



Small Cities CONFERENCE

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, Pre-Conference Training

- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** **Registration Open**
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** **Pre-Conference Training Classes**
Municipal Taxation 101 – The Basics
Roles & Responsibilities of Council & Staff
Open Records
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** **Vendor Setup & Check In**
- Dinner on Your Own**

Thursday, May 14, 2026, Small Cities Conference

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am** **Check-In & Networking**
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am** **Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors**
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am** **Concurrent Sessions**
Building a Strong Financial Foundation
Downtown Development Projects & Funding Sources
The Essentials of Municipal Leadership
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm** **Concurrent Sessions**
Senior Population & Aging Within the Community
Audits, Reporting & the DOAA Dashboard
Success Stories Along the Housing Continuum
- 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm** **Lunch & Keynote Speaker**
- 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm** **Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors**
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm** **Concurrent Sessions**
Preservation, Performing Arts & Community Success
Ethics Reporting Requirements
Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) – Time for a Closer Look
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm** **Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors**



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3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

*Asset Management for Resilient Water & Wastewater Systems
Growing with Purpose – Economic Development in Talking Rock
Building the Future of Public Safety*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Conference Reception

Friday, May 15, 2026, Small Cities Conference

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Check-In & Networking

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Concurrent Sessions

*City Revenue 101 – Grants, Loans & Local Growth Strategies
Planning for Change – Small Communities Facing Big Challenges
Purposeful Planning for Infrastructure & Growth*

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break with Sponsors & Exhibitors

10:15 am – 11:15 am

Concurrent Sessions

*Leveraging Public Assets for Workforce Housing
Engaging Residents Online
From Blight to Bright*

11:25 am – 12:15 pm

Closing Session