

## Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) Program Announcement

The AGA is the **premier association** that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers. AGA is made up of more than **14,000** members, including senior executives, mid-level managers, entry-level employees, elected officials, professors and students.

The **Boston Chapter** of the AGA is pleased to announce the opportunity for financial professionals to network and participate in its upcoming CGFM Program. This virtual program offers robust training courses to help prepare individuals to become a Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®). **CGFM®** is a **nationally recognized professional certification** awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.



*Since 1994, nearly 20,000 government financial professionals have expanded their career opportunities and distinguished themselves from their peers by earning the CGFM designation.*

*Now, it's your turn.*

Start today at [www.agacqfm.org/cqfm](http://www.agacqfm.org/cqfm)

### RSVP for the CGFM Program

The upcoming Boston Chapter CGFM Program is expected to be completed within 5 months. The current virtual course schedule as seen in the table below, may be subject to change. The Boston AGA Chapter is asking agencies to RSVP their candidates in advance so that proper planning can be done. Please respond to this email or send a list of your interested participants to [agaboston.education@gmail.com](mailto:agaboston.education@gmail.com) with **CGFM** in the email subject line. The cost of the complete program is **\$1,200 per person** and represents significant savings. The program includes all virtual instructor lead courses, continuing professional education credits, access to practice exams, course materials and the cost of the first exam.

Virtual Course and Practice Exam	Days	Hours Each Day	Total Hours	Start Date	End Date	CPE Credits
<b>Course 1</b> (start time 9 AM -1 PM EST)	2	4	8	2/27/2024	2/28/2024	8
Practice Exam Study Session 1 (optional)	1	2.25	2.25	TBD	TBD	0
<b>Course 2</b> (start time 9 AM -2 PM EST)	4	5	20	3/19/2024	3/22/2024	21
Practice Exam Study Session 2 (optional)	1	2.25	2.25	TBD	TBD	0
<b>Course 3</b> (start time 9 AM -2 PM EST)	3	5	15	5/14/2024	5/16/2024	14
Practice Exam Study Session 3 (optional)	1	2.25	2.25	TBD	TBD	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>49.75</b>			<b>43</b>

## Why should government agencies and or municipal professionals participate in this program?

- **Enhanced Credibility and Marketability** - The CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.
- **Increased Knowledge** – Get a better understanding of the big picture and increase your knowledge of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, budgeting, internal controls and performance management.
- **Robust Training** – AGA’s Boston Chapter intends on setting the standard to help professionals prepare for the 3 CGFM exams. There will be virtual instructor lead sessions to prepare for all 3 exams as well as access to each section’s practice exam. The course includes all guides (hard copy and digital) and even the cost of the first exam.
- **43 CPE credits** – For participating and completing the courses, individuals will receive continuing professional education credits. Course 1 is **8 CPEs**. Course 2 is **21 CPEs**. Course 3 is **14 CPEs**.
- **Savings and Value** – As part of this special promotional opportunity, agencies would **save \$869 (42%) per individual** for the total cost of the trainings.
- **Networking** – An excellent opportunity to get to know your peers and other professionals with a focus on government financial management.
- **Confidence** – Greater professional confidence

### How Can I Become a CGFM?

To earn your CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:



**Ethics** — read and agree to abide by AGA’s Code of Ethics



**Examinations** — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations



**Education** — have a bachelor’s degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university



**Experience** — have at least two years of professional-level experience in U.S. government financial management

### What Are the Three Examinations?

- 1 Governmental Environment
- 2 Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- 3 Governmental Financial Management and Control

Learn more at [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/process](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/process)

### Interested in joining the AGA?

The AGA offers training, CPE opportunities and other networking events to keep up with best practices in government beyond the CGFM Program. If you are interested in joining the local AGA Boston Chapter (includes full AGA National Membership) please apply [here](#).

Our members work in government financial management disciplines, including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, human resources, performance reporting, grants management, contract management, information systems and more.

AGA membership is distributed among:

- State and Local Government Members – 44%.
- Federal Government Members – 24%.
- Private-Sector Members – 19%.
- Academics, Non-Profits, Students and Retirees – 13%.