# **National League of Cities**

101 – An Intro to your Member Benefits



#### WHO WE ARE

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the voice of America's cities, towns and villages, representing more than 200 million people across the country.

#### **OUR MISSION**

To strengthen local leadership, influence federal policy and drive innovative solutions.



# **Core Principles**



- Cities Lead: When our nation's cities and towns are stronger, all of America is stronger.
- We stand for local control and an effective federal-city partnership.
- We are a member-driven organization and strive to be unified, inclusive, focused, valuable, influential, visible, relationship driven, forward leaning, and financially solid.



## **Federal Advocacy Committees**



Transportation &
Infrastructure Services



Finance,
Administration,
& Intergovernmental Relations



Energy,
Environment,
& Natural Resources



Public Safety & Crime Prevention



**Human Development** 



Information Technology & Communications



Community & Economic Development



# **Transportation & Infrastructure Services**

TIS Committee is responsible for leading NLC's policy development and advocacy on transportation connectivity, including federal funding, safety and innovation in all modes of transportation. The Committee's policy development includes working subcommittees on roads and bridges, transit, rail, aviation and ports as well as transportation technology. Through the Committee's advocacy, NLC is a leading voice on fixing the Highway Trust Fund, integrating drones into the national airspace with FAA, and the national deployment of autonomous vehicles with USDOT, among many other smart city issues.





## Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources

EENR Committee is responsible for developing policy and leading NLC's advocacy on infrastructure and sustainability-related issues such as water infrastructure and water quality, air quality, energy, climate change, solid and hazardous waste management, local food systems, and public lands. Most recently, the committee has focused on issues pertaining to water infrastructure, such as financing mechanisms and addressing community and residential affordability, and climate change mitigation, adaptation and community resilience.





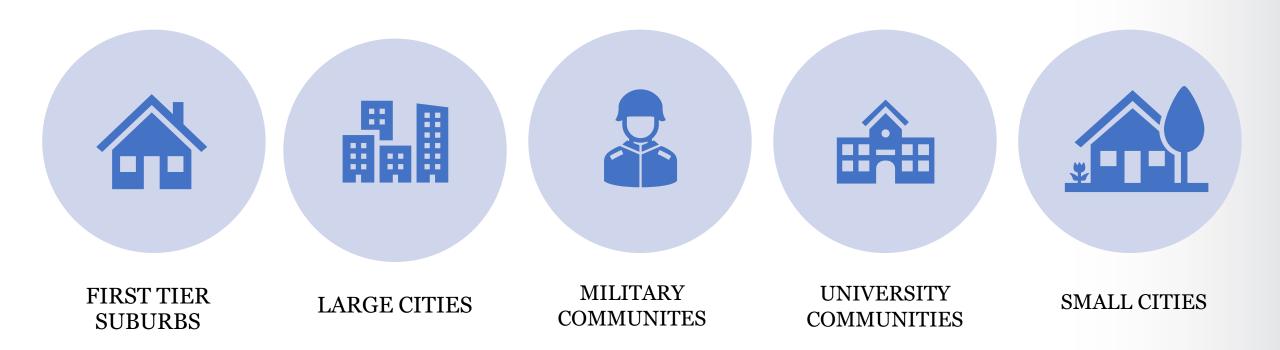
# Community & Economic Development

C&ED Committee is responsible for developing policy positions and leading NLC's advocacy on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation, and international competitiveness. In addition, the Committee leads efforts in support of federal grant programs that support these activities, including the Community Development Block Grant program.





## **MEMBER COUNCILS**



• https://www.nlc.org/initiative/councils-groups-committees-applications/



### **Small Cities Council**

SCC is open to municipal officials from member cities with populations of 50,000 or less. Participants share ideas and creative solutions to challenges affecting small cities. Small Cities make up 80 percent of NLC membership.

The objectives of the council are

- •To be recognized as the voice and advocate for small cities
- •To serve as a resource for municipal officials from small cities
- •To recruit more small cities to become NLC members
- •To ensure that Council members are well-informed about the NLC and can be effective spokespersons about the role of small cities in NLC
- •To connect small cities to key NLC advocacy and policy development efforts





# **Military Communities Council**

MCC consist of municipalities that host or are near a military installation. Members are particularly interested in:

- •Transportation and infrastructure concerns related to having a nearby base
- •Strategies for collaborating with the local military leadership
- •Successfully integrate veterans, support Wounded Warrior Program, developing support service for families of deployed active-duty military.





### **WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

WIMG serves to raise awareness about issues of concern to women, development of NLC's National Municipal Policy and empowers and encourages women to seek public office in their communities.





# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

APAMO serves as a vehicle for members to discuss problems and explore solutions, debate policy issues and contribute to the success of American cities and towns.





## **Local Indigenous Leaders**

LIL is a caucus that provides **Indigenous Municipal Officials** and Staff a space to create relationships with their peer colleagues, uplift the perspectives of Indigenous communities, and educate the wider NLC organization on historical and current issues facing Indigenous communities.





# **Strategic Partnerships**

















### **GRANT ACCESS**

- Database with over 10,000 federal, state, private foundation and corporate grant and funding opportunities for your community
- Ability to set alerts for key words and categories
- Complimentary access with membership; each municipality gets one login for municipality staff





# **NLC Prescription Discount Program**

- Like other store loyalty programs, there is no cost join Prescription Discount—for the resident and the city.
- The program provides participating cities with customized discount cards and sample promotional materials including a press release and web page.
- This card can be used not only at CVS, but at any one of over 68,000 pharmacies nationwide, including all major chains and most independent pharmacies.
- This is not insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. By using this card, participants agree to pay the entire prescription cost less any applicable discount. Savings may vary by drug and pharmacy.





# Center for Leadership, Education and Development



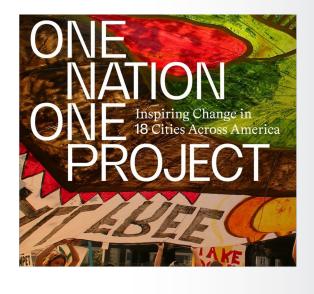
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Good Jobs, Great Cities



Healthy Housing Local Action Challenge





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# **Center for Municipal Practice**



City Inclusive Entrepreneurship Network (CIE)



Building Climate Change Resilience

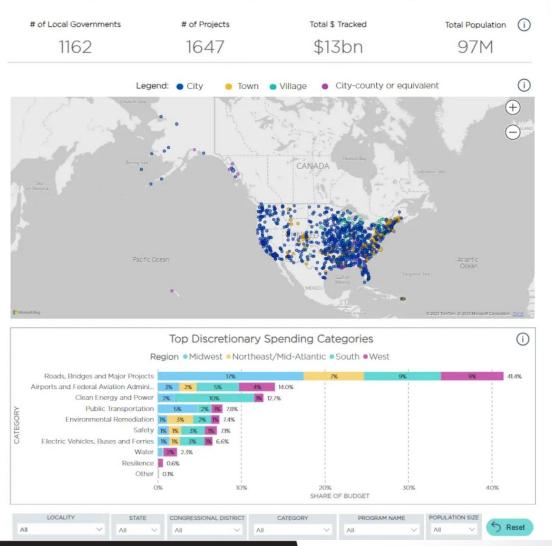




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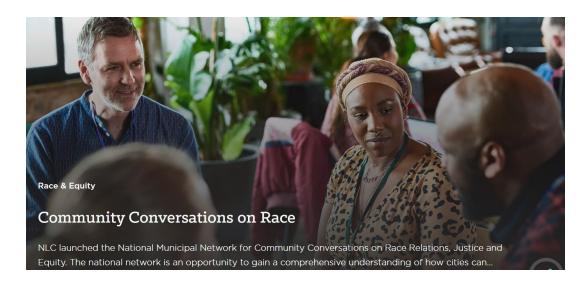


### REBUILDING AMERICA: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Tracker





Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL)





Peoples, Rebuild Trust and Repair Relationships



## **Conferences and Meetings**

Congressional Cities Conference – Washington DC



City Summit 2024

– Tampa, FL





## QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH.

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