



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Dynamic executive with over 19 years of experience leading local, state, and federal government operations. Expertise in public-sector management, economic development, and governmental relations, known for building high-performing teams and advancing complex projects. Proven ability to navigate organizational change and foster community-centered solutions.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- City Administrator, City of Zillah (2022–Present): Led municipal operations, improved infrastructure, and launched community events.
- Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Grayum Consulting (2015–Present): Managed consulting projects and facilitated community and legislative engagement.
- City Administrator, City of Yelm (2016–2021): Oversaw city operations, developed financial policies, and led high-impact projects.
- Mayor, City of DuPont (2012–2015): Managed a \$23M budget, improved bond ratings, and facilitated major developments.
- Director of Public Affairs, Puget Sound Partnership (2008–2014): Led government relations and secured funding for environmental initiatives.
- Director of Government Relations, Department of Natural Resources (2005–2008): Passed legislation and improved state land management.

EDUCATION

- Master of Public Administration, University of Washington
- Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Pacific Lutheran University
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, University of Washington

MICHAEL EKLUND-GRAYUM

CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE

KEY EXPERTISE

- Leading complex public and private sector organizations
- Managing cross-functional teams and high-profile projects
- Forging regional and legislative partnerships
- Communicating complex issues to diverse audiences
- Enhancing programs and processes

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Supporting Investments in Economic Development (2024–Present)
- Serve Washington (2020–Present; Served as Vice Chair)
- Wear blue: run to remember (2018–Present; Served as Board Chair)
- Various other roles in community and economic development boards