Our Mission

The Center for State and Local Finance (CSLF) mission is to develop the people and ideas for next generation public finance.

Key Initiatives

- Providing executive education programs in public finance to prepare the next generation of CFOs in state and local finance
- Building technical assistance capacity in next generation technologies for the public sector that include the use of “big data” and improved analytics to better inform policymakers and to better target solutions to public sector problems
- Supporting scholarship on critical challenges in state and local fiscal and economic policy
- Building a strong capacity to translate and communicate academic research for the practitioner audience

Innovative Policy Research

- Tax Policy and Reform
- Budget and Financial Management
- Education Finance
- Economic Development and Urban Policy

Premier Executive Education

- Certificate in Public Financial Management
- Three- and four-day courses
- World-class faculty, leading practitioners
- Hones strategic thinking and analytic skills

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Technical Assistance

Fiscal and Economic Impact Studies
CSLF faculty and staff perform economic and budgetary impact studies to help state and local governments and development agencies assess the fiscal impact of future, past, and present projects. Our economic impact modeling analysts use various software including IMPLAN, REMI, and LOCI.

Our projects include:
- Fiscal impact studies of major economic development projects
- Impact of federal, state, and local budget changes
- Dynamic effects of tax changes, policy changes, and economic development projects

Tax Policy and Reform
CSLF and Fiscal Research Center faculty and staff provide advisement, analysis, and impact studies on state, local, and national tax policy.

Our projects include:
- Advisement and technical assistance to tax reform commissions
- Presentations on the impacts of tax reform
- Fiscal impact analysis of tax bills
- Advisement and analysis for international governments (through International Center for Public Policy)

Revenue Forecasting
CSLF faculty and staff forecast revenues for cities, counties, and states.

Our projects include:
- Local sales and tax forecasts (LOST, SPLOST, ESPLOST)
- Property tax forecasts
- Motor vehicle title ad valorem tax

City Feasibility Studies
CSLF staff regularly perform city feasibility studies for areas looking to incorporate. The Andrew Young School is one of two schools authorized by the Georgia General Assembly to conduct these feasibility studies.

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