



# Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 8, 2023  
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Chair Bobby Compton will convene a meeting of the Centralina Executive Board **on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at the Centralina Regional Council office, located at 10735 David Taylor Drive, Charlotte NC, 28262. The Zoom link is available (above) if you plan to attend virtually.

Time	Item	Presenter
5:00 p.m.	<b>Executive Board Meeting Call to Order</b>	Bobby Compton
	<b>Roll Call</b>	
	<b>Moment of Silence</b>	
	<b>Amendments to the Agenda</b> (if any)	
<b>Consent Items:</b> Consent agenda items may be considered in one motion and without discussion except for those items removed by a Board Member.		
<b>Item 1</b> 5:05 <i>Pages 5-7</i>	<b>Approval of September 13, 2023, Executive Board Meeting Minutes</b> Approval of September 13 Executive Board Meeting Minutes. The minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting have been distributed to all members of the Executive Board and should be approved if correct.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Motion to approve September 13, 2023, Executive Board meeting minutes.</i>	Bobby Compton
<b>Item 2</b> <i>Pages 9-13</i>	<b>Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant</b> The Executive Board is asked to authorize the acceptance of \$1,750,000 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a cooperative agreement pursuant to the revised proposal submitted under the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant competition.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Motion to authorize the acceptance of \$1,750,000 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a cooperative agreement pursuant to the revised proposal submitted under the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant competition.</i>	Jason Wager
<b>Item 3</b> <i>Pages 15-17</i>	<b>FY 2024 Budget Amendment</b> The Executive Board will review and approve the FY23-24 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Motion to approve the FY23-24 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.</i>	Denise Strosser

Time	Item	Presenter
<b>Item 4</b> <i>Pages 19-20</i>	<b>2024 Board Calendar Approval (February Date change)</b>  The regularly scheduled February Board of Delegates meeting, which serves as the Board's Annual Meeting, conflicts with Valentine's Day – February 14 <sup>th</sup> . Staff propose changing the date of the meeting to Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> .  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b>  Motion to approve the date change of the February Board of Delegates meeting, originally scheduled for February 14, being rescheduled for February 21 <sup>st</sup> .	Bobby Compton
<b>Regular Business Items:</b>		
<b>Item 5</b> <b>5:10 p.m.</b> 5 minutes <i>Pages 22</i>	<b>Centralina Spotlight: Housing/CED Success Story</b> Centralina CED staff will provide a short portrait of the department's local government housing support services.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> <i>Receive as information and prompt Board Discussion</i>	Christina Danis
<b>Item 6</b> <b>5:15 p.m.</b> 20 minutes <i>Pages 25</i>	<b>FY23 Audit Report</b> The Board will hear the Financial Statements and Compliance Report results for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> Motion to approve The Centralina Regional Council Financial Statements and Compliance Report as of and for the year ending on June 30, 2023, and Audit Report of Independent Auditor.	Denise Strosser and Dan Gougherty
<b>Item 7</b> <b>5:35 p.m.</b> 20 minutes <i>Pages 28-30</i>	<b>Federal &amp; State Action Agenda Update and Discussion</b> The Board will receive an update on Centralina's federal and state government engagement activities and discuss potential focus areas for the NC General Assembly's 2024 short session.  <b>Action/Recommendation:</b> Motion to approve the Strategics Consulting performance reports for June through August 2023 and September through October 2023.	Kelly Weston and Leslie Mozingo



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<b>Item 8</b> <b>5:55 p.m.</b> 15 minutes <b>Pages 32-33</b>	<b>Connect Beyond: Advancing the Plan Update</b> Centralina staff will provide key updates on the CONNECT Beyond project to keep the Executive Board apprised of current implementation activities and debrief from the Advancing the Plan Committee's most recent meetings in September and October.  <b>Action/Recommendation</b> <i>Receive as information</i>	Jason Wager
<b>Item 9</b> <b>6:10</b> 5 minutes <b>Pages 35</b>	<b>Nominating Committee Formation</b> Staff will provide an overview of the Nominating Committee, which will identify the 2023 slate of nominees for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Delegates will vote on this slate at its annual meeting on February 21, 2024.	Bobby Compton
<b>6:15 p.m.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Comments from the Board and staff</b>	Board Members and Staff
<b>6:20 p.m.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Comments from the Executive Director</b>	Geraldine Gardner
<b>6:25 p.m.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Comments from the Chair</b>	Bobby Compton
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	Bobby Compton

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# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 1**



**Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2023**

<b>Officers Present</b>	<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Not Present</b>	<b>Centralina Staff and Guests Present</b>
Bobby Compton, Chairman Jay McCosh, Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn, Secretary	Patty Crump Martha Sue Hall Darrell Hinnant Bob Hovis Corinthia Lewis-Lemon Jamie Lineberger Tony Long Jerry Oxsher Elaine Powell Shawn Rush David Scholl Lynn Shue Jennifer Stepp Jennifer Teague	Dante' Anderson Cathy Davis Kevin Demeny Brian Helms Gene Houpe	Narissa Claiborne Geraldine Gardner Cindy Kincaid Linda Miller Michelle Nance Sherika Rich Denise Strosser Jason Wager Venecia White  <b>Guests</b> Leslie Mozingo

**Call to Order**

Chairman Bobby Compton, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Narissa Claiborne, Boards Administrator, called the roll and noted a quorum present.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Compton called for a moment of silence.

**Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of June 14, 2023, Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Chairman Compton called for a motion to approve the June 14, 2023, Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Bob Hovis approved the Motion. Commissioner Tony Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amendments to the Agenda.**

A previous amendment to the original agenda was made on September 11, 2023, as indicated in your original agenda packet- Item two: The IT Managed Service Provider Contract approval has been concluded upon completion of the RFP process.

**Regular Agenda Items**

## **2. IT Managed Service Provider Contract Approval**

Ms. Geraldine Gardner, Centralina's Executive Director, provided a summary of the RFP process to select a new IT Managed Service Provider. She requested that the Board approve a 36-month contract with the selected vendor, NetFriends.

Bobby Compton called for a Motion to accept NetFriends as Centralina's New IT Managed Service Provider and authorize the Executive Director to enter a 36-month contract for comprehensive MSP services in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.

Chairman Compton called for a motion. Commissioner Scholl motioned to approve the previously mentioned IT Managed Service Provider Contract. Commissioner Bob Hovis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **3. FY23 Operating and Pass-Through Final Budget Amendments**

Denise Strosser, Centralina's Finance Director, reviewed with the Board the Final Budget Amendments that the Board requested to see at the June 14, 2023, meeting. After reviewing the contract with the Board, Ms. Strosser asked if there were questions regarding the budget amendments. There were none. This information was presented for informational purposes only.

## **4. Raleigh and Federal Relations Update**

Ms. Kelly Weston, Centralina's Government Affairs & Member Engagement Coordinator, and Leslie Mazingo, of Strategics Consultants, shared with the Board an update on the Raleigh and Federal Relations. Ms. Mazingo also highlighted the June-August 2023 Performance Report.

*The Performance Report was not approved and will be approved by the Board at the next Centralina Executive Board meeting.*

## **5. Centralina Advancing the Plan Update**

Jason Wager, Director of the Centralina Planning Department shared an update with the Board regarding the Advancing the Plan update. Mr. Wager shared the subcommittee's focus areas and goals. Mayor Darrell Hinnant also shared with the Board the sub-committee's timeline of implementation and the model the committee plans to use as they move forward.

## **6. Bolstering Community Economic Resilience**

Christina Danis of the Centralina Economic Development District shared with the Board an update on the Regional Resilience Collaborative (RRC), the N-CAR-COG grant for the administration of the FEMA public assistance grant dollars, the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Governments (NCARCOG) Disaster Financial Administration Training event in December, the status of FEMA grants Technical Assistance across the region, and an overview of how to improve stormwater management in pre-development approvals to enhance resiliency. This information was presented for informational purposes only.

## **7. Nominating Committee**

Ms. Gardner provided a forecast to the Board, the 2024 nominating committee, and the Board officer election process.

**Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff**

- Commissioner Bob Hovis shared with the Board that emergency preparedness classes are available for the Commissioners and shared their contact information.

**Comments from the Executive Director**

- Geraldine Gardner shared with the Board the details surrounding Centralina's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Comments from the Chair**

- Chairman Compton shared the "Good News" pamphlet encouraging the Executive Board to submit the good work that their area is accomplishing. Emphasizing that Centralina would love to hear what's going on in your area.
- Chairman Compton encouraged the Board to look out for the Centralina Newsletter that is shared monthly.
- The next Board of Delegates meeting will be October 11, 2023, which will take place at The Revelry at Camp North End.
- The next Centralina Executive Board meeting will be held on November 8, 2023

**Adjournment**

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.



# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 2**



## Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	November 8 2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>	X	<b>Regular:</b>	
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Jason Wager	<b>Presentation Time:</b>				
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-351-7130			
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<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Jason Wager	<b>Phone Number:</b>				
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:jwager@centralina.org">jwager@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	Administration	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	Geraldine Gardner			
<b>Description of Agenda Item: Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant Authorization</b>						
<p>The Executive Board is asked to authorize the acceptance of \$1,750,000 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a grant cooperative agreement pursuant to the revised proposal submitted under the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant competition.</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<p>Centralina submitted a grant application under the U.S Department of Transportation’s Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant competition in May 2023. The application sought \$3,900,000 in federal funds to support the establishment of a Centralina Integrated Mobility Center which would spearhead CONNECT Beyond implementation and build regional capacity for infrastructure financing. Centralina was notified recently that our application was selected for funding, but with a reduced grant amount of \$1,750,000 due to the volume of highly qualified finalists and limited amount of federal funding.</p> <p>Centralina submitted a revised scope and budget based on the available funding amount. The grant will fund 24 months of activity including staff costs, indirect and direct costs for consultants and a subaward. The attached executive summary of the original proposal and overview describing the adjusted scope and new budget are attached for reference.</p>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Motion to approve the FY23-24 Workplan as proposed.						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	Centralina is expecting to receive and execute the grant documents in the next 30 days. Work is expected to begin before the next Executive Board meeting in January.					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	\$1,750,000 over a 24month grant period					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RIA Grant Executive Summary</li> <li>2. Adjusted grant scope and budget</li> </ol>					

# Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant Proposal - May 2023



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.

## Adjusted RIA Proposal & Budget Summary – October 2023

The *Centralina Regional Council (Centralina)* received notification of an award of a \$1,750,000 Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Grant application from the US Department of Transportation. Centralina submitted a grant application with a proposal and total request of \$3,981,971. This funding will enable the establishment of Centralina Integrated Mobility Center which will serve as a hub for the implementation of the *CONNECT Beyond Regional Mobility Initiative*. The awarded funding amount is 42% less than the original request which funded personnel and direct costs across three main services lines: (1) Infrastructure Finance Innovation; (2) Pipeline Project Facilitation; and (3) Transit Oriented Development Implementation.

Our approach to modifying the proposed RIA scope and budget is to prioritize the establishment of the Centralina Integrated Mobility Center. The Center is vital to building our capacity to facilitate long-range, cross-county infrastructure and mobility projects that will implement *CONNECT Beyond*. As noted in the table below, the Center will retain the full scope of its proposed functions and activities under the Infrastructure Finance Innovation service line as outlined on page nine of the narrative. The Center staff will also lead the InterCity Commuter Rail Expansion pipeline project and TOD implementation activities as originally proposed.

We are reducing the scope of the Center activities and corresponding Center funding by eliminating the County Paratransit pipeline project and the Mobility Hubs pipeline project. The elimination of these two pipeline projects creates a total savings of \$1,331,971 (\$206,971 reduction in Center costs and \$1,125,000 in contractual direct costs for the Mobility Hubs project). We note, however, that these two pipeline projects are vital to *CONNECT Beyond* implementation and Centralina remains committed to securing other resources to support these projects.

The final cut to the proposed scope and budget is a \$950,000 reduction in RIA funding to support the LYNX Silver Line Design. At this early point in the FY23-24 fiscal year, neither CATS nor Gaston County stakeholders are able to commit additional funding on short notice to the project; however, both sides are committed to pursuing opportunities to secure additional resources as part of FY24-25 local budget discussions and/or discretionary grants. Should additional funds not be secured prior to the end of the first year of the RIA grant, Centralina would discuss alternatives with the Bureau, such as a reduced design scope or funding the Mobility Hubs pipeline project.

The table below provides an overview of the changes described above:

Service Lines	Proposed Scope Adjustment	Explanation of Adjustments
<b>(1) Infrastructure Finance Innovation</b>	<b>No change</b> to the proposed scope as outlined on Page 9, Number 1, Letters a-d, including retaining analysis of revenue sources and assessment of regional financial capacity.	N/A



<b>(2) Pipeline Project Facilitation</b>		
<i>LYNX Silver Line preliminary design</i>	Reduction of direct pipeline project grant (federal) funding from \$1,650,000 to \$700,000.	Centralina, CATS and partners in Gaston County will work in year one of the grant to secure additional funds to augment this budget to meet the expected cost of \$1.9 million.
<i>Intercity/commuter rail expansion</i>	No change to the proposed scope.	N/A
<i>Regional Mobility Hubs Pilot</i>	Elimination as a pipeline project due to a cut in direct grant funding for contractual services.	Grant funding is being sought from the State of North Carolina. If funded, Center staff will address the potential funding and financing options for implementation (Service Line 1 Activities)
<i>County para-transit scheduling</i>	Elimination as a pipeline project due to reductions in Center personnel costs.	Centralina will pursue additional funding opportunities for this work.
<b>(3) Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Innovation.</b>	No change to proposed scope as outlined on Page 12 Number 3, Letters a-b	N/A

The table below replaces Table 3 on page 13 of the application narrative and summarizes the proposed sources and general uses of funds:

Sources of Funds	Federal Grant Request	Committed Local Match	Funding To Be Secured (State and Local)	Total All Sources
Center Operations & Activities	\$1,050,000	\$60,000 <sup>1</sup>	<i>Did not receive State Budget Allocation</i>	\$1,110,000
Pipeline Project 1: Silver Line Design	\$700,000	\$250,000 <sup>2</sup>	<i>\$950,000</i>	\$1,900,000
Pipeline Project 2: Mobility Hubs Pilot	\$0	\$0	<i>\$0</i>	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>	<b><i>\$950,000</i></b>	<b>\$3,010,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Centralina Regional Council

<sup>2</sup> Source: City of Belmont and CATS

The table below replaces Table 4 on page 14 of the application narrative and summarizes the proposed uses of federal grant funds. Proposed budget is based on current assumptions of fringe and indirect rates for FY24 and FY25 and are subject to change.

Uses of Funds	Proposed Amount
Personnel	\$385,562
Fringe	\$217,843
Travel	\$8,500
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$528
Contractual	\$160,000
Subaward – Project Pipeline 1: Silver Line Design	\$700,000
Construction	\$0
Other	\$0
<i>Total Direct</i>	<i>\$772,405</i>
Indirect (41.35%)	\$277,566
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>



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## **Item 3**

## Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	November 8, 2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>	X	<b>Regular:</b>	
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Denise Strosser	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	NA			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Denise Strosser	<b>Phone Number:</b>	(704) 348-2704			
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		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ggardner@centralina.org">ggardner@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	Finance	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	Denise Strosser			
<b>Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: FY23-24 Budget Amendment</b>						
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b> <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 FY23-24 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<p>A placeholder budget was approved by the Executive Council on January 11, 2023 and adopted by the Board of Delegates on February 8, 2023 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 1st amendment represents changes to reflect Federal and State grant allocations as of October 25, 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>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Motion to approve the FY23-24 budget amendments for the operating and grant budgets.						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	Before June 30, 2023					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	As indicated on attached					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	FY23-24 Operating and Grant Budget Amendment					

**Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Budget Amendment #1**

<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b>FY2024 Placeholder <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>FY2024 10/30/2023 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>Increase <u>(Decrease)</u></b>
<b>Program Revenues</b>			
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	4,990,353	6,424,467	1,434,114 (1)
Technical Assistance Projects	1,240,777	1,679,456	438,679
Other Program Revenue	790,831	464,617	(326,214)
Fund Balance Appropriated	-		
<b>Total Program Revenue</b>	<u>7,021,961</u>	<u>8,568,540</u>	<u>1,546,579</u>
<b>Other Revenues</b>			
Member Dues Support	937,503	939,000	1,497
Interest and Other Revenue	24,000	45,000	21,000
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<u>961,503</u>	<u>984,000</u>	<u>22,497</u>
<b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<u>7,983,464</u>	<u>9,552,540</u>	<u>1,569,076</u>
<b>EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Member services, Board and committees	720,000	810,793	90,793
Management and Business Operations	1,922,500	1,903,048	(19,452)
Information Technology	215,000	352,457	137,457
Community and Economic Development Depart.	1,200,000	1,321,255	121,255
Planning Department	805,000	1,990,082	1,185,082 (1)
Area Agency on Aging Department	3,863,622	4,026,464	162,842
Workforce Development Department	1,064,000	1,057,126	(6,874)
Indirect Costs Representation	<u>(1,806,658)</u>	<u>(1,908,685)</u>	<u>(102,027)</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>7,983,464</u>	<u>9,552,540</u>	<u>1,569,076</u>

(1) New Grant Awards - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (\$1M through 6/30/2027) and Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (\$1.7M through 10/30/2026)



**Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Grant Pass Through Budgets Amendment #1**

<u>Program</u>	<u>FY2024 Placeholder Budget</u>	<u>FY2024 10/30/2023 Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Area Agency on Aging</b>			
HCC Block Grant	11,500,000	11,800,000	300,000
USDA Supplement	650,000 (1)	650,000	-
Title III-B Legal	103,000	103,000	-
Family Caregiver	573,000	573,000	-
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion	52,300	52,300	-
State Senior Center General Purpose	117,000	117,000	-
Heat Fan Relief	15,000	15,000	-
ARPA Support Services	209,000	209,000	-
ARPA Congregate Nutrition	1,727,801	1,727,801	-
ARPA Home Delivered meals	1,170,000	1,170,000	-
	<u>16,117,101</u>	<u>16,417,101</u>	<u>300,000</u>
<i>(1) This program does not have a lump sum authorization. It is authorized at .75 per meal. Current Authorization is an estimate.</i>			
<b>Workforce Development</b>			
WIOA - XX-4010 Administrative Cost Pool	80,000	80,000	-
WIOA XX-4020 Adult Services	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
WIOA XX-4030 Dislocated Worker	950,000	950,000	-
WIOA XX-4040 Youth Services	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
WIOA XX-4050 Youth Initiative	65,000	65,000	-
WIOA XX-4050 Finish Line Grant	105,000	105,000	-
WIOA XX- XXXX Infrastructure Cost	85,000	85,000	-
WIOA NC Works Innovation Fund	-	-	-
	<u>3,735,000</u>	<u>3,735,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Grant</b>	<u>19,852,101</u>	<u>20,152,101</u>	<u>300,000</u>



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## **Item 4**



## Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	November 8, 2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>	x	<b>Regular:</b>	
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Narissa Claiborne	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	N/A			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	N/A	<b>Phone Number:</b>	717-434-2284			
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<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-351-7130			
		<b>Email:</b>	Ggardner@centralina.org			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	Admin	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Geraldine Gardner</b>			
<b>Title of documents as shown on the Agenda:</b> February BOD/Annual Meeting moved to Wednesday, February 21st.						
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b> <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
<p>The regularly scheduled February Board of Delegates meeting, which serves as the Board's Annual Meeting, conflicts with Valentine's Day – February 14<sup>th</sup>. Staff propose changing the date of the meeting to Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. This date is preferred over February 7<sup>th</sup> to ensure adequate time for local governments to make their appointments to the Board for the year and for Centralina staff to engage new delegates for a short orientation prior to the first meeting of the year.</p> <p>Staff would also point out that the proposed February 21st avoids any conflicts with major national conferences typically held in Washington, DC during the February time period:          2024 National Conference of Regions, February 11-14, 2024          National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference, February 10-13, 2024          NLC 2024 Congressional City Conference (CCC), March 11 – 13, 2024</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	N/A					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	none					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	Proposed 2024 Centralina Executive Board Meeting schedule					

## 2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

### Executive Board Meeting Dates

*These meetings will be held in person, with a virtual option, at 5:00 p.m.*

- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Wednesday, April 10, 2024
- Wednesday, June 12, 2024
- Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024

### Board of Delegates Meeting Dates

*These meetings will be held in person at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted below.*

Date	Tentative Agenda Topics
<b>Wednesday, February 21, 2024</b>	<b>Annual Meeting; Budget Hearing; Delegate Orientation</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 8, 2024</b>	<b>Regional Priority Setting - Shaping our FY24-25 workplan.</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 14, 2024</b>	<b>August Advocacy Focus: State &amp; Federal Connections</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 9, 2024</b>	<b>Annual Dinner &amp; Region of Excellence Awards Ceremony</b>





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### **Item 5**



## Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	11-8-2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	x
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Christina Danis	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	5 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Christina Danis	<b>Phone Number:</b>				
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<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Kate Fersinger	<b>Phone Number:</b>				
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<b>Submitting Department:</b>	CED	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Christina Danis</b>			
<b>Title of documents as shown in the Agenda:</b> Centralina Spotlight: Centralina Economic Development/Housing Success Story						
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b> <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
Centralina Community Economic Development staff will provide a short portrait of the department's local government housing support services.						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
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.						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Receive as information						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	N/A					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	N/A					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	CED Spotlight Video					



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### **Item # 5**

**No attachments. Presentation  
to be made during meeting.**



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### **Item 6**





## Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	November 8, 2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Denise Strosser	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	20 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Cherry Bekaert, Llp Dan Gougherty	<b>Phone Number:</b>	(704) 348-2704			
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:dstrosser@centralina.org">dstrosser@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	(704) 348-2703			
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<b>Submitting Department:</b>	Finance	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	Denise Strosser			
<b>Title of documents as shown in the Agenda: FY2023 Audit Report</b>						
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b> <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
Financial Statements and Compliance Report results for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
Cherry Bekaert LLP was engaged and performed required audit and compliance procedures for the single audit(s) and financial audit of Centralina Regional Council. Dan Gougherty, Director, Assurance Services, will make a presentation of the results of the audit and field any questions.						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Motion to approve The Centralina Regional Council Financial Statements and Compliance Report as of and for the year ending June 30, 2023, and Audit Report of Independent Auditor.						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	Approval requested in order to fnalaze filing with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	Centralina Regional Council Financial Statements and Compliance Report as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, And Audit Report of Independent Auditor. <i>Sent separately.</i>					



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## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item # 3**

**Attachments will be sent  
separately.**

**Presentation to be made  
during meeting.**



# **CENTRALINA**

## **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Item 7**

## Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	November 8, 2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Kelly Weston	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	20 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Kelly Weston & Leslie Mazingo	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-348-2728			
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:kweston@centralina.org">kweston@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-351-7130			
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ggardner@centralina.org">ggardner@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	<b>Government Affairs &amp; Member Engagement</b>	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Michelle Nance</b>			
<b>Title of documents as shown in the Agenda:</b> Federal and State Action Agenda Update and Discussion						
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b> <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 federal and state government engagement activities and discuss potential focus areas for the NC General Assembly's 2024 short session.						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
Centralina's intergovernmental affairs program presents a unified voice for regional advocacy at both the federal and state levels. Our Federal Action Plan and Raleigh Relations Advocacy Agenda guide our engagement with our region's U.S. congressional delegation and our legislators in the General Assembly respectively. Our work to advance the Board-identified priorities in these plans includes building relationships with legislators, tracking legislation impacting local communities, and providing policy updates at Board meetings.						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Motion to approve the Strategics Consulting performance reports for June through August 2023 and September through October 2023.						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals &amp; Activities for Strategics Consulting: June – August 2023 Report</li> <li>• Goals &amp; Activities for Strategics Consulting: September – October 2023 Report</li> </ul>					

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR STRATEGICS CONSULTING  
JUNE - AUGUST 2023 REPORT**

- 1. Build, maintain, and enhance relationships with Members of Congress and the federal agencies:**
  - Additional follow-up and communications, such as a thank you letter and answers to budget questions, with U.S. Representative Jeff Jackson’s office regarding Centralina’s community project funding request.
  - Monitored and reported on Centralina’s report language request to amend definitions of local governments to also include regional councils. (Agriculture and Rural Development; Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water; Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Homeland Security; Labor, Health and Human Services; Transportation, Housing and Urban Development).
  - Coordinated and participated in two meetings with U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry’s district and DC staff.
  - Coordinated July meeting for ED with U.S. Representative Jackson and district staff regarding Centralina’s federal priorities, as well as provided support materials.
  - Scheduled and participated in August advocacy meetings with U.S. Representative Alma Adams and U.S. Representative Jeff Jackson.
  - Coordinated and participated in meeting with U.S. Senator Thom Tillis’ staff regarding Connect Beyond and Regional Infrastructure Accelerator grant application.
  - Submitted speaking requests to U.S. DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg and U.S. Senator Ted Budd.
  
- 2. Develop advocacy strategies around the approved Federal Action Plan on regional priorities and implement in coordination with Centralina’s management:**
  - Prepared slides for, and presented to, Executive Board at June meeting.
  - Prepared slides for, and presented to, Regional Managers at July virtual meeting.
  - Updated Federal Relations Calendar for, and participated in, biweekly calls with ED.
  - Prepared Annual Report.
  
- 3. Provide information and support related to federal grant opportunities in coordination with Centralina staff:**
  - Provided weekly Grants Alerts, as well as weekly updates on Requests for Information from federal agencies.
  - Wrote three Capital Corner articles regarding raising the debt limit, the importance of a grants strategy, and the potential for a continuing resolution or government shutdown.
  - Coordinated and implemented advocacy strategy for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator grant application.
  - Updated Annual Forecast with grants expected in the second half of the year.
  - Alerted Centralina to DOE grant opportunity for non-profit community partners.
  - Alerted Centralina to combination of two major USDOT grant opportunities for reconnecting neighborhoods.
  - Shared HUD information for FY23 Community Project Funding grantees.
  
- 4. Respond to trouble shooting requests from members and Centralina on federal issues:**
  - Addressed inquiry regarding funding for Emergency Operations Centers.

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**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR STRATEGICS CONSULTING  
September-October 2023 REPORT**

- 1. Build, maintain, and enhance relationships with Members of Congress and the federal agencies:**
  - Coordinated and participated in meeting with U.S. Senator Ted Budd’s staff regarding Centralina’s functions and priorities.
  - Reminded U.S. Representative Virginia Foxx and informed the House Education and the Workforce Committee of Centralina’s function as a Workforce Development Board and its ongoing interest in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
  - Shared “The Central Lines” September issue regarding August Advocacy meetings with the offices of U.S. Representative Alma Adams and U.S. Representative Jeff Jackson.
  - Shared “The Central Lines” October issue regarding the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the offices of U.S. Senators Ted Budd and Thom Tillis, and U.S. Representatives Alma Adams, Dan Bishop, Patrick McHenry and Jeff Jackson.
  - Coordinated with U.S. Senator Thom Tillis’ staff regarding future event and speaking opportunity.
  - Provided congressional contact information to facilitate invitations to the Congressional Delegation to the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner, as well as to thank them for their participation.
  - Provided congressional staff information to facilitate thanking the Congressional Delegation for their assistance in obtaining the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator grant.
  
- 2. Develop advocacy strategies around the approved Federal Action Plan on regional priorities and implement in coordination with Centralina’s management:**
  - Prepared Performance Report and presented it, as well as key Washington updates, to the Executive Board at September meeting.
  - Attended 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner to introduce and assist congressional staff attendees.
  - Updated Federal Relations Calendar for, and participated in, biweekly calls with ED.
  
- 3. Provide information and support related to federal grant opportunities in coordination with Centralina staff:**
  - Provided weekly Grants Alerts, as well as weekly updates on Requests for Information from federal agencies.
  - Alerted Centralina to the opening of U.S. DOT’s Thriving Communities Program (TCP) funding opportunity and its new Regional Capacity Builder Pilot Program (TCP-R).
  - Alerted Centralina to the opening the of the U.S. EPA’s Brownfields Program funding opportunity and the opportunity for technical assistance from New Jersey Institute of Technology.
  - Wrote two Capital Corner articles regarding August Advocacy and the priorities for a reconvening Congress.
  - Attended webinars regarding TCP and Brownfields.
  
- 4. Respond to trouble shooting requests from members and Centralina on federal issues:**
  - Addressed inquiries regarding EPA’s Brownfields Program.
  - Addressed inquiries regarding DOT’s and HUD’s Thriving Communities Programs.
  - Researched and reported on potential government shutdown impact on Centralina and local governments.
  - Provided status updates on WIOA, OAA and EDA reauthorization possibilities.
  - Replied to members’ inquiries on the status of House Speaker and U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry’s role in it as Speaker Pro Tem.

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## **Item 8**

## Executive Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	11/8/23	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Sarah Niess	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	15 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Jason Wager	<b>Phone Number:</b>	704-348-2707			
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<b>Alternate Contact:</b>	Sarah Niess	<b>Phone Number:</b>	980-355-2022			
		<b>Email:</b>	sniess@centralina.org			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	Planning	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	Jason Wager			
<b>Title of documents as shown in the Agenda:</b> Advancing the Plan Committee Update						
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b> <i>(This wording will be used to summarize the item on the agenda cover page.)</i>						
<p>Centralina staff will provide key updates on the CONNECT Beyond project to keep the Executive Board apprised of current implementation activities and debrief from the Advancing the Plan Committee’s most recent meetings in September and October.</p>						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
<p>Advancing the Plan Committee is an official ad-hoc Centralina advisory committee to steward regional conversation and action that advances the implementation of CONNECT Beyond’s plan. The Committee has focused its past two meetings (September and October) around its goal of determining feasible options for a governance approach to regional collaboration.</p> <p>(1) <u>Committee Update:</u> The Advancing the Plan Committee held its fifth and six meetings on September 22, 2023 and October 20, 2023. Staff and Advancing the Plan Committee Co-Chair, Mayor Darrell Hinnant (Kannapolis), will provide a summary of the meetings, including information shared by CONNECT Beyond on-call consultants on potential funding strategies and governance structures for regional collaboration.</p> <p>(2) <u>Forecast for Remainder of Year Activities:</u> The Committee has added additional meetings to their calendar in order to better achieve their year-end goals. Project staff will forecast what is next for the remaining Committee meetings and potential Committee activities for 2024.</p>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
No action requested, informational only						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					



<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	None



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### **Item 9**



## Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	November 8, 2023	<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	<b>Consent:</b>		<b>Regular:</b>	X
<b>Submitting Person:</b>	Narissa Claiborne	<b>Presentation Time:</b>	5 minutes			
<b>Presenter at Meeting:</b>	Geraldine Gardner	<b>Phone Number:</b>	717-434-2284			
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		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:ggardner@centralina.org">ggardner@centralina.org</a>			
<b>Submitting Department:</b>	<b>Government Affairs &amp; Member Engagement</b>	<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	<b>Geraldine Gardner</b>			
<b>Description of Agenda Item:</b>						
Staff will provide an overview of the Nominating Committee, which will identify the 2023 slate of nominees for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Delegates will vote on this slate at its annual meeting on February 21, 2024.						
<b>Background &amp; Basis of Recommendations:</b>						
Article IX, Section B of the CCOG bylaws states:  <i>The Executive Board, prior to the Council meeting each year at which elections are to be held, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) delegates. At the Council's meeting each year at which the elections are to be held, and prior to the election of officers by the Council at that meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the Council the names of proposed officers. Nominations from the floor may be made. The person receiving the highest number of votes cast for each office shall be deemed elected.</i>						
<b>Requested Action / Recommendation:</b>						
Receive as information and make recommendations for Executive Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee.						
<b>Time Sensitivity:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	The Nominating Committee must be formed and select a slate of officers prior to the January 11, 2023 Executive Board meeting.					
<b>Budget Impact:</b> <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
<b>Attachments:</b> <i>(none or list)</i>	None					