REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2023 CDL COURSES

Registration for the Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) 2023 CDL Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Theory Class and CDL BTW Instructor Credential Course available in January 2023 is now open, seats are limited so sign up before they are filled. As of February 7, 2022 entry-level drivers subject to the ELDT regulations must complete the required training from a registered training provider before obtaining a CDL or specified endorsement for the first time. For more information including dates, pricing, and registration/class information, visit here. If you have any questions contact the KMU office at 620-241-1423 or email.

CALL FOR PROJECTS: HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS (HRRR) AND HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (HSIP)

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is issuing a call for projects for both HRRR and HSIP. The competitive HRRR program allows federal funds to be used to pay at least 90 percent of the cost of construction and construction engineering for projects intended to improve the safety of rural roads. To learn more about HRRR eligibility, participation, procedure, as well as time and cycle contact Bill Legge via email or at 785-289-7200 for more information.

The HSIP program objective is to identify and initiate viable intersection projects with a cost-effective scope aimed at reducing existing crashes. To learn more about HSIP eligibility, participation, procedure, as well as time and cycle contact Carla Anderson via email or at 785-221-9064.

All items for both programs are due February, 15 2023.

REGISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY!

Registration for Local Government Day 2023 is now open! The League co-hosts this event annually with the Kansas Association of Counties and this year it will take place on January 25, 2023. City officials from across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day. In the morning, make appointments to visit with your legislators about issues that are important to your community. In the afternoon, the winners of the “My City, My Home” essay contest will be recognized, and later in the day we will be joined by fellow county officials and hear presentations from legislative leaders.

City and county officials are then invited to join us for an evening reception with legislators in the second floor ballroom at the Beacon. All legislators are being invited to this event. To view a more detailed schedule of events, please visit here but note the legislative panel is still to be determined, but more information will be available in the coming weeks. This event is free to attend, but please register/RSPV so we can get an accurate headcount for refreshments. Local Government Day will be held at the Beacon located at 420 SW 9th St. (corner of 9th and Topeka Blvd). For more information, contact Kate Cooley.

In the CPM Program, participants strengthen their leadership and management skills through a competency-based curriculum. Coming together in cohorts for two days each month, those enrolled in CPM develop a stronger understanding of themselves; learn how to bring out the best in others; explore topics such as measuring outcomes, decision-making, and difficult conversations; and strengthen the ability to lead during tumultuous times. The year-long course has about 25 students in each cohort for a small-group approach to learning. For 2023 CPM kicks off in January and will be offered in Overland Park, Newton, and online. Don’t miss your spot in this once-a-year opportunity:

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12/16 Deadline to Register for Bootcamps Aimed to Help Cities

As a reminder, the Local Infrastructure Hub and National League of Cities (NLC) are launching five new bootcamps this winter aimed at helping small and mid-sized cities with populations up to 150,000 develop competitive funding applications for federal grants available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The bootcamps kick off in January and focus on five grant opportunities:

1. Energy Efficiency and Conservation
2. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (electric vehicles)
3. Safe Streets (action planning)
4. Safe Streets (implementation)
5. Brownfields

The deadline for registration is Friday, December 16. Cities do not have to be NLC members to register. Cities can register online and read FAQs. During the registration process, cities will be asked to identify a small team to engage in the bootcamp. A typical team includes the mayor (for goal setting), the grant lead (the city’s primary contact), the community engagement lead (to design community engagement strategies around the grant project), and the finance lead (for budget setting and capital stacks). Depending on the size of the city, these roles may change, and some people may occupy multiple roles.

Department of Energy’s (DOE) EECBG Grants

NLC has provided the following breakdown on the DOE’s notice of intent for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) – including draft formula allocations for cities (and counties) and some information about applying (what needs to be in the energy efficiency and conservation plan). Formula funding goes directly to cities over 35K or to communities that are one of the top 10 most populous in the state. DOE also proposing an optional voucher program. DOE has developed an optional survey for local governments on whether a community might be interested in a voucher for technical assistance and/or an equipment rebate in lieu of a formula grant. Completing the survey does NOT lock a community into selecting this option, but rather helps DOE to gauge potential interest and assists in their planning for the program roll out. DOE is encouraging communities that are eligible for the formula funding to complete the survey. Applications to receive formula funding are expected to open in January. Applications to participate in NLC’s Phase 2 are open online through Dec. 16 and the curriculum will begin in mid-January.

Kansas Department of Health and Education (KDHE) Seeking Input

KDHE is hosting a public comment period regarding the Kansas Highly Infectious Disease and Pandemic Plan to help prepare for the next highly infectious disease outbreak or pandemic. KDHE, in cooperation with local and state partners, has developed strategies to reduce highly infectious disease or pandemic-related morbidity, mortality, and social disruption in the state. The plan includes a combination of the former Kansas Ebola Preparedness and Response Plan, Kansas Pandemic Influenza Plan, and other pandemic response planning strategies. The plan will be available for review and public comment from December 9, 2022 to January 9, 2023.
**KHRC CSBG DISCRETIONARY GRANT RFP NOW OPEN**

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation released Requests for Proposals for CSBG Discretionary Grants. The primary intended use of the grant funds awarded to Kansas and to subgrantees is “to provide assistance to local communities in Kansas, working through a network of Community Action Agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.”

Agencies eligible to submit proposals for 2022 CSBG Discretionary funding are Community Action Agencies (CSBG-eligible entities) providing services in Kansas, Kansas Association of Community Action Programs (KACAP), and other non-profit organizations whose primary purpose is that of eliminating the causes and effects of poverty in Kansas.

As outlined with the FFY 2022 CSBG State Plan, this RFP seeks proposals for:

1. Innovative Projects to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of the CSBG Act, or
2. Training / Technical Assistance Projects to address the training and technical assistance needs of the community action network.

Application are advised that direct services funded by CSBG are restricted to Kansas residents with household incomes that fall at or below 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Applications must be received by email to Marilyn Stanley, CSBG Program Manager, before the close of business Monday, January 23, 2023.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) FABRIC CHALLENGE MAP**

As part of the FCC’s Broadband Data Collection (BDC), Internet service providers, governments, and other entities and organizations can submit challenges as well as crowdsource information, to the BDC fixed availability data published on the FCC’s Broadband Map.

**What can be challenged?**

- The reported service not offered or the reported speed is not available for purchase
- The internet service provider denied a request for service or demanded connection charges that exceed its standard installation charge
- The internet service provider failed to schedule or perform an installation within 10 business days of request

**What are the ways to challenge?**

- Individual. Challenges to availability data for single location. These will not be accepted directly through the map interface after the maps launch November 18, 2022.
- Bulk. Challenges to availability data for multiple locations. These will be filed directly into the BDC system and must meet the format of the applicable data specification. Bulk availability challenges will begin after maps are released on November 18, 2022.

Review specifications, watch relevant webinars, and read all FAQs. Information on the Bulk Challenge Submission can be found here.

For more information, please visit the FCC website.