IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS: LEAGUE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS GROUPS

As we hope you are aware, the League is embarking on a new strategic plan to guide its path forward. The process is being facilitated by the Public Policy & Management Center (PPMC) at Wichita State University with the support of the Public Management Center at the University of Kansas and the Docking Institute at Fort Hays State University.

The planning process includes a series of focus groups this month, a member survey in May/June, regional meetings in July/August, and a status report at the Annual Conference in October.

One virtual focus group remains:
• Elected Officials: March 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Please reach out to Corinthian Kelly as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer for a focus group. Feedback from municipal staff and elected officials is absolutely integral to this process and developing an informed and well-rounded strategic plan.

CALLING ALL LOCAL OFFICIALS! | REGISTER TODAY FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The April 5 deadline to register for this year’s Leadership Summit and Kansas Mayors Conference is rapidly approaching. Don’t miss out on hearing from Kansan and WNBA player Jackie Stiles who will share leadership stories about her journey through professional basketball, and a message about becoming the best version of yourself. The League is pleased to welcome Jackie as our keynote speaker on Friday, April 14 at the Kansas Mayors Association Conference & Leadership Summit, this event is open to all municipal staff and elected officials. The 4 p.m. General Session on Friday is open to all conference attendees, and Saturday’s keynote will be a follow-up Q&A with Jackie at 9 a.m.

Following Jackie’s morning Q&A session, we will have three stellar breakout sessions. Two of the sessions will run concurrently from 10:15 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.:
• Conflict Management - Presented by: University of Kansas Public Management Center.

After lunch, the Kansas Department of Commerce, Broadband Division will close out Leadership Summit by providing an update on the Kansas broadband landscape.

You can find more information about the conference, including a schedule of events and hotel information here. Watch the movie trailer that recently came out about Jackie’s life here.
**Certification Journal Entry Email from the League**

As a League member, you may receive emails from time to time stating 'A certification journal entry of yours was approved.' This is an automated email that goes out from the League website anytime a Municipal Training Institute (MTI) credit is added to your profile. This email sometimes causes confusion as it reads as though you entered the credit yourself when in reality it is League staff who entered the credit.

The League aims to enter all credits in a timely manner following MTIs, conferences, and other events such as Legislative Dinners or League Policy Committees. We ask that you review your MTI transcript for accuracy at least annually. Please watch this video if you are unsure how to access your transcript and contact Sydney Bannister with any questions or corrections. In addition to the League maintained transcript, we encourage you to track your MTI credits separately to ensure accuracy, a tracking template can be found [here](#).

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**You are Invited to the Kansas Broadband Roadshow**

You're invited! The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) wants you to share your thoughts on internet connectivity in your neighborhood. KOBD hopes to hear from you about:

- Internet Access & Availability
- Inclusive Design
- Online Privacy & Safety
- Devices
- Public Internet Access
- Internet Speeds
- Digital Skills Training

Help build the future of Internet in Kansas. The current scheduled communities on the tour are:

- March 22 | Topeka | 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register [here](#).
- March 23 | Wichita | 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register [here](#).
- March 27 | Garden City | 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Register [here](#).
- March 28 | Liberal | 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register [here](#).
- April 4 | Oberlin | 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register [here](#).
- April 5 | Oakley | Noon to 1:30 p.m. Register [here](#).
- April 5 | Goodland | 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register [here](#).

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**4/5 and 4/11 - Virtual Fair Housing Trainings**

April is Fair Housing Month and the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) will be hosting two FREE virtual Fair Housing Trainings presented by Gary Kirkman, Director of Compliance Training for U.S. Housing Consultants. Attendees will be able to register up until 24 hours prior to the event. Contact KHRC with questions.

- 4/5 at 10 a.m.: Fair Housing Basics - Compliance Training (Protected Classes and Prohibited Acts). Register [here](#).
- 4/11 at 2:00 p.m.: Fair Housing Basics - Compliance Training (Tenant Selection Plan and Marketing). Register [here](#).
Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) is accepting applications for the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The expected amount of funding level for the 2023 ESG program is $1.6 million.

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) is a federal block grant authorized by subtitle B of the McKinney Vento Homelessness Assistance Act and is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ESG amounts are to be used for services to homeless and near homeless individuals and families in these major categories:

- Payment of certain expenses related to operating an emergency shelter facility
- Provision of essential services related to emergency shelters and street outreach for the homeless
- Provision of rapid re-housing assistance
- Development and implementation of homelessness prevention activities

For 2023, The ESG grant period will be for 15 months, July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. All shelters must complete the ESG Shelter Habitability Checklist with the 2023 application. All applicants must complete the 2023 ESG Application and the HMIS Project Setup form. Community agencies must coordinate the submission of the ESG funding application through a unit of local government (city or county). The municipalities will submit one joint application that includes the proposals from each agency on behalf of their jurisdiction.

Applications must be submitted to KHRC by 5:00pm on May 15, 2023. Contact Doug Wallace, ESG Program Manager for more information.