2020 League Annual Conference Announcement

Many of you have asked in recent weeks about the status of the League Annual Conference, scheduled for October 13-16. Following consultation with the League’s Governing Body, we have made the decision to cancel the conference in Wichita as an in-person event, and instead host a virtual conference. Given the uncertainty that large gatherings will be permitted and recognizing the significant impact the virus has had on municipal budgets, the leadership believes this is the most prudent course of action to take this year.

The League will be releasing a schedule of events in the coming weeks, and opening registration approximately the first week of August. We will be updating the webpage, www.lkm.org/annualconference as more information becomes available. Our mobile app provider, Attendify, has several new features rolling out this summer to aid with the virtual experience. The event app will be accessible from your mobile device, in addition to a desktop computer this year.

Please know that we plan to make this event a very meaningful experience for our members and provide programming that is timely, substantive and inspiring. While the program outline has not been finalized, we anticipate offering several online/live sessions each day to complement pre-recorded content you may access at your leisure. Staff is working diligently on plans as we transition to virtual for this year.

We appreciate everyone’s support during this time and will have additional information released as it becomes available. We will miss seeing all of you in person in the City of Wichita, but look forward to this new opportunity to gather and learn from one another.

Feel free to reach out to League staff if you have any questions.
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**SPARK Taskforce Information**

The Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce is charged with leading Kansas forward in recovery from the far-reaching effects of COVID-19. The SPARK Executive and Steering Committees, in conjunction with the Office of Recovery team, are responsible for the statewide distribution of CARES Act funding.

The SPARK Taskforce and Office of Recovery are providing resources online, including a County FAQ, tool kit, webinars, as well as other forms and Federal Guidance regarding the distribution of CARES Act dollars. Please visit their website.

The Kansas Association of Counties is working with the Office of Recovery to hold weekly webinars. You can review the webinars and presentations online at their website.

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**KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION OPENS MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROGRAM**

Applications for Kansas Housing’s 2020 Moderate Income Housing (MIH) program are now available. Completed applications must be returned to KHRC no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020. Total funding for the 2020 MIH program is expected to be approximately $2 million.

The MIH program serves the needs of moderate-income households that don’t qualify for federal housing assistance. MIH grants and/or loans are awarded to cities and counties to develop multi-family rental units and single-family, for-purchase homes in communities with populations fewer than 60,000 people. Visit their website for more information.