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# CityVision 2024: Call for Sessions

**Submit your proposals and ideas for NCLM's flagship conference |  
Deadline is October 31!**

We are now accepting session proposals and ideas for NCLM's annual conference CityVision, taking place April 23-25, 2024 in Winston-Salem!

Each year, CityVision sessions cover the most pressing issues facing our cities and towns, and provides guidance, training, education and best practices on how to lead our ever-changing communities. Topics cover a wide spectrum, from housing to municipal finance to economic development. This is an opportunity to help develop that programming.

Through October 31, NCLM is accepting submissions for sessions and presenters. We are also accepting general feedback on what topics and issues you'd like to see covered.



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## **Pikeville and Jonesville Adopt New Financial Software through NC League's MAS Program**

The Town of Pikeville and the Town of Jonesville were recognized on Monday for their completion of a financial software conversion through NCLM's Municipal Accounting Software (MAS) program!

MAS is a first-of-its-kind assistance program, designed to promote better financial accountability and reliability for smaller governments. Through this process, NCLM and its partner Black Mountain Software work with participating local governments to implement up-to-date financial software and provide direct access to accounting assistance.

The program's full suite of services includes software for fund accounting, payroll, utility billing, taxes, and direct, expert assistance.

"We are excited about MAS. It proves the great things that can happen when small governments work with the League," said Mayor of Pikeville, Garrett Johnston.

MAS is made possible through appropriations from the State of North Carolina, through funds from the federal American Rescue Plan, and is a part of NCLM's American Rescue Plan Service Line – a suite of local government assistance programs that include legal guidance, engineering and planning support, communications support,

cybersecurity consulting, and more, as it relates to municipalities' American Rescue Plan allocations.

For more information about MAS and NCLM's other ARP service lines, visit the link below!



## LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS



### Yvonne Johnson: A Lifetime of Service in Greensboro

For more than 60 years, from the Civil Rights Movement to now, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson has served her community, always with social justice and equity front of mind.



### Rail Response: Getting on Board for Passenger Rail Expansion

Cities across North Carolina have been hosting a series of local meetings examining the opportunities to expand access to intercity passenger rail in North Carolina.



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# Please Complete the Municipal Salary Survey by this Friday, October 13

One of NCLM's flagship reports, this survey annually collects and shares information on municipal salaries, allowing local governments to remain competitive in recruiting and retaining employees.

**This survey may have been received by more than one individual in your organization. Please have the most appropriate person within your organization complete the survey.**

For questions on filling out or submitting the survey, please e-mail Larry Kerr of The MAPS Group at [lkerr@triad.rr.com](mailto:lkerr@triad.rr.com). For other questions around survey results or the NCLM website, please e-mail Chris Nida, Director of Technical Assistance for Cities, at [cnida@nclm.org](mailto:cnida@nclm.org).

We greatly appreciate your time and effort in completing this survey which we hope continues to serve as a useful tool for you and your peers! **The deadline to complete this survey is October 13.**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS WITH NCLM & PARTNERS

Webinars, courses and on-demand educational opportunities designed to support your communities and advance municipal leadership.

### Utility Management Best Practices

In partnership with NC Division of Environmental Quality, this training provides an important overview of our



**Zoom Webinars**

utilities, covering topics such as water and wastewater system basics and the value of utility viability. In this course, participants (elected officials and utility staff) will undertake four modules related to the utility management best practices, including:

- Utility Management Basics
- Infrastructure Best Management Practices
- Organizational Best Management Practices
- Financial Best Management Practices

Participants will have two opportunities to attend the live meeting: Oct. 23 and Nov. 2.

**October 23, 2023**  
2:00 - 4:00pm



**November 2, 2023**  
2:00 - 4:00pm



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## Webinar: Maximizing Federal Funds

Join the NCLM and Matthew Hanson from Witt O'Brien, our ARP Grant Services Provider, for an ARP grants webinar. During this webinar, learn to complete successful grant applications and how to build a competitive project. Expect to review the latest Treasury American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Interim Rule, learn strategies for leveraging ARPA and other federal funding to secure additional Infrastructure Funding, discover some local government opportunities in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act. We will also cover NCLM resources that are available to support you along the way!



### Zoom Webinar

**October 25, 2023**  
10:00 - 11:00am



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## Dangerous Crossroads Ahead: The Intersection of the First and Fourth Amendments

Officers in the field are increasingly encountering citizens boldly asserting what they think are constitutional rights guaranteed by the First and Fourth Amendments. This course examines the crossroads where these two constitutional principles intersect and provides practical tips for dealing with people who may be legitimately exercising constitutional rights, and others who are



### Training

**November 14, 2023**

actively trying to bait officers into overreaction.



Topics to be explored include refusal to identify, refusal to answer questions, dealing with bystanders, profanity towards officers, filming of police activity and police facilities, related officer safety concerns, weapons pat downs, and the seizure of cameras or cell phones that have recorded police activity.

This training is free to members of the League's Property & Casualty Trust and/or Workers' Compensation Trust.

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## NC Leadership Reception at NLC City Summit

You are invited to the NC Leadership Reception during the NLC's City Summit in Atlanta, GA, Thursday, November 16, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. The League is thrilled to celebrate our members and your outstanding leadership at the World of Coca-Cola conveniently located within a 5-minute walk from the convention center. Mix and mingle with your colleagues while taking in the local history between Coca-Cola and the City of Atlanta.

Please join the NCLM President William Harris, the NCLM Board of Directors and Executive Director Rose Vaughn Williams for a reception honoring you and all of our North Carolina municipal officials attending City Summit.

This event is FREE for municipal officials, spouses and guests. Pre-registration is required.

*Thank you to our generous sponsor, Bolton & Menk. For more information about their planning and design services, visit [www.bolton-menk.com](http://www.bolton-menk.com).*



### **Reception**

**November 16, 2023**





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## Tree Ordinance Workshops

Our urban trees yield many values for our social communities. From filtering air and water of pollutants to shading our meditative sits for mental health, trees daily shower us with numerous benefits.

Tree ordinances are one powerful tool to help communities legally protect their favored trees. In recent years, the North Carolina Urban Forest Council hosted five webinars, during which presenters discussed the steps municipalities should complete when developing an effective tree protection ordinance.

The North Carolina Urban Forest Council invites you to attend one of our Tree Ordinance Workshops in November. The first offering is on Tuesday, November 28, in Wilson (Wilson County Cooperative Extension Center).

The second offering is on Wednesday, November 29, in Statesville (Iredell County Cooperative Extension Center).

The agenda is the same for each session, but the municipality representatives will likely vary. Registration cost is \$45 for NCUFC members and \$65 for non-members.

**The deadline to register is November 21.**

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## Use of Force Risk Management for Officers



### Sessions

**November 28, 2023**

8:30am - 1:30pm



**November 29, 2023**

8:30am - 1:30pm



There are two opportunities in November to participate in the Use of Force Risk Management for Officers training. This is a practical course in applying the “Four Elements of Reasonable Force” that must be at a minimum level of proficiency in order to be effective and prove any use of force was reasonable. This course provides a comprehensive review of force justification and critical skills to address common types of resistance and also provides de-escalation skills practice. Reasonable Force decision-making processes are provided with practical exercises that give officers confidence and an understanding of the need to have a fast, simple, and adaptable decision-making process. Register today!

## Trainings

**November 28, 2023**



**November 29, 2023**



This training is free to members of the League's Property & Casualty Trust and/or Workers' Compensation Trust.

**Keep up to date on the League's entire event calendar.**



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## GRANT & ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

### **EDA Funding Opportunities**

The Economic Development Administration is a federal agency that provides grant funds to support a range of construction and non-construction activities that will advance economic development and enhance the competitive environment in which jobs can be created and private investment leveraged. Public entities, or nonprofit entities working in collaboration with local governments, looking for support to construct or renovate public assets, or to conduct analysis or regional technical assistance programs with clear economic development outcomes should consider EDA's grant programs. **The Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs has a rolling deadline!**

North Carolina applicants are also encouraged to reach out to the NC EDA representative, Hillary Sherman, at [hsherman@eda.gov](mailto:hsherman@eda.gov) to discuss program requirements and processes and alignment with potential projects.



## Reconnecting Communities Grants

Looking to increase transportation connectivity between residents and opportunities? The U.S. Department of Transportation has released new funding opportunities to deliver more than \$8 billion to cities in this funding cycle.

Right now, USDOT is taking applications for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods combined program with up to \$3.16 billion available under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot and the Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants. Additionally, USDOT is taking applications for up to \$5.575 billion in funding for projects of regional or national significance under the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program.

Together, these two application opportunities will be one of the largest transportation grant amounts available to cities, towns and villages at one time.



## Technical Assistance Resources Available Through UNC EFC

The UNC Environmental Finance Center has grant funding available to provide technical assistance for small wastewater systems serving under 1 million gallons per day. Its technical assistance services typically revolve around financial issues pertaining to overall assessments of financial health/sustainability, rates evaluations, or financial planning for upcoming infrastructure projects. However, they may be able to assist with more specific financial management issues or refer you to other consulting expertise within the [Environmental Finance Center Network](#).



## Golden LEAF SITE Program

Golden LEAF recognizes that rural and economically distressed communities must have sites available for development to attract new businesses and create opportunities for existing businesses to expand. To address this need, Golden LEAF created the SITE Program. Through this program, Golden LEAF will provide support to communities to identify potential sites for economic development, enable completion of due diligence on sites already identified, or extend public utilities to or conduct grading and clearing of sites for which due diligence has been completed. Golden LEAF will accept applications from organizations in all counties, but will prioritize awards within

counties that have been persistently economically distressed (as demonstrated by county tier status determined by the N.C. Department of Commerce) and in economically distressed, rural, and tobacco-dependent communities.



**RECENT JOB POSTINGS**

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|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Assistant City<br/>Manager</b><br><br>Lexington | <b>Assistant<br/>Finance<br/>Director</b><br><br>Smithfield | <b>Budget<br/>Director</b><br><br>Lancaster<br>County, SC | <b>City Manager</b><br><br>Albemarle             | <b>Customer<br/>Services Clerk<br/>- Finance</b><br><br>Knightdale |
| <b>Engineering in<br/>Training</b>                 | <b>Finance<br/>Director</b>                                 | <b>IT Manager</b>   | <b>Property &amp;<br/>Casualty<br/>Associate</b> | <b>Planner I</b>   |

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| Public Safety<br>Aide | Police Officer                    | Research<br>Program<br>Manager | Senior Public<br>Services<br>Analyst | Transportation<br>Engineer I |
| Smithfield            | Village of<br>Whispering<br>Pines | NCLM                           | High Point                           | High Point                   |



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