2022 Budget Tips Now Available Online

Every year, the League publishes Budget Tips to assist local officials in preparing their operating budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. You can find the most up-to-date bulletin, local alcohol tax distribution information, and information on the special street/highway fund. League members can access budget tips online by logging into the League’s website.

STO & UPOC Publication & Timeline

The League will publish the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) manuals for 2022. Both manuals are available in a hard copy book, an electronic version and a website version. Orders are being taken now for delivery in mid-July. Please click here to go to our website to place your order and contact kpancoast@lkm.org if you have any questions about ordering.

2023 League Dues

The League Governing Body recently met in Topeka on Friday, June 17th and following the recommendation from staff voted not to increase the base charge for the 2023 dues. Per the bylaws, any change in the base charge is to be communicated to members so you have the information during your budgeting process. For cities of the First Class, the base charge will remain at a 15% surcharge of the combined per capita and assessed valuation charge. For Cities of the Second Class, the base charge remains at $475, and Cities of the Third Class, the base charge remains at $250. Look for the 2023 dues packet in December.

The Governing Body thanks you for your continuing support and commitment with your membership. As an organization, we are proud to offer the legal, operational, and moral support you need. We look forward to continuing efforts to keep cities strong and vital.

If you have any questions, please contact Rynae Redd at rredd@lkm.org.

League Annual Conference

The League Annual Conference registration and hotel reservations will be opening in early July. We hope you are making plans to join us in Overland Park October 8-10. As a reminder, booking a room at the Headquarter Hotel ensures the League meets contract requirements, and won’t be penalized by shortfalls or cancellations. See this article that appeared in the Jan/Feb 2017 KGJ for further explanation of why this is especially important. Quite a bit of additional information has already been posted to the conference page, including rates, a tentative schedule of events, and a justification packet. The schedule is shaping up nicely already, with an attempt to offer tracks specific to various positions in local government. We are excited to be able to host a premier training for elected and appointed officials – don’t miss your chance to attend.
2022 Survey of Municipal Court Practices

The League launched the 2022 Survey of Municipal Court Practices last week. The goal of the survey is to allow cities to see how their fines for certain offenses compare to other municipal courts around the state and update practices. The survey seeks to collect the following data:

- Fines and Fees
- Indigency
- Enforcement
- Municipal Court Staff and Hours
- Municipal Court Salaries

When possible, the League sent direct links to the survey to municipal court clerks. For cities who did not have a municipal court clerk listed in the League's directory, we sent links to city clerks. Please contact Wendi Stark if your municipal court has not received a link to the survey. The deadline to complete the survey is July 1, 2022.

Best Infrastructure Grants for Small Cities

America’s small cities make up the fabric of our country, and the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has important programs that small and mid-sized cities can access. Earlier this year, the White House released a Rural Playbook for small communities as they navigate the many programs in BIL including information on how to apply for the funds. Yet, as most small city officials know, not all federal programs are a good fit for small cities without pre-development support or ongoing programs to support the operations and maintenance. As part of the National League of Cities’ (NLC) commitment to supporting smaller communities to identify the opportunities that are available to them through BIL, NLC has pulled together a starter list for programs that best fit the needs of small and mid-sized cities. To view the best infrastructure grants for small cities, click here.

Webinar on Navigating the U.S. DOT Grant Process

GoRail is hosting a webinar on “Navigating the U.S. DOT Grant Process.” A significant portion of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s funding will be disbursed via competitive grants, and cities will need to be more engaged in seeking grants. With that in mind, GoRail will be sharing more about USDOT’s grant process and how best to approach your application. The webinar will be on Tuesday, June 28 at 1pm. To register, click here.

United WE to Host Town Halls Across State

Hosted by United WE, a non-partisan nonprofit, The Kansas Town Hall series is a sharing and listening initiative to identify barriers impacting women in the workplace and entrepreneurship, including childcare, paid family leave, broadband access, etc. Your voice matters. Bring your friends, family, coworkers and other women and allies you know to a session near you. More information here.

Dates:

- Topeka, June 23
- Garden City, June 29
- Pittsburg, August 3
- Hays, June 28
- Wichita, July 14
- Statewide Virtual, August 24

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Kansas Housing Resources Corp. HOME-ARP Listening Sessions

The final listening sessions for Kansas Housing Resources Corporation’s (KHRC) HOME-ARP Program are being held on June 28 and June 29, 2022. The writing of the Allocation Plan began earlier this year, and this will be the final opportunity for State and local partners to share data directly with our organization and our consultants before the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is completed. Any comments following these sessions must be made in writing.

KHRC has $22,929,650 to fund a number of Eligible Activities: Click here to view Eligible Activities.

If you serve the Qualifying Populations or believe that there is a housing need in your community that HOME-ARP can address, you are encouraged to attend the virtual listening sessions. Please note: There is no need to register for these sessions!

Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 9:00-10:30am | Click here to attend
Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 9:00-10:30am | Click here to attend

Additional details about the HOME-ARP Program can be found on their website, including HOME-ARP next steps and past webinars and recordings.

Questions? Email HOME-ARP Program Manager Abigail Phillips at aphillips@kshousingcorp.org.

Federal Mileage Rate Increase

As cities are in the midst of preparing 2023 budgets, please be aware that the IRS raised the standard mileage rate from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile. This rate becomes effective July 1, for the final six months of 2022. Click here for more information.

Registration is Now Open For Kansas Infrastructure Summit

The Kansas Infrastructure Hub is hosting a summit on July 13-14, 2022 in Wichita, Kansas and is encouraging cities, counties, and the private sector to attend to learn about the many grant opportunities available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). With BIL, Kansas will receive $3.8 billion in infrastructure funding over the next five years with additional grant opportunities as well. For more information or questions, contact BIL@ks.gov.

 KSRE Offers Grant Writing Classes

1. K-State Research and Extension teaches Grant writing classes. They have one coming up June 28th and 30th and two more scheduled this year. Each course is 6 hours for $60. Registration and the course are online, so they can be taken from anyone anywhere in the state. Click here to register!

2. KSRE hosts a First Friday Call at 9:30 a.m. on the First Friday of each month. This month’s call was “Get Your Business on Google Search and Maps”. Every call is recorded and resides on our archive page.