

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Welcome FGFOA President Nicole Gasparri

Nicole brings passion, purpose, and a whole lot of public finance know-how to the role. As the Director of Strategic Management and Professional Development at the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller in Palm Beach County, she's spent more than 20 years transforming leadership culture and championing innovation in local government.

Nicole is a people-first leader. From "FGFOA Leadership" to conference stages, she uplifts others, shares knowledge, and inspires the next generation of finance professionals.



Let's give Nicole a warm welcome as she leads FGFOA into an exciting new chapter!



The FG Board of Directors invites you to IGNITE!

- * Look for opportunities to connect and collaborate
- * Challenge yourself and obtain a new Certification
- * Expand your knowledge and skill through education and certification programs
- * Focus on leadership development, mentorship and growth at all levels

The theme this year was "Networking," and there were certainly plenty of opportunities to network, and build meaningful professional relationships. Now it is time to ignite those connections and grow as finance leaders

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

As we conclude another outstanding Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) Annual Conference, we reflect on the incredible experiences shared, the invaluable knowledge gained, and the lasting connections forged.

This year's event brought together finance professionals from across the state, offering a dynamic platform for networking, education, information, and leadership. Attendees engaged in thought-provoking sessions led by industry experts, exploring best practices, regulatory updates, and strategies to enhance financial stewardship in public service. We also learned about the "negative table" and the courage to connect.

From interactive workshops to informal meetups, networking opportunities flourished. The conference provided an invaluable space for professionals to share experiences, celebrate achievements, and strengthen their commitment to excellence.

Thank you to our keynote speakers, breakout session speakers, sponsors, moderators, attendees, and FGFOA staff. Your passion drives FGFOA's success

and the advancement of government finance in Florida.



[CLICK HERE to view the 2025 Annual Conference Recap Video](#)

2025 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The **Lifetime Achievement Award** honors a government finance professional who has made a significant, lasting contribution to the citizens of Florida through dedicated service at the local level, and who has supported FGFOA's mission to elevate the profession.

This year, we celebrate **Diane Reichard, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Plant City**, for her decades of leadership, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to public finance excellence.

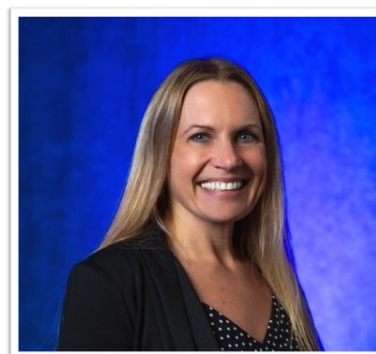
See all past honorees: [Lifetime Achievement Award Winners](#)

2025 CGFO OF THE YEAR

The FGFOA **Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO)** designation recognizes the advanced skills and knowledge required of professionals working in Florida's public financial management sector.

Each year, FGFOA honors the individual who achieved the **highest score** on the CGFO Exam. We are proud to announce that the **2025 CGFO of the Year** is **Danielle Frazier, CGFO**, Fiscal Services Division Manager with **Manatee County**.

Learn more about the CGFO Program: [CGFO Program Overview](#)



POLICY & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The **Technical & Legislative Resources Committee** is hard at work analyzing the outcomes of Florida's 2025 legislative session. This dedicated group reviews

legislative changes, technical guidance, and regulatory updates to keep FGFOA members informed and prepared.

The committee is currently finalizing the **2025 Legislative Summary**, which will provide practical insights into new laws and fiscal policy updates that affect local governments across the state. Keep an eye out for the full summary in the coming weeks.

□ **Key Provision to Watch – Section 124 of SB 2502**

[Read Full Bill Text – flsenate.gov \[flsenate.gov\]](#)

Effective July 1, 2025, **Section 124** authorizes the Governor's **Office of Policy and Budget (OPB)** to conduct in-depth reviews of local government operations for fiscal years ending **September 30, 2024, and 2025**. The review applies to all local government entities that received state funding.

What They'll Be Looking At:

- Use of resources for **diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)** initiatives inconsistent with state law
- Potential **gross overspending, fraud, waste, or abuse**
- **Duplicative or redundant government functions**

The OPB is authorized to access personnel, physical premises, financial systems, and a wide range of documentation, including:

- Annual audits, budgets, financial statements, and millage reports
- Grant agreements and contracts
- Employee training materials and organizational policies

⚠ **Penalty for Noncompliance**

Local governments that fail to comply with OPB requests **within 7 business days** may be subject to a **fine of \$1,000 per day**. These fines:

- Are assessed **against the local government** (not individuals)
- Require approval by a **three-fourths vote of the Administration Commission**
- Are deposited into the **General Revenue Fund**

□ **What's Next?**

OPB is required to submit an initial report to the **Governor, CFO, Senate President, and House Speaker by January 13, 2026**. The report will:

- Identify reviewed entities
- Summarize findings of DEI inconsistencies or mismanagement
- Recommend governance improvements and efficiencies

□ **Stay Informed**

Section 124 represents a significant shift in state oversight and may impact local governments' fiscal and administrative practices. The Technical & Legislative Resources Committee is committed to supporting members by providing timely updates, guidance, and best practices.

Be sure to read the upcoming **2025 Legislative Summary** and visit [FGFOA.org](https://fgfoa.org) for the latest information and resources.

COMMITTEE CORNER: GET INVOLVED - JOIN A COMMITTEE

Are you looking for a meaningful way to contribute to FGFOA while expanding your professional network and enhancing your leadership skills? Serving on a committee is one of the best ways to do just that.

Why Join a Committee?

- Contribute to the advancement of the profession
- Help shape FGFOA programming and initiatives
- Connect with peers and build lasting relationships
- Gain experience and visibility

Applications are accepted year-round. Most meetings are held virtually. Check out our FAQ and committee descriptions on our website.

Apply Today: [FGFOA Committee Information & Application](#)

Make your voice heard. Be part of the momentum. **Join an FGFOA committee today!**

Looking to take your government finance career to the next level? Whether you're

an emerging professional seeking guidance or a seasoned finance leader ready to give back, FGFOA's Mentor/Mentee Program offers a powerful platform to advance your professional path.

Why Participate?

- Mentees gain career insight, practical advice, and encouragement.
- Mentors give back to the profession, enhance leadership skills, and inspire the next generation.
- Both benefit from shared experiences and broadened perspectives.

Learn more and apply for the [Mentor/Mentee Program](#) today.

LOCAL CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

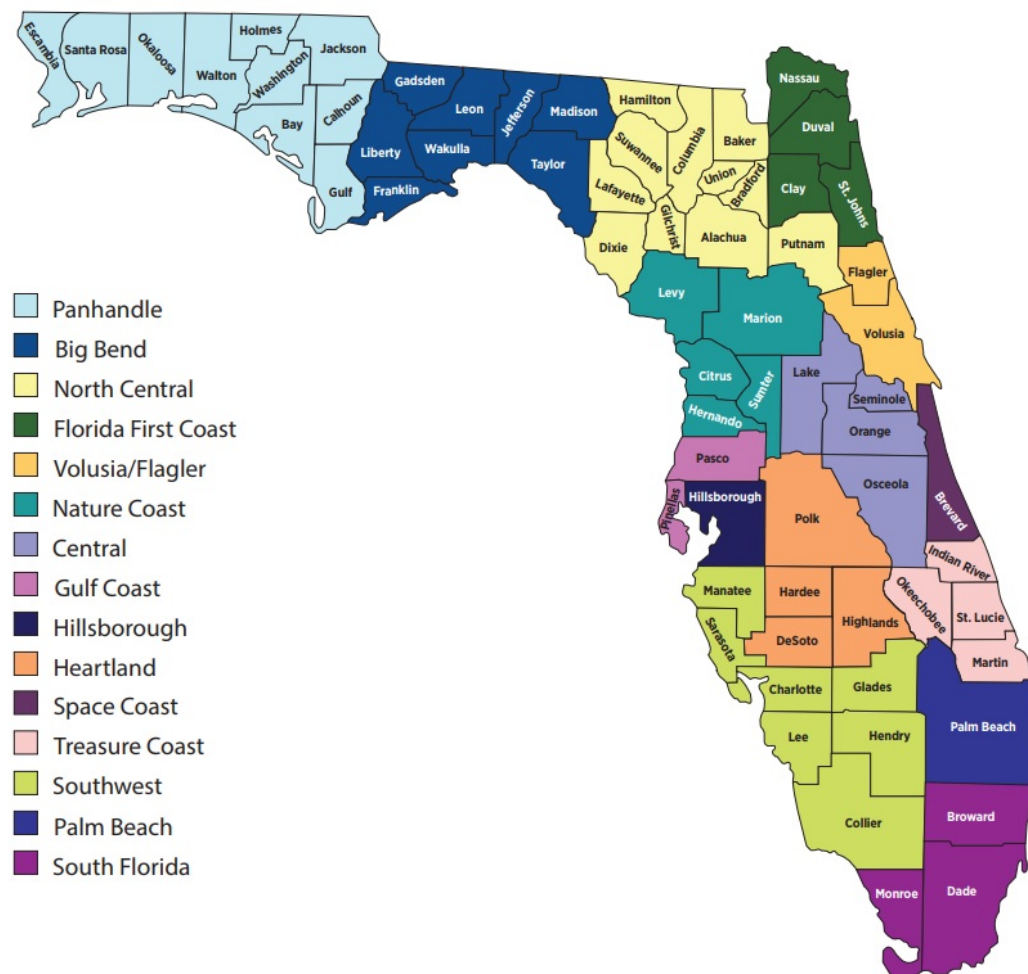
Effective July 1, 2025, FGFOA no longer requires members to join a local chapter, but we strongly encourage it! Our chapters are active, growing, and offer valuable opportunities to network, learn, and lead right in your own community.

All **15 local chapters** host events throughout the year, including luncheons, speaker series, socials, and professional development workshops. Being involved at the local level strengthens your connection to the FGFOA community and enhances your overall membership experience.

Explore FGFOA's Local Chapters and Find Yours: [FGFOA Local Chapters Page](#)

See Upcoming Events Near You: [Local Chapter Event Calendar](#)

Whether you're new to FGFOA or a long-time member, there's always a seat for you at the local table. Get involved today!



MONTHLY EVENTS PREVIEW

Stay up to date with what's happening across FGFOA! The [Upcoming Webinar Schedule](#) can be found on our website.

JOB BOARD

Looking for a new opportunity or have a position to fill? FGFOA's [Job Board](#) features the latest openings in government finance across Florida.

Featured postings for July. Click [here](#) for all Job Postings.

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