



## Municipal Finance Authority of BC

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### Expanding the Sustaining Education Alliance in support of BC Local Government Education

The [Municipal Finance Authority of BC \(MFA\)](#) is pleased to announce our second partner in our **Sustaining Education Alliance (SEA)** – the [Government Finance Officers Association of British Columbia \(GFOABC\)](#). Established in 1989, the GFOABC represents local government finance professionals across BC with a membership comprising of over 1000 members representing 160 Municipalities and 28 Regional Districts. GFOABC’s mission is to promote excellence in local government through the support and development of our members and to be the leading source for knowledge sharing that empowers BC local government financial excellence.

In June 2024, we launched the **Sustaining Education Alliance (SEA)**. This significant funding initiative was created to ensure the sustainable delivery of, and ongoing access to meaningful educational opportunities for local government leaders in British Columbia. To achieve these goals, the MFA will work collaboratively with the key providers of training and conference events in the province by sharing significant funding to augment their training and events.

The MFA has been a proud sponsor of GFOABC since it was founded, including the annual conference, Strategic Financial Leadership program, Investing and Financing Forum webinars, and the longstanding ‘Boot Camp’ – GFOABC’s signature finance officer training program. This Alliance recognizes and expands the longstanding relationship between the GFOABC and the MFA and demonstrates our shared commitment to the provision of professional development opportunities for local government professionals.

Support for finance-related education is an important component of MFA’s mandate. We believe that being directly involved in ongoing professional development of leaders and finance staff within the local government space allows us to contribute to better practices and reduce risks while helping us improve our service offerings and better serve our members. MFA has contributed close \$2 million in support of local government training activities over the last decade.