

WELCOME

EXECUTIVE FORUM

2025

HELENA, MT

February 26th - 28th

Delta Hotel - Helena, MT



DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Noon - 1:00PM

Welcome Lunch

1:00PM - 3:00PM

Steering the Ship *Navigating liability and risk management in your municipality - MMIA Staff*

3:00 - 3:10PM

Break

3:10PM - 4:40PM

Mastering Public Meetings *This session will provide essential skills for effective meeting management in public meetings - Dan Clark, LGC Director, Ashley Kent, LGC Associate Director*

CM Track

3:10PM - 4:40PM

City Manager Discussion Topic information to come

Evening

Legislator Meetings *We encourage you to meet with lawmakers to discuss issues that impact your community. Please reach out to League staff if you would like assistance coordinating*

DAY 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:45AM - 8:45AM

Breakfast

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Planning For Success *Communities that develop and utilize intentional planning documents such as a strategic plan, capital improvement plan, and annual council work plan often enjoy greater success in completing large projects, qualifying for grant funding, and increased community engagement. Join us to explore how to utilize these tools, resources for getting started, and planning best practices - Dan Clark, LGC Director, Ashley Kent, LGC Associate Director*

DAY 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 *cont.*

10:40AM - 12:10PM **Setting Expectations for Department Heads** *Managing employees - Derrek Shepherd, Human Resource Consultant, MMIA*

12:10PM - 1:00PM Lunch

CM Track 1:00PM - 4:10PM **City Manager Discussion** *City Managers, Executives, and Administrators will have a separate track beginning at 1PM on Thursday. Topics of discussion to come.*

1:00PM - 2:00PM **Budgeting Basics and More** *Interactive learning about effective budgeting from start to finish. Tips and tricks to make budgeting a structured process for your community - Jodi Rogers, Municipal Finance Director League, Jodie Campbell, Financial Consultant, League*

2:00PM - 2:10PM Break

2:10PM - 4:10PM **How to engage with Legislators - League Staff**
Legislative Update
Lobbying 101
Lobbying 201

5:30PM - 7:30PM Reception

DAY 3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast at Capitol Rotunda

Remainder of Day Attend floor sessions, committee hearings, and meet legislators in the halls.