Revenue Neutral Rate Reminder!

We are one day away from the deadline to send notice to the county clerk of your city's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Written notice is due to the county clerk on or before July 20th. This notice must stem from a governing body action (typically a motion or resolution directing a member of city staff to send the notice) and must include:

- A statement of the city's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate,
- The date, time, and location of the city's public RNR hearing, and
- The proposed tax rate (the mill rate, not total dollars).

The League has a sample resolution that your city can use on our Budget Tips page. If you have any questions about this or anything else with the RNR process, email jgoodyear@lkm.org.

League Hires Government Affairs Director

The League is pleased to announce Spencer Duncan has officially joined the organization as Government Affairs Director. “I am thrilled for the chance to advocate on behalf of the municipalities of Kansas and the Kansans they represent,” Duncan said. “The opportunity to work directly with city staff and elected leaders across our state is exciting. And I look forward to continuing my work with Legislators and State agencies on issues that impact every citizen.”

Erik Sartorius, League Executive Director, said, “We are delighted Spencer has joined the League staff. We are here to serve the cities of Kansas. Spencer’s significant experience in legislative advocacy, combined with his elected service in city government, will help us communicate the challenges Kansas cities face and the successes they achieve.” To read Spencer’s full release, please visit HERE.

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.

Thursday, July 21 KS Office of Broadband Webinar

U.S. Treasury has awarded Kansas $83.5 million for Kansas's Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund broadband infrastructure plan. Political subdivisions are among the entities eligible to apply for funding. The Kansas Office of Broadband Development will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, July 21 at 12:30pm to review program guidelines. Registration for the meeting can be found here. After registering, a confirmation email will be sent containing information about joining the meeting.
**Wednesday, July 20 Office of Recovery Virtual Lunch and Learn**

The Office of Recovery will be hosting a Q&A on Wednesday, July 20 at 11 a.m. This is an opportunity to receive support and technical assistance for the planning and spending of your ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Join to ask about best practices, guidance from Treasury, upcoming deadlines, and other topics. These Q&A sessions are also an opportunity for local governments to share what they are doing and learn from one another. You can join the session by registering here: [Register for Q&A Session](https://covid.ks.gov/).

You can always contact the Office of Recovery at [https://covid.ks.gov/](https://covid.ks.gov/) and click on “Contact Us” on the top right corner.

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**Now Accepting Applications: Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)**

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

Visit the [RCP Program website](https://www.dot.gov/RCP) to access the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](https://www.dot.gov/NFO). For additional information, follow the links above or contact ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov.

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**DOT Navigator and KS Infrastructure Hub Resources**

The US DOT has just launched a new informational portal that provides help to understand the various programs contained in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - and provide information on upcoming grant opportunities. The **DOT Navigator** is a new “one-stop shop” that provides essential information to help our stakeholders and communities apply for grants, identify existing resources, and answer questions on how to connect with funding opportunities provided through BIL. It provides an array of resources across the Department designed to provide technical assistance and help stakeholders navigate the grant application, transportation planning, project delivery, funding and financing, and implementation processes. In addition to the DOT Navigator, there is also a **KS Infrastructure Hub**.

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**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](https://www.unitedwewa.org/town-hall).

**Dates:**

- Pittsburg, August 3
- Statewide Virtual, August 24
**Moderate Income Housing (MIH) Program**

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) has released the final 2022 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the MIH Program, along with the July 2022 MIH application. Applications will be due on Friday, September 30, and awards will be announced in November 2022.

The following resources are available on the MIH page of KHRC's website:

- Final RFP
- 2022 MIH Application Attachments
- July 2022 MIH Application
- Responses to the public comments on the 2022 draft RFP

**Kansas Digital Government Summit**

The Kansas Office of Information Technology Services has worked with Government Technology to host an annual Kansas Digital Government Summit where colleagues in the public sector can gather to learn about and discuss IT best practices, challenges, trends and more.

This year’s event will be held in-person for the first time and is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 at the Hotel Topeka at City Center, Topeka, KS from 8 am to 5 pm. *Registration* is $25 per person and the agenda can be found [here](#).

**KDOT Supporting Applicants For 'Safe Streets and Roads For All' Grant**

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](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a)
- KDOT SS4A Match Pilot Program - [https://arcg.is/1qKLC0](https://arcg.is/1qKLC0)

**Important Dates:**
- July 20 - Information webinar, 12-1 p.m. & Aug. 15 - Last date to submit questions to U.S. DOT
- Aug. 15 - Notify KDOT at intent to apply
- Sept. 15 - U.S. DOT applications due on GRANTS.GOV

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