

The Local Government Working Group met on March 18, 2026.

Topics discussed:

- Updates on the Academy's Celebrating the American Public Servant campaign. The Academy is holding an event at the Library of Congress on June 22. More information: <https://napawash.org/caps>
- Discussed updates on the Local Gov 250 initiative. The 250 Government Champions were announced last week and will be honored at an event in Philadelphia on May 12-13.
 - Listing of 250 Government Champions: <https://www.localgov250.org/champions>
 - More information on Philadelphia event: <https://napawash.org/event/250-champions-of-public-service-celebration>
- Discussion and feedback on planning for a virtual symposium on trust in local government on Thursday, May 7. The symposium is being co-sponsored by many of our local government association partners including NLC, NACo, ICMA, GFOA, APWA, NRPA, PSHRA and IEDC.
 - More information and sign up for the symposium: <https://napawash.org/events/upcoming-symposium-trust-in-local-government>
- Discussion about activities of the Working Group and Intergovernmental Systems Standing Panel on fiscal health and sustainability, citizen-engaged government, and state government preemption. Fiscal health and sustainability work is being done by the Intergovernmental Systems Standing Panel, a webinar is being planned on citizen-engaged government, and there was a lot of discussion of doing more work on state government preemption issues. The Working Group will regroup on the preemption project and bring in ICMA and GFOA to work more closely on it.
- Report on efforts to recruit local government Academy Fellow for the 2026 class.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be on Thursday, July 9, at 2 PM ET. Included in the meeting agenda will be a report on a convening of local government association executive directors and board chairs to be held in June.