

HONORING THE FUTURE

The University of Virginia
Virginia Institute of Government

“Guided by these four values—access, collaboration, communities, and impact—the Cooper Center is reimagining what public service means, how the work is carried out, and who is included in the conversation. Through our research, leadership development programs, and local government engagement initiatives, we continue to work toward our vision of good governance, equity, and resilience in every Virginia community.”

WELDON COOPER CENTER 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Cooper Center is reimagining public service for the 21st century. In accordance with this goal, the Virginia Institute of Government, a unit within the Cooper Center, is dedicated to building governance capacity in the commonwealth by delivering practitioner-oriented leadership development to employees at all levels of local government. With an ever-expanding roster of programs and services, we deliver customized instruction designed to meet the professional development needs of government employees, including frontline workers, senior administrative officers, and the elected body. In addition, we provide consulting services to localities and municipalities on creating best practices in navigating government policies and legislation.

BUILDING BETTER GOVERNMENT

Established in 1994 by the Virginia General Assembly to provide leadership development, technical assistance, and information resources to its member local governments, VIG today is the definitive resource for governments seeking to build dynamic leaders at all levels of their enterprise. With tailored, scalable services, we offer leadership development for single localities, several areas within a particular region, or on a statewide basis. The result? Stronger government and happier, more equitable communities throughout Virginia.



VIG IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT IN EVERY COUNTY, CITY, AND TOWN IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

OUR SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Leadership Programs

LEAD

An intensive one-week course for public leaders who wish to adopt a proactive approach in how they strive to change and improve their organizations.

Senior Executive Institute

An intensive two-week course led by accomplished community directors and government organizers designed to train leaders who will confidently direct their organizations.

Certifications

Treasurers & Commissioners Certification

A certification program designed to advance the professionalism of local government staff who serve in treasurer and commissioner positions.

Policy, Legislative, and Team-Building Services

Customized Programs

Tailored classes and seminars designed to meet the professional development needs of government employees at every level. Past topics have included performance management, goal setting, mentoring, and more.

General Interest Courses

A variety of full- and half-day courses addressing topics such as decision-making, facilitation skills, leadership style, effective presenting, and more.

Government Academies

Classes offered in partnership with local community colleges. VIG's role varies from providing general advice, to recommending practitioners, to developing curricula.

YOUR SUPPORT

The Virginia Institute of Government is critical to building governance capacity in the commonwealth. Gifts to support our programs will help to ensure that governments of every size operate at peak performance, serving constituents efficiently and resulting in thriving communities.

Your support is essential to further our efforts to shape informed and innovative civic leaders, fulfilling our shared vision of making Virginia a national model for good governance.

To learn more, please visit vig.coopercenter.org.

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