



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.

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