Brownfields Community Assessment Grant (Forecast)

- Grantor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Type: Competitive Grant
- Amount: \$TBD, but up to \$1 million
- Uses: Centralina staff salaries, direct costs for consultants
- Scope: Work with interested communities in the Centralina region to test and assess potential brownfield sites and collaborate with local stakeholders to develop site-specific plans to clean-up and revitalize the sites.
- Timeline: Notice of Funding Opportunity will be released in August-September. Centralina staff will begin outreach to regional managers about the opportunity to participate in June.

Requested Action / Recommendation:	
Motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a grant agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive \$1 million in funds and to enter into a grant agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency to receive \$1 million in funds.	
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	Urgent. The next executive board meeting is not until mid-September and work on both grants needs to be underway as soon as possible.
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	\$2,000,000 of new revenue to support staff salaries over the next two-three fiscal years.
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HUD Grant Agreement Draft 2. CPRG Overview 3. RIA Proposal Summary

North Mecklenburg Housing Preservation Initiative



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Centralina Regional Council was awarded a \$1 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the housing preservation needs of homeowners in three North Mecklenburg communities who are low-and moderate-income (LMI) elderly, disabled, veterans and English language limited.

Background

The University of North Carolina Charlotte 2021 State of Housing Report indicates that the pandemic has further caused housing affordability and single-family home prices in northern Mecklenburg communities to surge. In tandem, corporate buyers are prowling Mecklenburg communities looking for quick sales; their targets are often low- and moderate-income elderly, veteran and disabled homeowners who face challenges with critical home repairs, weatherization, ADA compliance needs, HVAC upgrades, failing septic systems and other issues. These homeowners often need resources and financial support to improve their home's condition in order to age-in-place within their communities, yet program participation is often low due to lack of information and lack of trust.

Centralina will address this challenge through two complementary activities in the grant:

Program Evaluation

Centralina will evaluate programmatic barriers to the utilization of existing federal and state funded housing preservation programs through engagement with eligible participants, local housing support providers, local government leaders, and grant administrators. The analysis will review how much these programs are being used, identify barriers to program participation and develop recommendations for enhanced program outreach and education.



Critical Rehabilitation Projects

Centralina will oversee the critical rehab projects in a minimum of 15 homes of qualified low-moderate income homeowners in the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville. Participating homeowners will reflect a mix of elderly residents', households with disabled individuals and veterans; participants will also take part in the Part 1 program evaluation. The \$750,000 total rehabilitation funds (up to \$50,000 per home) will be allocated for housing repair work for each eligible homeowner, which will include but not be limited to correcting health and safety code violations, energy efficiency improvements, accessibility and weatherization related improvements, and substantial home modifications for accessibility. Home improvement program must follow all HUD requirements, including environmental assessments of subject properties. Also following HUD guidelines Centralina is working with the three towns to ensure taxpayer invested dollars in these homes are protected and remain available to Low-Moderate Income homeowners in the North Mecklenburg area if a property is sold following the improvements.

Measurable Outcomes & Timeline

The North Mecklenburg Housing Preservation Initiative will provide the opportunity for minimum of 15 owner-occupied single-family homes across three towns in North Mecklenburg County to benefit from modifications or improvements to their homes to accommodate their changing needs and allow them to live independently and comfortably in their own homes as they age. Additionally, it also allows program participants to maintain their autonomy, dignity, and connection to familiar surroundings and social networks.

A "Housing Preservation Program System Evaluation" component under Part 1 of the project will develop suggestions to address housing rehabilitation program administration constraints and gather recommendations for a comprehensive approach to break down barriers for a more streamlined administrative process. The project serves to build local and regional capacity for program administrators and trust amongst program participants and state and federal governments

The Initiative will launch in the summer of 2023.

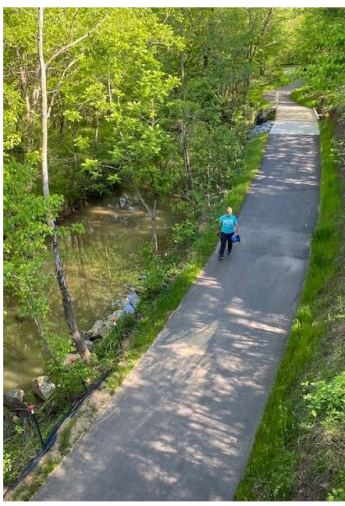
WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact Christina Danis, Community Economic Development Director, at 704-688-6502 or cdanis@centralina.org

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Local Needs, Future Resiliency

Centralina serves as the lead entity for a 13-county, bi-state area charged with preparing a series of plans designed to support local needs and priorities toward improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The plans created by Centralina and its partners will ensure that regional goals are met while increasing local revenue streams and providing a framework for coordinated investments.

Timeline

Summer
2023

- Planning grants awarded to eligible entities, giving our metropolitan area **\$1 million** for planning purposes.

March
2024

- Priority Action Plan due and first round of **\$4.6 billion** in implementation funds becomes available.

Summer
2024-2025

- Comprehensive Action Plan developed in cooperation with the EPA and our regional partners.

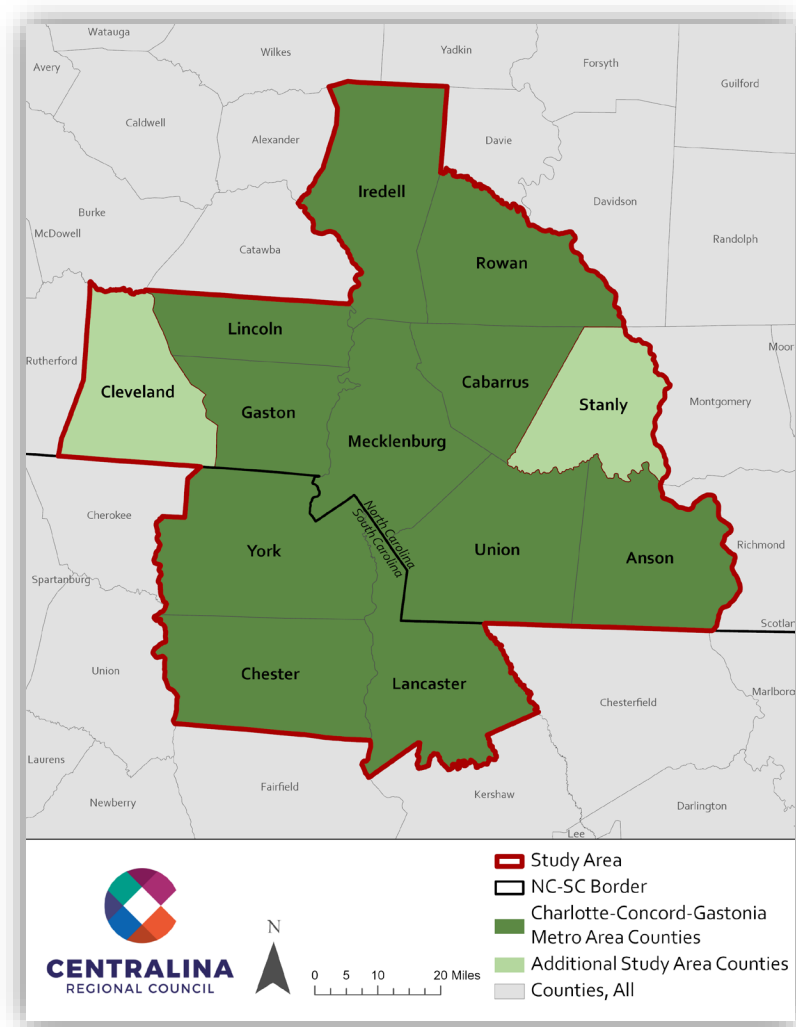
Summer
2027

- Status Report submitted highlighting progress and areas needing additional resources to move forward.

*Completion of a regional Climate Action Plan enables local governments to apply for **\$4.6 billion** in funding, authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, to implement local projects for efficient infrastructure, energy and waste management systems, transportation systems and energy efficient buildings.*

Regional Partnerships & Engagement

Centralina will lead coordination with regional partners, stakeholders and advisors across North and South Carolina to create a regional plan that will produce a playbook of investment options to help communities retain clean air for generations to come by supporting local mobility options, securing newer technologies for fleets, buildings and waste management, enhancing local logistics and distribution systems and the local food economy and/or planning for electric vehicle infrastructure. This framework will provide each unique community the tools to implement solutions that address the local needs they find most urgent and beneficial.



CORE PARTNERS

- Catawba Regional Council of Governments
- Mecklenburg County Air Quality
- UNC Charlotte Energy Production & Infrastructure Center (EPIC)
- NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

Want to be involved?

Centralina Regional Council and its partners will hold Stakeholder Engagement sessions throughout the process to incorporate your feedback.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Senior Director, Michelle Nance, at (704) 348-2709 or mnance@centralina.org to discuss how we can help.

Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant Proposal



Centralina Regional Council recently submitted a Regional Infrastructure Accelerator grant application along with a \$3,981,971 million dollar funding request to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau. If awarded, the grant would establish the **Centralina Integrated Mobility Center**, a hub for the implementation of the CONNECT Beyond regional mobility plan. This Center would play a pivotal role in advancing the CONNECT Beyond project pipeline by focusing on providing three service lines that encompass specific activities and region-wide stakeholder coordination and partner engagement.

Accelerator Proposal Service Lines

Infrastructure Finance Innovation

The Center will serve as a regional hub for technical assistance and knowledge sharing of innovative project finance models, tools and federal funding opportunities by:

- Increasing local knowledge of USDOT financing programs such as TIFIA, PAB, RRIF and USDOT competitive grant programs, including eligibility and feasibility scans for specific projects of regional significance.
- Coordinating across partner MPOs/RPOs/transit agencies to develop a prioritized list of projects for eligible financing and competitive funding programs, an activity identified as a near-term priority in *CONNECT Beyond*.
- Providing grant writing support and application technical assistance to interested partners.
- Increasing local knowledge of best practices in project finance, public-private partnerships and procurement that support the objectives of the Build America Bureau.

Pipeline Project Facilitation

The Center will lead regional coordination of priority *CONNECT Beyond* mobility projects that create a pipeline for federal financing and public-private partnerships. The following projects will be a part of the focused work and funding if the grant is awarded:

- **LYNX Silver Line preliminary design** (15%) of an expanded leg of a planned light rail transit line from I-485 in the City of Charlotte to the City of Belmont. (*Project Lead: CATS -Charlotte Area Transit System*)
- **Regional Mobility Hubs Pilot** focusing on design and cost estimates for select sites, prioritized for rural and suburban communities with university or community college anchor institutions.
- **Intercity/commuter rail expansion** to connect Charlotte with Kings Mountain (Norfolk Southern Charlotte-Kings Mountain Corridor) and Salisbury (Piedmont Corridor).
- Applied technology project to accelerate same-day **booking and cross-county scheduling for paratransit**, especially in rural areas.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Innovation

Centralina will expand internal capacity to advance TOD projects through a multi-layered approach:

- Creating a TOD focused learning path within the existing *Centralina Learns* educational and professional development learning series for local government staff and elected officials.
- Providing technical assistance to communities with specific TOD planning and local code development projects, especially along expanded intercity/commuter rail lines targeted for expansion under the pipeline project facilitation service line.



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Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	X
Submitting Person:	Geraldine Gardner	Presentation Time:	15 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Geraldine Gardner	Phone Number:	704-351-7130			
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Alternate Contact:		Phone Number:				
		Email:				
Submitting Department:	Administration	Department Head Approval:	Geraldine Gardner			
Title: FY24 Workplan Briefing and Approval Motion						
Description of Agenda Item:						
<p>Centralina will provide the Executive Board with a briefing on the proposed FY23-24 workplan that implements year two of the Centralina Strategic Plan. The workplan was developed with input from Centralina staff, Regional Managers and Board of Delegates. The Executive Board is asked to approve the FY23-24 workplan so that activities can commence on July 1, 2023.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>The proposed FY23-24 Centralina Regional Council Workplan will guide the work of our departments in the second year of implementing the current Strategic Plan. The internal inputs that shaped the workplan include discussions at the April Centralina All-Staff Retreat and subsequent department meetings. Staff received member government input via engagement of our Board of Delegates at their May 10th meeting and Regional Managers at their April 19th meeting.</p> <p>The workplan is organized by the four goals of the Strategic Plan as follows:</p> <p>Goal 1: Lead regional engagement to prepare, plan and act on issues that respond to today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.</p> <p>Goal 2: Build local government capacity, efficiency and innovation in service to Centralina communities and the region.</p> <p>Goal 3: Grow our portfolio of person-centered services that enhance an individual's ability to thrive in their careers and in their communities.</p> <p>Goal 4: Strive for organizational excellence by investing in our employees, promoting our work and building efficient systems.</p> <p>Under each goal is a set of specific strategies, also outlined in the adopted Strategic Plan, and the annual implementation actions that the organization will pursue as part of the workplan. Staff will continue to present quarterly updates to the Board of Delegates on progress towards implementation.</p>						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						

Motion to approve the FY23-24 Workplan as proposed.	
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	Approval at the June meeting is essential as this is the last meeting before the end of the fiscal year.
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	All activities proposed in the workplan as funded in the FY23-24 adopted budget.
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	FY23-24 Workplan



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***See Separate PDF attachment of the
FY 23-24 Workplan**



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Item 9

Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	6/14/23	Agenda Item Type:	Committee work sessions:		Regular:	X
Submitting Person:	Michelle Nance	Presentation Time:	10-15 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Mayor Darrell Hinnant (Kannapolis)	Phone Number:	704-348-2709			
		Email:	mnance@centralina.org			
Alternate Contact:	Jason Wager	Phone Number:	704-348-2707			
		Email:	jwager@centralina.org			
Submitting Department:	Planning	Department Head Approval:	Michelle Nance			
Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: Advancing the Plan Committee Update						
Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
<p>Mayor Darrell Hinnant, co-chair of the Advancing the Plan Committee, will provide an update to the Executive Board on the Committee's work to date and forecast what the Committee will be working on for the remainder of the calendar year.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p><u>Advancing the Plan Committee:</u> Last fall the Centralina Executive Board officially formed an ad-hoc advisory committee, the Advancing the Plan Committee, to steward regional conversation and action that advances the implementation of CONNECT Beyond's plan. The Committee is co-chaired by Mayor Darrell Hinnant (Kannapolis) and Mayor Vi Lyles (Charlotte). The Committee kicked off in January 2023 and has held three meetings so far this calendar year.</p> <p>The Advancing the Plan Committee has the following year-end goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (a) Advise on short-term opportunities for regional collaboration and (b) determine feasible options for a regional governance approach 2. Endorse a regional communications framework for CONNECT Beyond and support its implementation 3. Collaborate to educate state lawmakers on CONNECT Beyond and advocate for local funding initiatives in the region <p>At its first three meetings, the Committee made progress on each of its goals. Specifically, the Committee has: advised on near term CONNECT Beyond implementation activities (including the development of the regional transportation demand management program); identified communication needs and developed supporting marketing materials; provided ongoing legislative outreach updates and developed a list of key attributes to research for potential regional governance approaches.</p>						

Mayor Hinnant will provide an update on the Committee's activities as well as a preview of the Committee's activities for the remainder of the year

Requested Action / Recommendation:

No action requested, informational only

Time Sensitivity:
(none or explain)

None

Budget Impact:
(none or explain)

None

Attachments:
(none or list)

Advancing the Plan Committee Meeting #3 Talking Points

Advancing the Plan Committee

May 2023



Leading up to the May Advancing the Plan Committee meeting, members participated in a survey to identify and prioritize themes of regional governance approaches to inform upcoming peer region research. During the May meeting Committee members refined their responses in small group discussions. *See below for a summary of these discussions and please note that the back page contains brief talking points to share with your networks*

Themes for Regional Governance Approaches

What are the most important reasons for having a regional governance model for mobility?

- Strategy for increasing **economic competitiveness** of our region
- Increased **local input** in decision making
- Improved regional **coordination/service** for riders
- Increased Federal and State **funding** for the region

What are we managing regionally?

Top homework survey responses to the question “*What are the desired responsibilities of a regional governance model?*” were: **(1) Planning, Funding & Operations – Fully Integrated** and **(2) Centralized Planning & Funding**. In small group discussions, Committee members refined and dove deeper into these responsibilities. Some highlights from discussions include:

- A Regional Transit Entity may ultimately include fully integrated transit functions but likely will be a stepped approach to responsibilities to build trust and capacity
- **Local input and interests** need to be considered in all aspects of transit functions, ranging from local schedules and frequency to ensuring all communities see the benefits of regional mobility investments

Do the upcoming federal funding opportunities create a sense of urgency for pursuing a regional governance model?

Committee members agreed this created a sense of urgency after reviewing information about the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act, including a timeline that **most federal funds will be dispersed under this Act by 2027**. Many Committee members felt next steps included moving forward in evaluating regional peer models and to beginning communication efforts to show the value and benefits of pursuing a regional governance approach.

Talking Points from the May Meeting:



Reviewed Current CONNECT Beyond Implementation Activities:

Centralina is leading the effort to develop a regional **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program**, a key recommendation of CONNECT Beyond's plan. TDM programs influence everyday travel choices that people make to support more sustainable and livable places and can be tailored for all types of communities. The project kicked off this spring and will be **engaging key stakeholders, including the business community**, during the plan development process. **Those in your network that are interested in getting involved in this initiative should contact Reagan Murphy at rmurphy@centralina.org.**



Identified Important Themes for Regional Governance Approaches:

The Committee's homework survey and work during the May meeting provide **critical inputs to the upcoming peer region research and analysis** process. Project staff will be conducting a broad search based on these inputs to identify peer regions for Committee members to review at their July meeting.



Continued Outreach about Benefits of Regional Collaboration:

Project staff and Committee members shared updates on outreach activities. It is important to continue to provide **communications and outreach about the importance of regional collaboration** and the benefits of working together. This work helps to lay the foundation for sharing the Committee's recommendations later in the year. As a reminder, see below for key benefits:

Key Benefits of Regional Collaboration

Funding: Working together makes us more competitive for funding

Increases Economic Competitiveness:

A complete transportation network supports our region's industries (advanced manufacturing, logistics) and increases labor access

Planning for Growth: Making the region future ready and planning for growth in a way that maintains quality of life

Connects People to Jobs: Over 50% of workers in the Charlotte region live in one county and work in another

For Next Meeting:

- Report Back and Share:** Members should provide an update on the Committee to their jurisdiction and/or relevant mobility organizations. Please let Centralina staff know if you need any supporting materials.
- Homework and Pre-work For Next Meeting:** Centralina will be reaching out to Committee members with a homework survey related to peer model research and analysis. Members will also receive information about this research leading up to the July meeting. It will be important for members to review this information prior to the meeting in order to make the meeting more efficient and productive.
- Next Meeting:** Friday, July 28, 2023 | 8:30am-10:30am, 8:00-8:30am for refreshments and networking





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Item 10

Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	X
Submitting Person:	Kelly Weston	Presentation Time:	10 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Kelly Weston	Phone Number:	704-348-2728			
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Submitting Department:	Government Affairs & Member Engagement	Department Head Approval:	Geraldine Gardner			
Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: Raleigh Relations Update						
Description of Agenda Item: <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
The Board will receive an update on Centralina's state advocacy activities and key legislation in the General Assembly.						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>The Executive Board adopted the 2023 Raleigh Relations Advocacy Agenda in January. This formal plan for state engagement outlines advocacy goals and strategies to support desired policy outcomes related to specific Centralina priorities. Since the agenda's adoption, Centralina staff have been implementing the strategies described in the Advocacy Agenda.</p> <p>Staff is tracking key legislation in the General Assembly related to priorities in the Advocacy Agenda and/or Centralina's workplan. During the meeting, we will share updates on the following two bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 675: Land Use Clarification Changes, which proposes eliminating municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction statewide. • Senate Bill 686: Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, which would amend stormwater fee considerations. 						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
Receive as information.						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	2023 Advocacy Agenda Executive Summary					



State Legislative Priorities

2023-2024 Session

Centralina Regional Council seeks to secure support for key issues and opportunities impacting local communities and our region. The Centralina Board has set the following priorities to guide legislative advocacy during the General Assembly's 2023-2024 session. *We ask the legislature to consider supporting the following three bolded projects in next year's budget.*



Mobility & Infrastructure

CONNECT Beyond Regional Mobility Initiative Implementation

Reliable transportation options provide access to jobs, education, medical facilities and services, and serve as the foundation to our region's continued economic competitiveness and quality of life. **Centralina seeks funding to support critical regional implementation projects that advance the CONNECT Beyond Regional Mobility Initiative.**

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Communities can face challenges when trying to integrate electric vehicle charging stations into the existing built environment. **Centralina seeks an appropriation to prepare smaller communities and rural areas to pursue funding for electric vehicle infrastructure and to seed pilot projects.**

Aging Public Infrastructure Systems

Our region's projected growth requires sustainable infrastructure to maintain economic competitiveness and quality of life. Centralina is monitoring legislation, funding and other efforts to improve aging water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation infrastructure systems in local communities.



Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Implementation

Regional economies that lead the competition are the ones that utilize a cooperative, collective strategy to leverage local assets and address regional challenges. **Centralina seeks funding to analyze cross-linkages in workforce, supply chain and commercialization needs of employers in the region’s major industry clusters.**



Environment & Natural Resources

Stormwater Management

Clean water is important to maintaining regional quality of life and economic competitiveness. Centralina is monitoring legislation impacting local control of stormwater management.

Tree Canopy

Thoughtful planning balances infrastructure and development choices with protection of our region’s natural resources. Centralina is monitoring legislation impacting local tree-protection ordinances.



Health

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Funding

Regional ombudsmen provide advocacy services for residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities. Centralina supports the NC Association of Regional Councils of Government in seeking funds for expanding the long-term care ombudsman program statewide.

Medicaid Expansion

Health is an important factor to consider when planning for the long-term success of the region. Centralina is monitoring legislation designed to expand Medicaid coverage to more individuals in our region.



Local Revenues

Taxing Authority for Local Municipalities

Having a range of diverse revenue options ensures municipalities have the resources to deliver quality public services and advance their strategic vision. Centralina is monitoring legislation governing municipal taxing authority.

READY TO LEARN MORE?

Reach out to our Government Affairs & Member Engagement Coordinator, Kelly Weston, at kweston@centralina.org.



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