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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.

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LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - REGISTRATION OPEN!

The League Annual Conference registration and hotel block reservations are open as of July 1! We hope you are making plans to join us in Overland Park October 8-10. The League Annual Conference is the largest municipal gathering of the year in Kansas, and the one event city officials cannot afford to miss! This event will allow you to engage with other leaders to share and brainstorm ideas to implement in your community, think creatively to use problem-solving tactics, and address common municipal challenges.

We recommend councilmembers/commissioners, mayors, managers and administrators, clerks, and department heads attend our conference. A number of valuable workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities await.

Events will take place at the Overland Park Convention Center + Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. Click [here](#) to register.



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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.



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.



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RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) APPLICATIONS OPEN

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is now accepting applications for the *Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)* discretionary grant program. It is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure, such as highways and rail lines, through solutions like high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, and main street revitalization. Eligible applicants for the Reconnecting Communities competitive grant pilot program include:

- States
- Local and Tribal Governments
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Other transportation facility owners

DOT will host an "Interested in Applying?" *webinar* for prospective applicants on Thursday, July 14 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM EDT (register [here](#)). For additional information, follow the links above or contact ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov.

FUNDING FOR NEW RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a total of \$3.8 billion over five years for a new program that will improve safety in communities, reduce wait times at railroad crossings, and help freight move goods more efficiently and affordably. U.S. DOT announced that \$573 million in available grant funding for this year alone for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program. More information about the program can be found on the *fact sheet* from Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law webpage.

GoRAIL RESOURCES ON NAVIGATING THE U.S. DOT GRANT PROCESS

Last week, GoRail hosted a webinar on "Navigating the U.S. DOT Grant Process." A recording of the webinar is available at GoRail's *rail grant hub*. The FRA presentation that was covered, as well as other helpful background webinars, can be found [here](#). 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.

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:

Wichita, July 14	Statewide Virtual, August 24
Pittsburg, August 3	



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KDOT SUPPORTING APPLICANTS FOR 'SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL' GRANT



KDOT accepting applications for Kansas Safe Streets and Roads for All Match Pilot Program

The **KANSAS SS4A Match Pilot Program** aims to reduce the number of fatality and serious injury crashes on local roadways through regional collaboration. This program and the Federal SS4A Program represent an opportunity to leverage federal and state funding to create safety plans for city streets and county roads.

To learn more about the following programs, please visit:

- US DOT SS4A - <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>
- KDOT SS4A Match Pilot Program - <https://arcg.is/1qKLCr0>

Important Dates:

- July 20** - Informational webinar, 12-1 p.m.
Email KDOT#SS4A@ks.gov for registration
- Aug. 15** - Last date to submit questions to U.S. DOT
- Aug. 15** - Notify KDOT of intent to apply
- Sept. 15** - U.S. DOT applications due on [GRANTS.GOV](https://www.grants.gov)



COMMUNITY PROFILES

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Since the start of the pandemic, the League has enjoyed celebrating the resiliency of our Kansas municipalities by showcasing their individuality and character.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Well, all a city needs to do is reach out to Sydney Bannister at sbannister@lkm.org to let us know you're interested in having your community featured and we will schedule a time to visit your city. During this visit, we will conduct an interview with city officials and take lots of photos and video footage of the community. We will then create a video that we will provide to the city and the League will promote it on our social media. In addition to the video, we invite our community profile participants to write a 1,000 to 2,000-word article about their city to either be featured on League social media or in the Kansas Government Journal.



Go to YouTube and search "League of Kansas Municipalities", then click on our community profiles playlist to view all the community profile videos within the past couple years!

Go to [Calaméo.com](https://www.Calaméo.com) and search "League of Kansas Municipalities" in the users search bar to click our page and view all the community profile articles within the past couple years!

