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2017 League Conference Sept. 16-18 Wichita



MTIs @ Conference in Wichita 2-5 p.m.

Three Municipal Training Institute courses will be offered as separate pre-conference workshops on Saturday. Each course is \$100 (\$125 for non-members), refreshments and course materials are included. A more detailed description of each of the courses is [posted online](#) with the conference information.

Municipal Finance (Core)

Ethics & Civility (Core)

Nuisance Abatement (Elective)

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CONFERENCE SESSION PREVIEW: DEFINING AND IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

With unlimited requests but limited resources, cities must identify community priorities to invest their finite dollars. Join a panel discussion of city representatives that have participated in planning processes to define and implement community priorities to move their cities forward on strategic issues. The panel will be moderated by Wichita State University staff. Discuss techniques and opportunities to create consensus on community priorities to make lasting change in your city. [Register today for the conference!](#)

PRIORITIES

1. Road Maintenance
2. Public Safety
3. New Trails



EARLY BIRD RATE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENDS TODAY

TODAY is the last day to register for the annual conference without a late fee. Make sure to book your reservation for the League's Annual Conference, Sept. 16-18 in Wichita. View our [online conference registration](#).

Why should you attend conference? This is your best opportunity to converse and collaborate with local government officials at the statewide level. We bring together hundreds of elected and appointed officials each year to learn about what other cities are doing to address the challenges cities face across Kansas. The ability to network with peers and colleagues is often cited as the #1 benefit of attending the Annual Conference.

Dozens of valuable workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities await you! [Download the conference brochure](#) for a sampling of sessions and events. Cities face unprecedented challenges on many levels – financial challenges, aging infrastructure, citizen engagement, maintaining quality personnel, and the general feeling of doing more with less. That's why this year's annual conference theme of resilience is an exceedingly important skill for leaders of our organizations. This year, we've created a fantastic line-up of sessions focused on:

- Blight/abandoned housing/nuisance issues in cities;
- Alcoholic beverage licensing and regulations;
- Resources for infrastructure funding for local governments;
- Cultivating entrepreneurship in communities;
- Creating health and wellness policies and programs;
- Succession planning for elected officials and appointed officials/administration;
- How to find and use data to maximize resident satisfaction; and
- Creating policies to combat opioid and addiction issues in Kansas cities.



CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS FALL CLE

Don't miss out on this opportunity to network with other city attorneys at the City Attorneys Association of Kansas (CAAK) fall CLE. This year's fall CLE will be held on Friday, September 15, in conjunction with the League Annual Conference. Some of the topics included will be Social Media & Personnel, Liquor Law Overview/Common Consumption, along with many more including Ethics. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Wichita. Please register online at www.caak.us.



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MANDATORY USE OF NEW FORM I-9 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released a new version of the Form I-9 on July 17. Form I-9 is used for verifying the identity and employment authorization of individuals hired for employment in the United States. All U.S. employers must ensure proper completion of Form I-9 for each individual they hire for employment in the United States. This includes citizens and noncitizens.



The latest version includes minor revisions to the Instructions and the Lists of Acceptable Documents. Beginning September 18, 2017, employers may no longer use the prior version of the form revised on November 14, 2016. Employers can find a variety of documents on the [USCIS' Form I-9 website](#), including the new "smart version" that includes error-checking capabilities, the regular print version, the supplement that must be used where more than one preparer or translator assist, the Form I-9 Instructions (15 pages), and the Spanish versions of the same documents (which may be used to assist in translation, but may only be completed in Spanish in Puerto Rico). Additionally, the [M-274 Handbook for Employers, Guidance for Completing Form I-9](#) has also been updated.

Use of the latest revision, which bears the "07/17/17 N" revision date in the bottom left corner of the form, is mandatory beginning September 18, 2017 and can be used now.

APPLY NOW FOR BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE GRANT FUNDING

The Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (KCJCC) establishes the guidelines for the Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The JAG program is authorized by federal law 42 U.S.C. 3251(a). The KCJCC and the federal JAG program guidelines establish eligibility criteria that must be met by all organizations that receive JAG funds. Grant funds may be awarded to units of state and local government, Native American Tribes, and nonprofit, community, and faith-based organizations. The primary use of JAG is to support the following purpose areas: (1) law enforcement programs, (2) prosecution and court programs, (3) prevention and education programs, (4) corrections and community corrections programs, (5) drug treatment and enforcement programs, (6) planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs, and (7) crime victim and witness programs.



Grant funds must be requested within one or more of the seven purpose areas. Grant funds are available for the funding period of October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018. This grant is competitive and there is a yearly application process with no guarantee of continued funding. *This grant opportunity is subject to funding from the United States Department of Justice and may be reduced or rescinded based on guidance or interpretation of grant terms and conditions made by the federal government, including but not limited to applicants' compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373.*

In distributing grant funds, priority will be given to applications that clearly support the objectives of the 2015-2018 Kansas Statewide Strategic Plan and to local government applicants who are not eligible to apply directly to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance for JAG funding. A copy of the Strategic Plan, as well as a copy of the JAG solicitation, may be downloaded at [www.grants.ks.gov/opportunities/edward-j-byrne-memorial-justice-assistance-grant-\(jag\)](http://www.grants.ks.gov/opportunities/edward-j-byrne-memorial-justice-assistance-grant-(jag)). The solicitation is also available on the [Governor's Grant Portal](#).

All grant applications must be submitted via the Governor's Grant Portal by 11:59 p.m. October 2, 2017. To quickly locate the grant in the grant portal, use "JAG" for the keyword in your search. For more information, contact the Governor's Grants Program at (785) 291-3205.

2017 REGIONAL SUPPERS – NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

Each fall, League staff travels across the state to meet with local government officials and staff to discuss the upcoming legislative session and gather input about local issues, efforts and challenges. This year's we will visit these cities:

- October 4: Cimarron and Hays
- October 5: Colby and Derby
- October 11: Lawrence
- October 12: Coffeyville

We invite you to attend one of our Regional Suppers, in a city close to you, to meet League staff and talk with your colleagues and peers about League priorities and advocacy at the state capitol! [Sign up today!](#)