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 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 John Goodyear. The first policy committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 16th.

League Annual Conference - Registration Open!

Join over 150 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.
2022-23 My City My Home Essay Contest is Open!

The League of Kansas Municipalities invites 7th grade students to participate in the “My City, My Home” essay contest!

CONTEST RULES:

Who: All Kansas students enrolled in the 7th grade during the 2022-23 school year.

What: Each student may submit one essay not to exceed 500 words. Essays must be typed.

When: Essays accepted until November 23, 2022.

Where: Essays may be submitted either via upload or google form submission.

How: Essays will be evaluated based on: Understanding of city services, creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought, and proper grammar.

Why: Five regional winners receive a cash prize of $125. The sixth regional winner will represent the state of Kansas and receive a $250 cash prize. Winning memos will be published in the Kansas Government Journal. Winners and their teacher are invited to attend a special ceremony with local leaders and state legislators in January 2023.

Visit https://www.lkm.org/page/essaycontest to learn more, view templates, and access social media posts and graphics.

Thursday, August 4: 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. There will be a webinar on August 4 focused on tribal, rural, and nonprofit communities. Register here.

Visit the RCP Program website to access the Notice of Funding Opportunity. For additional information, follow the links above or contact ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov.

Kansas Housing Awards will Provide $70 Million to Support Affordable Housing

Twelve Kansas communities will add a collective 441 affordable homes to their housing stock, thanks to funds awarded through the state’s competitive housing development application process. The awards, totaling $7.7 million in tax credits and $6.5 million in HOME and NHTF loans, will create over $70M in equity to construct 264 new homes and rehabilitate 177 existing homes for Kansas seniors and families. Complete award details are available here.

Infrastructure Summit Summary and Videos Available Here!
**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://www.kansas-housing.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](#).

**PROTECT - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Help Communities Build Resilient Infrastructure**

The new Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program funding is available to states over five years to make transportation infrastructure more resilient to future weather events and other natural disasters by focusing on resilience planning, making resilience improvements to existing transportation assets and evacuation routes, and addressing at-risk highway infrastructure. In general, eligible projects include highway and transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and port facilities including those that help improve evacuations or disaster relief. States are encouraged to work with regional and local partner organizations to prioritize transportation and emergency response improvements, as well as address vulnerabilities.

For more information about the new PROTECT Formula Program and guidance, please see [FHWA’s website](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/protect/) and [fact sheet](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/protect/). The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established both the PROTECT Formula and Discretionary Grant Programs. The guidance focuses on the PROTECT Formula Program. A Notice of Funding Opportunity for the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program will be released later this year.