League Offering Grants to Cities for 2020 Census

As announced earlier this spring, the League of Kansas Municipalities received a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to provide education and to promote the 2020 Census. As part of the grant, the League is providing direct grants to Kansas cities to purchase social media advertising for 2020 Census outreach and education efforts through city social media platforms.

Please join us at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday August 13 for a webinar announcing the League's city social media advertising grant application process. The webinar will focus on components of the webinar as well as outline guidelines for the application process. Applications will open Monday, August 19 and will remain open until Wednesday, November 27.

Communication efforts for the 2020 Census need to be as personal or relevant to the audience as possible. Advertising through your city’s social media platforms provides opportunities for local, known, and trusted entities to communicate Census 2020 messaging and education to your city’s residents.

Sign up today online. Space is limited, and we encourage staff to watch the webinar together to allow the opportunity for participation from as many cities as possible. We look forward to sharing more information regarding the social media advertising grant program on August 13!

WANTED: Photos of Signage in the Right-of-Way

As the August primary draws near on Tuesday, August 6, the League would appreciate any photos of problematic signage in your city right-of-way. We need examples to highlight the issue in legislative testimony next session.

Send your signage examples to Deputy Director Trey Cocking at tcocking@lkm.org.

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League Releases Survey of Municipal Revenue Practices

The League is conducting its biennial Survey of Municipal Revenue Practices to better understand revenue trends across the state. This information will be compiled to help city officials make important municipal finance decisions. Cities who complete each of three parts of will receive access to all data free of charge. If you have any questions or would like to receive access to the data, contact C h a r d a e Caine.

Kansas Sampler Foundation Offering Session for Communities to Learn About Community Child Care Centers

A Child Care Dialogue will take place in Phillipsburg on August 20. Organized and facilitated by the Kansas Sampler Foundation, the purpose of the event is to give community representatives the opportunity to ask any questions they might have about starting a child care program. After a tour of the newly-opened Phillipsburg Child Care Center, there will be a discussion with those who can answer questions about licensing, staffing, building requirements, funding, meal plans, regulations, best practices, and more. To register and learn more, go to www.kansassampler.org.

There is a $30 registration fee. Registration deadline is August 13. Contact marci@kansassampler.org with questions.

Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

The Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (KCJCC) establishes the guidelines for the Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The KCJCC and the JAG program guidelines establish eligibility criteria for all organizations receiving JAG funds. Eligible applicants for JAG funding include units of state and local government; Native American Tribes; and nonprofit, community, and faith-based organizations, including underserved and culturally specific populations.

Priority will be given to applications clearly supporting the objectives of the current Kansas Statewide Strategic Plan and submitting a complete application. A copy of the Strategic Plan, as well as a copy of the JAG solicitation, may be downloaded at http://bit.ly/2KjjKfg. The solicitation is also available on the Governor’s Grant Portal at https://www.kansas.gov/grants/index.do. All grant applications must be submitted via the Governor’s Grant Portal by 11:59 p.m. September 9, 2019. To quickly locate the solicitation 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.