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A Message from
Your FGFOA
President
Nicole Gasparri

SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP

Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Burns

If you have met Melissa Burns, you know her passion for government finance runs deep. As Finance Director for the City of St. Augustine, she has spent more than 20 years driving efficiency, saving money, and mentoring the next generation of finance professionals.

For Melissa, FGFOA has been a game changer. "It has given me the tools to succeed, the CGFO designation, and opportunities to grow personally through committees and board service," she says. Early in her career, she was told she was not smart enough to understand GASB 34. "Thanks to FGFOA, I proved them wrong!"

These days, one of her favorite roles is serving as a mentor in the Mentor/Mentee Program. "I love helping others in their journey and seeing them achieve what they are looking for."



[Click Here to Learn More About Melissa Burns](#)

2026 FGFOA Leadership Program

Carlisha shares her inspiring journey through the FGFOA Leadership Program and the impact it has had on her growth.



2026 FGFOA Leadership Applications Are Now Open!

Applications for **FGFOA Leadership 2026** open **September 8, 2025**. This immersive, five-day program is designed to elevate your leadership skills, expand your professional network, and prepare you to lead in Florida's government finance community. Stay tuned for application opening dates and details on how you can be part of this select class of 20 leaders.

Program Dates: April 13–17, 2026

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando

Member Cost: \$1,495 (subsidized from \$3,000)

Application Deadline: January 9, 2026

[CLICK HERE for more information about the FGFOA Leadership Program!](#)

[Submit Your Leadership Application Here](#)

Registration is Now Open for the FGFOA 2025 School of Governmental Finance!!



Don't miss this premier event October 27th - 31st! Whether you're new to government finance or a seasoned professional, the School of Governmental Finance offers a wide range of sessions tailored to all experience levels.

Here's a sneak peak of what's in store....Cybersecurity, The Pursuit of Efficiency in the Era of DOGE, Leading the Difficult Employee, A Shallow Dive into Municipal Bonds and much more!!

School of Governmental Finance Information/Registration

NEW FEATURE ALERT FGFOA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The FGFOA is excited to announce a new feature designed to celebrate the incredible individuals who make up our membership -- **the FGFOA Member Spotlight!**

[Submit a Nomination Here](#)

Each month, we'll shine a light on one of our outstanding members whose dedication, leadership, and contributions help shape the future of government finance in Florida. From seasoned professionals to rising stars, the Member Spotlight will showcase the diverse talent, stories, and impact of our community.

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond? A mentor, colleague, or chapter leader who deserves to be recognized?

Nominate them for the FGFOA Member Spotlight! It only takes a few minutes, and your nomination could help highlight the inspiring work of a fellow member.

FGFOA at the FLC Annual Conference



FGFOA President Nicole Gasparri, along with board members Missy Licourt, Sharon Almeida, and Allison Teslia, proudly represented our organization at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Orlando on August 14–15.

During the event, they connected with elected officials and city managers to share how FGFOA supports Finance professionals across Florida. Key programs such as our Leadership Program, Boot

Camp, and annual Conferences were spotlighted, along with the wealth of resources available on our website.

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase FGFOA's commitment to professional development and strengthen relationships within the municipal community.

Second Call for Sessions

Help Shape the Future of the FGFOA Conference!



The Conference Program Committee is actively developing next year's conference program, and your insights can make a lasting impact.

Have a compelling topic or know an engaging speaker? Submit your ideas using the [Call for Session Topics](#) link and contribute to a dynamic, relevant program that resonates with attendees.

Let's create an unforgettable experience – starting with your contribution!! !

MONTHLY EVENTS PREVIEW

FGFOA Webinar Series: September Date Change

Please note that the Understanding Financial Statements webinar originally scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025 has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 25, 2025. If you've already registered, there's no need to re-register -- your spot is confirmed!

[CLICK HERE to Register](#)

Reminder!

Local Government Financial Reporting – Due October 15, 2025

The *Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)* reminds county and municipal budget officers of the annual reporting requirement under **Sections 129.03 and 166.241, F.S.** Reports

must be submitted by **October 15, 2025**.

Forms & instructions: [EDR Reporting Instructions](#)

2024 Data & Metrics: [EDR Local Government Reports](#)

Note: Applies to counties and municipalities only; school districts and independent special districts are exempt.

Update Regarding Treasury SLFRF Recipient Portal

The U.S. Treasury requires all SLFRF recipients to submit Project & Expenditure (P&E) Reports. Nearly 1,300 annual reporters missed the April 30, 2025 deadline to report obligations made by December 31, 2024, and received notices of noncompliance. The U.S. Treasury will now reopen the portal for those listed as “*Administratively Closed*”, providing a limited window to submit reports. Recipients who fail to comply risk recoupment of funds. Questions can be directed to SLFRF@treasury.gov.

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