Legislative Session Begins January 9

The Kansas Legislature will convene on Monday, January 9. As always, the League will be actively engaged and monitoring issues and legislation that affects our member cities. We encourage you to stay connected to the League and monitor issues as they arise. We will provide Legislative Updates each week and quickly inform you when we feel cities need to directly contact legislators on important issues and movements that affect municipal policy.

The League will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 25, 2023. Registration is now open, and a tentative schedule of events and additional information can be found at our website. Sign up to receive Legislative Updates here.

League Seeks Governing Body Nominations

The League invites nominations for individuals wishing to serve on the Governing Body. Both elected and appointed officials are welcome to apply online. The Governing Body consists of 12 directors, a president, vice president and past presidents who meet six times a year to provide direction to the organization. The League is actively seeking nominations for a director position. We seek a broad and varied collection of directors, preferring diversity of geography, municipal position, city size, race and gender among the director membership.
CHALLENGE THE 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

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.

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.

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.
TRAINING: Conquering Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Compliance

Join US Housing Consultants' Director of Compliance Training, Gary Kirkman, for this 16.5-hour comprehensive ONLINE course, spread out over three days and specifically designed to assist affordable housing professionals in conquering tax credit compliance. Gary will delve deep into the tax credit regulations while providing real-world examples with practical application. This interactive and engaging course will incorporate examples, knowledge checks, and poll questions on multiple compliance topics trained to test participants throughout the course. Attendees will come away with a thorough understanding of not only how to maintain project compliance, but why it is so important!

The course with an optional HCCP exam will take place February 21-23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take advantage of the $550 registration fee before it increases to $650 on January 23, 2023. Save 20% off the registration fee with promo code KHRC_2023 at checkout. Register here.

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.

Applicants 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.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Opportunity

The US Department of Transportation published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the Federal Register (FR) for $1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023. This Nationally popular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. Read the NOFO here.

Projects designated "Reconnecting Extra" during the new FY 2022 Reconnecting Communities Program competition and submitted for considering under the FY 2023 RAISE NOFO will have a greater opportunity to be advanced during the FY 2023 RAISE evaluation process.