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Advocacy Action

NLC and U.S. Treasury Briefing: How to Use

ARPA Funds for Housing (December 8 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.)

The National League of Cities will host a discussion with the US Treasury on how municipalities can use their State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for investments in affordable housing production, preservation and to promote housing stability.

During the discussion, participants will learn more about the SLFRF program, its eligible uses and about recent updates to the program guidance enhancing flexibility, including for long-term loans such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) programs. The session will be followed by a brief Q&A.

Register Here

Join The League's Legislative Committee

Become engaged and become a stronger advocate for your community by joining The League's Legislative Committee! The Legislative Committee helps to set a plan of action and implement the goals of The League's legislative agenda. If you would like to be a member of the 2023/2024 Legislative Committee, please reach out to Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy, at <u>asturges@pml.org</u>.

Executive Director's Report



League's Latest

Please welcome our newest members to The League –<u>Bridgeport Borough</u>, Montgomery County; <u>Spring</u> <u>Garden Township</u>, York County; <u>Susquehanna Township</u>, Dauphin County; and <u>Plumstead Township</u>, Bucks County. Welcome aboard everyone!

Upcoming PATH Classes: <u>Fiscal Management Strategies for Local Government Officials</u> – November 21 @ 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; <u>Comprehensive Training for Elected Auditors</u> (Hybrid Event) – November 28 @ 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and <u>Developing and Managing Your Municipal Budget</u> (Hybrid Event) – November 29 @ 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming PCCA Classes: <u>International Fire Code Essentials</u> (Virtual Event) – December 5-8. Designed for code officials, inspectors, fire marshals, contractors and design professionals, but open to any interested party. This four-part course provides a comprehensive overview of the intent and rationale for the fire code requirements and the correlation between the 2018 International Building Code and the 2018 International Fire Code.

<u>Court Ruling on Accessibility Standard</u> – "According to a new court ruling (10/26/22), effective immediately, you must cease all enforcement of the 2021 accessibility standards." If you have any questions please contact Matthew Kegg, Dir. PA Department of Labor and Industry at <u>mkegg@pa.gov</u> or <u>717-783-6304</u>.

We have created an <u>ARPA Investment Tracker</u> and ask that you please fill out this brief form so we can share the great ways you are using your ARPA dollars with all members. Thank you!

We have compiled a list of articles for <u>League member actions regarding ARPA funding</u>. We will continue to update this list as more information becomes available.

For more information, see our <u>News & Announcements and newsfeed</u> on our homepage.

Resource Roundup

Innovative Approach called BIM Saves Time, Money and Cost on Infrastructure Projects – The use of data throughout a transportation construction project's lifecycle can improve efficiency, save time, and cut costs. The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Global Benchmarking Program led by the

FHWA Office of International Programs has launched a video that describes and highlights benefits of Building Information Modeling or BIM when used on infrastructure projects.

<u>Green Light-Go Year 8 Application Period</u> – PennDOT is announcing the next round of the Green Light-Go Program (Year 8). Prior to application submission, applicants must complete and submit a <u>Pre-</u> <u>Application Scoping Form</u> in accordance with the <u>Green Light-Go Program Guidelines</u>. Pre-Application scoping forms will be accepted via email (<u>GLG@pa.gov</u>) until **December 23, 2022**.

EPA Seeking Public Input on Implementation of Inflation Reduction Act's Greenhouse Gas Fund – The Inflation Reduction Act (the "IRA"), signed into law on August 16, 2022, appropriates nearly \$27 billion to provide financial assistance to certain entities in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. This "Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund" (the "Fund") is available to a wide range of recipients and prioritizes funding for projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your <u>Member Dashboard</u>.

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