League Launches Municipal Revenue Survey

The League launched the Municipal Revenue Survey last week. If you are the person who will be taking the survey for your city, and you have not received a link please reach out to Research Associate Wendi Stark and she will send you a link for your city.

We understand this is a lengthy survey and you may need to consult multiple departments, therefore we are providing you with a PDF link (click here for PDF) of the questions to assist you in collecting this key data.

Each city that completes the survey will have free access to the final report and data, which the League will provide after the survey is complete. The last time the League collected this data was in 2019. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Wendi at (785) 354-9565.

Department of Recovery Offers Webinars for ARPA

The Office of Recovery is offering webinars for local government partners to receive support and technical assistance for the planning and spending of your ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Interim Final Rule 101

Attend this repeat webinar by the Office of Recovery technical assistance advisors that introduces background on the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, allowability and eligible categories for spending, and Federal program requirements.

This is a great session for those who have recently received their Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and/or were unable to attend introductory webinars this spring. The webinar will take place Wednesday, August 4 at 11 a.m. You can register for this webinar here: Webinar Registration

Office of Recovery Q&A Sessions

Join us for an opportunity to ask the Office of Recovery questions about applying for funds, guidance from Treasury, upcoming deadlines, and other topics. These sessions will be held every Thursday at 1 p.m. You can join the session by clicking here: Join Q&A Session
League Policy Committees Now Forming

Registration is now open for the League's Policy Committee meetings. The League's Policy Committees, which are open to representation from all cities, are charged with developing policy recommendations and proposing amendments to the League’s Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP). There are three committees that are focused in specific areas: Public Officers & Employees, Utilities & Environment, and Finance & Taxation. Following the meetings of each of those committees, the Legislative Policy Committee reviews the recommendations of the three specific committees and the remainder of the SMP.

These will be hybrid meetings, so you have the option to join virtually or in person in Topeka. The deadline to register is one week before each meeting. These meetings are free to attend, and lunch will be provided.

Please click on the policy committee titles below to register or visit our website to learn more about policy committees.

- Public Officers & Employees: Tuesday, August 17
- Utilities & Environment: Thursday, August 19
- Finance & Taxation: Wednesday, August 25
- Legislative Policy: Wednesday, September 1

Contact Kaitlyn Willis if you have any questions.

STO and UPOC Manuals will start shipping out in early August.

You can order them online now.

Excellence in Local Government Award Nominations Open

Now is the time to nominate a Kansas elected city official who has demonstrated outstanding service their city AND shown an active commitment to strong local government and service to the League of Kansas Municipalities. The E.A. Mosher Award is a prestigious honor and we look forward to naming the 2021 EA Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award winner at our annual conference in October. Nominations can be done online.
Cybersecurity Survey Launched - Your Input Needed

The State of Kansas, in partnership with the National Governors Association (NGA) Policy Academy on Advancing Whole-of-State Cybersecurity, is inviting you to participate in a survey on your cybersecurity prevention and response capabilities. As part of an effort to best collaborate and coordinate resources, we need your input on capabilities and needs specific to your jurisdiction. Responses will remain confidential and anonymous.

Kansas is one of five states to participate in the NGAs efforts, where states will focus on critical issues surrounding state cybersecurity. With a focus on cybersecurity governance, Kansas is looking to identify the key roles and responsibilities of a unified statewide cybersecurity governance structure and establish a unified statewide cybersecurity strategy. This survey and NGAs information will assist the newly-created Governors Cybersecurity Task Force in creating the states strategy and encouraging collaboration amongst levels of government. Contact Jeff Maxon or John Guerriero if you have questions on the survey.

Small Town Civic Heroes Award

The nations 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.

KU CPM Emerging Leaders Academy

The KU Public Management Center’s Emerging Leaders Academy targets promising, non-supervisory/non-managerial staff in public agencies to support skills development around leadership, interpersonal communication, relationship-building, and navigating change to help these staff prepare for positions of increasing responsibility; ELA can also be a good fit for frontline supervisors who aren’t ready for our Certified Public Manager Program.

The fall session begins the last week in August and includes an online option to make participation easier for organizations outside of northeast Kansas. Online class participants will engage with the same content and instructors that comprise the in-person training. More details about the program and meeting dates can be found on their website.

Reach out to Noel Rasor, Assistant Director of the PMC, with any questions.