



FGFOA LEADERSHIP 2027

April 12-16, 2027

Florida League of Cities, Orlando

**Application Deadline:
January 29, 2027**



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135 E Colonial Drive | Orlando, FL

In our continuing effort to support and enhance the capabilities of Florida's finance officers, the **Florida Government Finance Officers Association, Inc. (FGFOA)** is pleased to announce the opening of registration for FGFOA Leadership 2027. This program is part of a series of leadership-directed programs introduced by the FGFOA, including pre-seminar sessions at the Annual Conference and the establishment of a Dynamic Leadership Reception.

The FGFOA Leadership 2027 program will focus on you, your team, your organization, and your interaction with the broader governmental environment. This focus will allow for a robust, rewarding, and career-changing week for Florida's current and future financial leaders.

The 20 individuals chosen for this FGFOA Leadership 2027 class will make an impact on their organizations, the FGFOA, and the financial leadership of Florida.

**SUBSIDIZED
REGISTRATION
FEE!**

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PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Who:

FGFOA Leadership 2027 is geared toward both current and emerging leaders. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants chosen from all the applications received.

What:

FGFOA Leadership 2027 is an immersive five-day program designed to shape Florida's current and future financial leaders. Through intensive training in leadership development, management, communication, workplace compliance, and more, participants will gain skills to elevate themselves, their teams, and their organizations. Led by top-tier academic and professional trainers, the experience is enriched with after-hour networking, meetings with local government officials, and real-world perspectives on the broader governmental environment. With competitive selection and a rigorous curriculum, Leadership 2027 promises to be a transformative, career-defining opportunity for those ready to lead the future of Florida's public finance.

When:

FGFOA Leadership 2027 is being held April 12-16, 2027. Applications must be received via email by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2027. Participant selection will be announced on Friday, February 12, 2027.

Where:

FGFOA Leadership 2027 will be held in Orlando. Lodging will be provided at the Courtyard Marriott Orlando Downtown. Daily sessions will be held at the FLC Office.

How:

The FGFOA Board is bringing in high-level academic and professional teachers and trainers to provide a robust training opportunity, supplemented with after-hour events and meetings with local government officials and others. The selection process is competitive and the program is rigorous.

Why:

The FGFOA Board recognizes the need to continue to develop leaders, both for its member agencies and for the FGFOA. The FGFOA Leadership 2027 class will be a career-changing event for participants and a significant enhancement to financial leadership talent in the state.

What do the costs include?

The registration fee for the program is \$3,000; however, the FGFOA is subsidizing the fee. **The COST TO MEMBERS IS ONLY \$1,495!** This fee covers all costs (training, materials, personality profile, lodging, food, etc.). Transportation and parking is the responsibility of the attendees.

BEFORE THE PROGRAM BEGINS MARCH 2027

Approximately one month before the program begins, participants will be required to complete a personal DISC profile. This personality profile will be reviewed in advance of the program by the instructor and will be one of the initial topics of discussion when the program starts on Monday, April 12, 2027.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**PROGRAM IS TENTATIVE –
SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2027

Participants arrive in Orlando. Lodging for five nights (Sunday through Thursday) is covered by the registration fee. Participants are required to lodge in the program hotel. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner with the group will be provided.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2027

Day One – Setting the Foundation

A case for growth, progress, and leadership. This day starts by focusing on the future as a driver for the present. The group will be led through a series of interactive activities and small group discussions to explore their growth mindset; this session is designed to allow participants to identify their strengths, adaptability, and leadership in the midst of the ever-changing environment.

Teacher: *Past President Nicole Gasparri, Director of Strategic Management and Professional Development, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, Palm Beach County*

After class has finished for the day, the participants will convene for dinner (meals are included in the registration fee).

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2027

Day Two – It's About You

Day two begins in the morning with a discussion of successful leadership and a comparison of management versus leadership, followed by a discussion on leadership and communication. After lunch, the DISC profiles will be reviewed. The day will end with a discussion on perfect listening and communication skills.

Teacher: *Miriam (Mimi) B. Hull, Ph.D., President of Hull & Associates*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2027

Day Three – About Your Team

On the third day, Dr. Hull will cover a variety of leadership topics, including relationship and team building, handling stressful situations, coaching and mentoring, the price of being a good leader (work/life balance), and personal goal setting.

Teacher: *Miriam (Mimi) B. Hull, Ph.D., President of Hull & Associates*

Participants will have an open night for dinner (gift cards will be provided to cover your meal and are included in your registration fee).

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2027

Day Four – About Your Organization

Participants will have discussions on ethics and integrity (personal leadership and establishing a culture of ethics), followed by training on conducting effective meetings and facilitation skills. The day will close with a discussion on labor law.

Teacher: *J. Lenora Bresler, J.D., Bresler Training, LLC (labor law)*

On the last night of the program, participants will convene to share dinner (meals are included in the registration fee) with the FGFOA Board of Directors at an off-site location.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2027

Day Five – About the Broader Environment

Participants will learn about media relations, presentation and public speaking skills (including limited microphone interview simulations), along with crisis and conflict resolution skills.

Teacher: *J. Lenora Bresler, J.D., Bresler Training, LLC*

After the day's sessions have been completed, there will be a closing ceremony and luncheon. FGFOA Past President Nicole Gasparri and the FGFOA Board will present the participants with a certificate of completion and their award.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the cost?** The registration fee is \$3,000; however, with the FGFOA subsidizing the fee, the cost to members is \$1,495.
- 2. What do the costs include?** The registration fee covers all costs (training, materials, personality profile, lodging, food, etc.) other than parking and transportation to and from the host hotel.
- 3. Does the program qualify for CPE?** Some aspects of the program will be eligible for CPE hours. Currently, the coursework will qualify for approximately 34 hours of behavioral (BEH) and 2 hours of technical business (TB) continuing education.
- 4. Why is lodging mandatory?** Lodging is mandatory to encourage attendees to participate in scheduled after-hours events. The FGFOA Board and Committee Chairs have designed the program to allow participants to completely focus on the training.

