Annual Conference Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the League’s Annual Conference taking place Oct 9-11 in Topeka. Register early for the best rate!

Information about the conference is available at our website, with updates coming in the weeks to follow, including final breakout session topics, schedule of events, and more.

Please read the conference FAQ page for other important information.

Additionally, the former Capitol Plaza Hotel is undergoing a change in management and is now Hotel Topeka at City Center. Online reservations will be available soon while they transition their system, but in the meantime, you can still call the hotel directly at (785) 431-7200 and mention you are with the League to secure the special rate.

American Rescue Plan Funds - Applications Necessary

In order to receive American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Relief Funds (LFRF), you MUST make application to the State of Kansas: NEU Award Request portal. Funds will be distributed to those who have completed the application and certification process, with initial payment processing beginning on July 1, 2021. For the State to fulfill the Treasury’s deadline for distributing NEU awards, all applications must be completed by July 26, 2021. Visit the League’s ARPA webpage for more resources.

Annual Conference Topic Survey

We are working to plan our 2021 Conference. Please take our quick conference topic survey to offer your ideas and suggestions!

https://www.lkm.org/surveys?id=Conference_Topics

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Office of Broadband Webinars

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development is holding two webinars on broadband infrastructure funding opportunities available through the NTIA. The Kansas Office of Broadband Director Stanley Adams will share current opportunities for internet service providers, local governments and community anchor institutions to engage in efforts to expand broadband access in Kansas available through the NTIA Funds for Broadband Infrastructure and Connecting Minority Communities (CMC). CMC's encompass Kansas communities with an eligible Minority Serving Institution (MSI) of Higher Education including: Dodge City, Kansas City, Garden City, Lawrence and Liberal. The information presented in both sessions will be the same.
- Register for Monday, July 12 at 11:30 a.m.
- Register for Wednesday, July 14 at 3:30 p.m.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Questions? Contact Melinda Stanley.

Small Town Civic Heroes Award

The nation's top 100 small town public service volunteers will again be recognized and honored for their service in the second annual Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award (STACVA) program. The nationwide program will open for nominations beginning July 15. STACVA recognizes extraordinary contributions by public service and public safety volunteers in small towns and counties with populations of 25,000 or less.

In addition to recognizing these hometown heroes, STACVA is designed to spotlight the growing decline in the availability of citizens to fill critical local government roles, such as county boards and city councils, volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and the many advisory committees that support other key local government functions.

STACVA is sponsored by CivicPlus,* and is co-sponsored by the National Association of Counties, National Volunteer Fire Council, National Association of Towns and Townships, Main Street America, and Points of Light. Find out more online.

Kansas Outdoor Recreation Plan

Help develop the Kansas outdoor recreation plan! Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA) is working with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to collect data for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). They would like to hear about your outdoor recreation usage in 2019. Please fill out this survey by July 31.

The SCORP survey results help to determine the state's outdoor recreation needs for the next five years and influences where federal and state funds for outdoor recreation is distributed. Please feel free to share the link with your Kansas friends who use outdoor recreation. OUTDOOR RECREATION refers to any form of outdoor activity pursued during your leisure time that provides personal enjoyment and satisfaction, including activities like camping, hunting, jogging, fishing, hiking, picnicking, playing outdoor sports (e.g., golf, soccer), etc. Take the survey.