Rural Housing Incentive District Webinar

The Rural Housing Incentive Districts (RHID) is a program designed to aid developers to build housing within communities by assisting in the financing of public improvements. The webinar will be held on December 10 at 10 a.m. The presentation will include funding methods, steps to developing a district, state requirements and more.

The webinar is free to the first 100 participants. Sign up online at Sign up online at [http://www.lkm.org/events](http://www.lkm.org/events).

Register Now for Local Government Day

The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members, with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 22, 2020.

City officials from all across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day. In the morning, make appointments to visit with your legislators about issues that are important to your community. As you arrive in Topeka, stop by the League office, first floor, to meet with League staff for a briefing, prior to your appointments.

In the afternoon, the “If I Were Mayor” awards will be handed out, and we will be joined by fellow county officials and hear presentations from legislative leaders.

City and county officials are then invited to join us for an evening reception with legislators at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. All legislators are being invited to this event.

This event is free to attend, but please register/RSP to get an accurate headcount for refreshments. The event is held at the Maner Conference Center/Capitol Plaza Hotel located at 1717 SW Topeka Boulevard.

Quick-Start Guide to Governing

Do you have new governing body members joining you this month or next? Consider downloading our free Quick Start Guide to Governing for quick info on KOMA/KORA, effective meetings, tips for public service, and more!

Serving in an elected municipal office is an exciting, challenging, and humbling experience. No level of government offers the opportunity for more day-to-day contact with the electors. We understand the first few months in office can be an overwhelming time.

We encourage all elected officials to attend the upcoming Governing Body Institute in April where League staff will cover in-depth, important topics such as municipal finance, personnel management and the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), as well as many other crucial areas for a governing body to understand. The Governing Body Institute is also an excellent time to network with fellow mayors, councilmembers, and commissioners as we collectively work for the betterment of our state.

At the League, we’re here to help!
**KACM Honors Local Managers at Conference**

This week, the Kansas Association of City-County Managers met in Garden City for their annual conference. At their awards ceremony, Susan Sherman, Assistant City Manager for the City of Olathe was honored with the Buford Watson Excellence in Public Service Award. Congrats Susan! Well deserved! She is pictured in the center with Kathy Sexton, City Of Derby, City Manager and Cherise Tieben, City of Dodge City.

Three City Managers were honored for their many years of local government public service. Cherise Tieben with City of Dodge City, John Deardoff with City of Hutchinson, and Jay Wieland, City of Paola. Thank you for your dedication to the profession!

Ernestor De La Rosa, Assistant City Manager for the City of Dodge City was honored as this year’s Early Career Achievement award winner.

**Governor Hosting Budget Meeting**

The Governor is hosting a budget listening tour next week in Westwood. This is your opportunity to comment on the state budget and talk about priorities. We always encourage local government leaders to reach out to state representatives and administration to talk about your priorities!

The Governor wants to hear from each of you about what your priorities are for the coming year’s Kansas state budget. Following a brief presentation about the budget from Governor Kelly, attendees will be divided into groups to discuss their budget priorities.

Find out more details on the Facebook event page.