



Local Government Services

Strong economic development that fosters vibrant communities is central to building a resilient, globally competitive region. To accomplish this, Centralina Community Economic Development (CED) works directly with elected officials, local governments, community leaders and the private sector to address economic challenges. By expanding the capacity of our local government partners, we help communities to revive neighborhoods, bolster their resiliency efforts and enhance economic activities throughout the region.

Local Government Capacity Building

Our staff can assist Centralina communities with funding, technical expertise and opportunities to align innovation, technology and resources in unique ways. We also support communities' ability to connect with local and regional eligible contractors and develop partnerships with nonprofits. Through technical assistance



and staff support, we leverage public and private funds to provide community partners with housing, public infrastructure and small business growth opportunities in support of a stronger, prosperous region. Our customized infrastructure solutions include strategy development, administration and grant application scanning, in addition to the following:

- **Resilient housing** and infrastructure construction management and oversight services
- **Code enforcement** services that support housing preservation and enhance community quality of life
- **Strategic planning** events for community development and collaboration

Regional Economic Development

Centralina CED staffs and manages the **Centralina Economic Development District (EDD)**, a public-



private entity designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to support local communities by leveraging grant applications and collaborating on regionally driven strategic plans. We recently updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), known as [Prosperity for All CEDs 2023 – 2028](#), to improve the economic mobility, inclusivity and resilience of our nine-county region through the lens of collaboration, innovation and prosperity.

Grant Support

State Grants



- N. C. Department of Environmental Quality infrastructure grants, water/sewer improvements and asset inventory grants
- N.C. Department of Commerce economic and downtown redevelopment, housing revitalization and infrastructure upgrades
- Community Development Block Grant – [Neighborhood Revitalization](#)



Federal Grants

- U.S. EDA public works, economic resilience and higher education
- Community Development Block Grant – Entitlement

Protecting Assets From Disasters

To bolster local recovery and resiliency efforts in our region, Centralina CED services aim to bridge public safety and recovery in a variety of ways.

- Digital inclusion planning to establish equitable regional broadband access
- NCARCOG financial disaster training to prepare local officials for effectively administering public assistance funds
- The [Regional Resilience Collaborative](#), which consists of tools such as the GIS Equity and Resilience Mapping Tool and the Local Government Leaders Disaster Recovery Guide to assist in pre-disaster and post-disaster planning

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