2020 League Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the 2020 Conference! The League Annual Conference will take place virtually over the course of four days. Content will be a mix of pre-recorded and live sessions, all accessible via our mobile app provider. Sessions will be available for up to one full year, post-conference. Login information will be sent to registered attendees approximately the first week of October.

Registration is $119 per person, or if you have four or more from your city ready to register at the same time, enter code $99Conference to discount each registration to $99.

Register on-line at our website.

E.A. Mosher Award Nominations - Due Soon!!

Does your city have an elected official who has demonstrated outstanding service to the city? The League is accepting nominations for the E.A. Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award for two more weeks. This award is presented at our Annual Conference to an elected city official who has shown an active commitment to strong local government and service to the League. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, August 28, 2020.

To submit a nomination or view more information, please go to our website. If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Assistant Kaitlyn Willis.
COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS SURVEY

As you know, Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) were distributed to counties last month by the Recovery Office after approval by the SPARK Committee and the State Finance Council. These were to be used first to reimburse counties, cities, and schools for COVID-19 related costs they have incurred. Secondarily, they are to be used as “direct aid” for equipment/projects which can be acquired or completed by December 30, 2020.

Counties are due to report the reimbursements they’ve made and submit a list of proposed Direct Aid to the Recovery Office by this coming Monday. The Recovery Office is then to report back to them by September 15 regarding any proposals which do not meet criteria for funding.

We are expecting questions from the media and legislators regarding reimbursements made and Direct Aid requests that are submitted. To help us, please complete this quick survey. This truly will take less than five minutes for whoever has overseen your efforts in requesting funds. Please participate by Tuesday, August 18.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES APPOINTED TO EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Kansas Supreme Court appointed Randall Pankratz and Scott Wright to the Municipal Court Judges Education Committee. The court reappointed Katherine McElhinney and Karen Torline. Their terms began July 1 and end June 30, 2023. Pankratz is municipal judge for the cities of Burns, Halstead, Hesston, and Marion. Wright is municipal judge for the cities of Beloit and Mankato. McElhinney is municipal judge for the city of Olathe. Torline is municipal judge for the cities of Edgerton, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, and Shawnee.

The committee recommends and organizes education and training programs for municipal judges and certifies municipal judges who are not lawyers. Members of the committee include municipal judges, a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration, the president and past-president of the Kansas Municipal Judges Association, and a Supreme Court justice.

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