



CENTRAL PINES
REGIONAL COUNCIL

YEAR IN REVIEW

2023-2024

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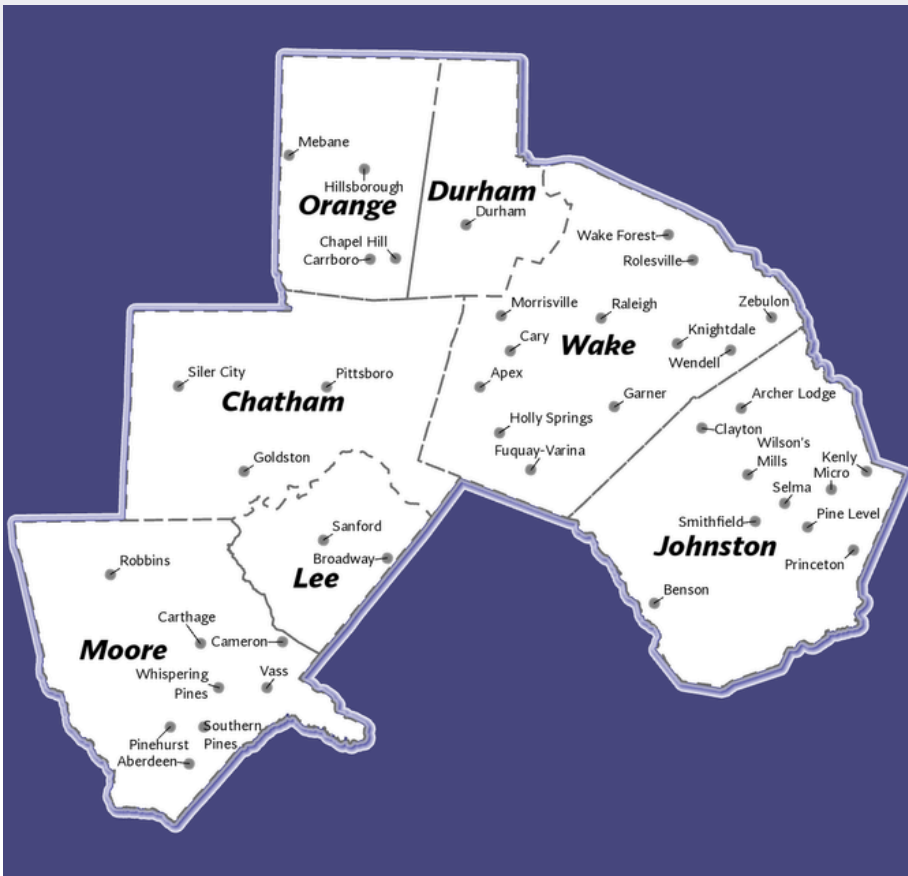
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ABOUT



For more than five decades, Central Pines Regional Council has been educating and empowering local governments through direct assistance, regional planning, and technical expertise. As a resource and support hub for local governments, community members, and partners across Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, and Wake counties, we believe that our region thrives when we come together with a common vision and plan for the future. Our work fosters constructive conversations and drives long-term change in our community to ensure our region is thriving, equitable, connected and resilient.

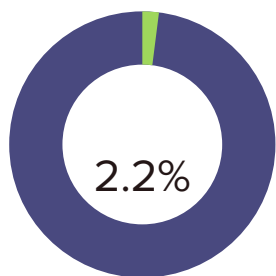


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Local Governments

40
Municipalities

7
Counties

MEMBER INVESTMENT



Member investment, also known as member annual dues, represents a small percentage (2.2%) of the CPRC budget but is the most critical funding component.



Every \$1 of member investment leverages an additional \$44.07 in funding from federal, state, private, and programmatic sources.

Member investment supports 3 primary areas:



Required local matching funds for projects



Rebuild Fund Balance



Pays a portion of salaries for a significant # of staff

MEMBER BENEFITS

Service/Program	No-Cost Member Benefits	Low-Cost Technical Assistance	Annual-Cost Member Programs
Long-Term Care Facility Ombudsman for County-wide Advocacy	X		
Administration of Home & Community Care Block Grant	X		
Seat on CPRC Governing Board (1 Delegate, 1 Alternate)	X		
Information gathering and shared learning	X		
Federal and state grant updates	X		
Data collection and analysis	X		
On-call CPRC staff expertise	X		
Webinars & in-person events	X		
Peer groups/collaboratives (i.e. Regional Assistant Managers Group, HR Directors Group)	X		
News & alerts (i.e. The Pine Needler)	X		
One-off grant writing and administration		X	
GIS mapping and/or management		X	
Land use and/or zoning enforcement		X	
Direct staffing (i.e. finance staff, planning staff, administrative staff)		X	
Human resource assistance (pay & classification studies, data collection, joint projects, organizational assessments)		X	
Board or project facilitation		X	
Strategic planning		X	
Grant Assistance Program			X
Clean Water Education Partnership			X
Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium			X
Triangle Region Solid Waste Consortium			X
Triangle Water Supply Partnership			X
Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Project			X

DIRECT MEMBER ASSISTANCE

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Requests for technical assistance, resources/data, meeting & event space, and staffing support made by local governments in 2023-2024.

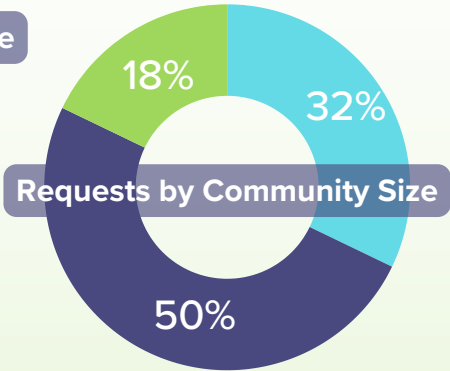
Provided grant management and writing services through the annual Grant Assistance program to:

- City of Durham
- Durham County
- Town of Chapel Hill
- Orange County
- Town of Pittsboro
- Town of Siler City
- Chatham County
- City of Sanford
- Town of Vass
- Town of Carthage
- Town of Goldston
- Town of Cameron
- Town of Fuquay-Varina
- Town of Morrisville
- Town of Apex
- Town of Rolesville
- Town of Wilson's Mills
- Town of Princeton

Technical Assistance

Finance staff; planning staff; clerk support; council retreat facilitation; water/sewer planning facilitation; strategic plan assistance; ARPA grant assistance; grant writing & management; guidance on various topics

- Small-sized communities (>5k)
- Medium-sized communities (5k-40k)
- Large-sized communities (40k+)



Grant Assistance

60%
Application Success Rate

45
Awarded Grant Applications

34
Submitted Applications in Review

\$33.5M
Awarded in funded projects

SUCCESS STORIES



These are just a few of the success stories and testimonials from programs and services provided by Central Pines Regional Council over the past year.

Aging & Human Services

Central Pines Area Agency on Aging partnered with AARP North Carolina to host events aimed at promoting age-friendly communities.

The ALIVE event in May 2024 brought together over 60 stakeholders to learn about successful initiatives and collaboration to improve livability for our region's older adults. Following the event, the Town of Wake Forest quickly achieved AARP's Age-Friendly designation, highlighting the effectiveness of the collaboration.



Community & Economic Development

CPRC, in partnership with Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments and Kerr-Tar Council of Governments, completed a two-year regional planning and engagement process titled Tri-COG Food Ecosystem Economic Development Strategy (Tri-COG FEEDS).

The process identified infrastructure needed to shorten food supply chains, drive economic development, enhance resilient practices, foster equity, and increase rural-urban connectivity across 17 counties. This analysis is designed to inform food systems infrastructure policy decisions made by local government officials and will guide the three COGs as we embark on implementation.



Environment & Resilience

"The CPRC team has been instrumental in helping our community increase the number of rooftop solar installations over the last two years. Were it not for CPRC's role in finding experienced and trusted private partners to manage the program (Solar Crowdsolve) and perform the installations (Yes, Solar Solutions), we would not have seen such an increase in rooftop solar within Chapel Hill."

-John Richardson, Community Sustainability Manager, Town of Chapel Hill



Solarize the Triangle Installation

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Housing

CPRC spent the year partnering with the Town of Cary to meet and exceed the standards and compliance guidelines established for their Community Development Block Grant funding.

Following a 100% transition in Cary's housing team, Town staff took advantage of CPRC technical assistance and resources to improve their administration of federal and local funding. This included overhauling policies and procedures and distributing a record amount of housing funding for the year.



Chatham County Courthouse, located in Pittsboro

Transportation & Mobility

The Safe Routes to School program promotes walking and biking opportunities for K-12 students across our region by equipping them with the necessary safety skills and resources.

CPRC works with school administrators, public health professionals, local advocacy organizations, and community leaders to expand programming options such as bike safety rodeos, school-wide walking challenges, and distracted driving training.

This year alone, the program reached nearly 1,500 students across three schools, two driver education programs, and three summer camps across five counties.

Member Support & Strategy

"CPRC was an invaluable partner as we theorized, created, and implemented our first strategic plan. A town of our size is limited in staff and resources, so leaning on partners like CPRC for projects like these makes us more effective and efficient and helps us focus our efforts on serving our community."

-Colby Sawyer, PIO & Emergency Management Coordinator, Town of Pittsboro



Safe Routes to School Participant

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DCHC MPO

Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) joined forces with CPRC in May 2023. DCHC will remain policy independent and report to the DCHC Policy Board, since there are two MPOs in the region, and CPRC serves both MPOs in other ways.

"Our strengthened alignment will benefit residents and travelers across the Western Triangle and beyond. We look forward to providing the world-class transportation planning, safety, and innovation our world-class region deserves."

-Doug Plachcinski, DCHC MPO Executive Director



Facilitation Services

Central Pines Regional Council was asked to provide an unbiased facilitation role for the potential creation of a Johnston County Water and Sewer Authority. This included background research, growth data from transportation studies, and presentations to each community's respective town councils.

Study group members included Archer Lodge, Benson, Clayton, Four Oaks, Johnston County, Kenly, Micro, Pine Level, Princeton, Selma, Smithfield, and Wilson's Mills. The group met monthly to learn about other water and sewer authority structures and discuss how to move forward in Johnston County.

