CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSES NOW AVAILABLE FOR KANSAS LEGISLATURE!

The League of Kansas Municipalities conducts the Candidate Questionnaire biennially to provide our members with information on each responding participant leading up to primary elections in August and general elections in November. This link will allow members of the League to explore the most recent candidate questionnaire and this link will allow you to see the responses received so far from Kansas Legislature Candidates. If you’re interested in finding out what House or Senate districts your city and/or your personal address is located in, please use the Open States website to confirm. If you have questions about these questionnaires, please contact Wendi Stark.

REGISTER FOR AUGUST KOMA/KORA MTIs

Register now for the League's KOMA/KORA class! This training is recommended for elected and appointed officers, municipal staff, and city and county attorneys. The in-person trainings on August 24th and 25th have been approved for 3.5 hours of CLE credit and 0.9 CMC/MMC education points with a completed learning assessment. The virtual training on August 31st has been approved for 3 hours of CLE credit and submitted for CMC/MMC credit.

All attendees will receive the League's KOMA and KORA manuals. Follow this link to view the upcoming MTIs and register.

LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - REGISTRATION OPEN!

Join over 100 people who have already registered to attend the League's Annual Conference taking place October 8-10 in Overland Park! The early bird rate of $250 per city official will end 8/26, so make sure to register early to secure the best rate. 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.

LEAGUE POLICY COMMITTEES NOW FORMING

League Policy Committee registration is open for all 2022 policy committee meetings. Any current city official is eligible to serve on policy committees and you can sign up here. Policy committees meet two times annually, August and October (in conjunction with annual conference). These committees help to establish the policies that guide that organization's legislative efforts. Detailed descriptions of the League's four policy committees can be found here. For more information, contact Erik Sartorius.
Thursday, July 28 Webinar: 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. In case you missed the July 14 webinar, you can view the recording and slides of that webinar or register to attend the July 28 webinar here. 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 to access the Notice of Funding Opportunity. For additional information, follow the links above or contact ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov.

Materials from Kansas Infrastructure Summit Available

Two weeks ago, the Kansas Infrastructure Hub hosted more than 650 people - in-person and online at the first Kansas Infrastructure Summit. This two-day event was held in Wichita and included panel discussions with subject matter experts from both the public and private sectors as well as facilitated working sessions to discuss opportunities, barriers and priorities. There were also opportunities to learn about the many grant opportunities available under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and discuss strategies for preparing winning grant applications.

Summit materials are available at kshub.org’s “News & Events” page, including presentation slides and a list of the BIL formula and competitive grant programs that were distributed.

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, co-workers and other women and allies you know to a session near you. More information

Dates:
- Pittsburg, August 3
- Statewide Virtual, August 24

United WE Awarded $475,000 for National Childcare Research

Wendy Doyle, President and CEO of United WE, announced last Wednesday that United WE had been awarded $475,000 by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to research occupational licensing in childcare in every state in the U.S. over the next two years. This is United WE’s first ever national research study and Doyle says it further solidifies them as a national leader for gender equity.

The project, titled the Women’s Entrepreneur Childcare Project, includes a state-by-state childcare licensing research study, a nationwide survey of mothers who are entrepreneurs, a Women’s Entrepreneur Childcare Task Force, and collaboration with women entrepreneurs to advocate for policy change. For more information, visit https://united-we.org/childcare.
**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](https://khrc.org):

- 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.

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

The [KANSAS SS4A Match Pilot Program](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A) 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/1qKLCr0](https://arcg.is/1qKLCr0)

**Important Dates:**

- **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
- **July 20** - Informational webinar, 12-1 p.m.
- **Aug. 15** - U.S. DOT applications due on GRANTS.GOV