GRASSROOTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 201 - DEADLINE APPROACHING

Only 2 days left to register for Grassroots Economic Development 201 at the Early Bird rate of $15/attendee!

The Office of Rural Prosperity will be offering Grassroots Economic Development 201 as a continuation of their intro to economic development from this past winter. ED 201 will delve deeper into issues important to rural communities. Participants will hear from program specialists and community representatives who will speak to their experiences and best practices. They aim to foster a space for asking questions and creating dialogue among those who are working toward a more prosperous rural Kansas.

Virtual sessions will be on Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning May 26. Early bird registration is $15 per attendee through May 12; regular registration is $30 starting May 13. Learn more and register: kansascommerce.gov/orp/grassrootsed/

USDOT Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunities in 2022

The Office of Secretary Buttigieg shared resources and links to a few key programs along with a list of deadlines for Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). A list of NOFOs for May through September can be found here: DOT 2022 Announcements. The Secretary’s office also shared information about the US Department of Transportation’s Flexible Funding for Transit Access program which provides funding for sidewalks, bike paths, lighting, and other projects that enhance public safety.
The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expanded the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to help families and individuals meet their needs because of disruption of everyday life caused by COVID-19. To better understand how municipalities responded to the expanded tax credits, the National League of Cities (NLC) is conducting a brief survey targeted at local leaders and municipal staff to learn how their city-led or funded efforts to connect more residents to federal tax credits before and after ARPA funds became available. Click here for start brief survey.

Your survey responses will be anonymous and survey findings will only be shared in aggregate. If you have any questions related to this survey, please reach out to Patrick Hain, Program Manager, Economic Opportunity, and Financial Empowerment at eofe@nlc.org.

We had 258 cities participate in the 2022 Survey of Personnel Practices, Salaries, and Fringe Benefits. We collected and organized the data from the survey into the following worksheets/tabs:

- Demographics
- City Staff & Hours
- Employment Policies & Procedures
- Paid Vacation & Holidays
- Insurance Benefits
- Retirement & Other Benefits
- Governing Body Total Compensation
- Administrative Positions & Salaries
- Public Works & Utilities Positions & Salaries
- Public Safety Positions & Salaries
- Information Technology Positions & Salaries
- Parks & Recreation Positions & Salaries
- Property, Engineering & Codes Positions & Salaries
- Contract Services Positions & Rates

We want to thank everyone for completing the salary survey that was recently dispersed as I was able to run a comparison and bring the data to our council - all appointed personnel received healthy pay increases to align with the comparable state averages. We have some happy team members this morning!

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