



# Local Government Spring Conference

**Thursday, April 25**

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8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>	<b>Trade Show Open</b>
8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>	<b>Registration Open</b>
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <i>Mahogany/Ponderosa</i>	<b>Councilors Workshop and Breakfast: Mental Health Awareness</b> <p>This training will explore how mental health impacts city leaders and will identify ways to encourage the use of resources, benefits, and coping skills. Topics discussed will include: mental health signs and symptoms, self-care for ourselves and others, and resources to support.</p>
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <i>Cedar/Aspen</i>	<b>Mayors Workshop and Breakfast</b> <b>Part One: City Charter Updates – Emerging Trends and Recommended Processes</b> <p>Does your charter help or hinder today's challenges? A charter lays out the organization, powers, functions, and procedures of city government. Mayors, and their council colleagues, should ask themselves if their foundational and guiding document serves as a help or hindrance to meeting current challenges. This session will: highlight how cities are modernizing their charters to better address current community needs; showcase common areas of concern and gaps the LOC has noticed in existing charters; and provide examples of how cities have successfully reviewed and updated their charters.</p> <b>Part Two: The Mayor's Role in Communicating City Needs</b> <p>Mayors wear many hats in their local government leadership role. One of the biggest is communicating with residents, whether it's explaining new charter language, why a local option levy is needed to fund public safety, or keeping residents informed during an emergency. Panelists will explain the communication approach they take when educating the public about city needs, as well as best practices for keeping people informed and calm during emergencies.</p>
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <i>Lodge Conference Room</i>	<b>Managers Workshop and Breakfast – Planning For &amp; Recovering from an Emergency</b> <p>Over the last four years, Oregon communities have faced natural disasters and public health emergencies. Every disaster has a ripple effect, including watershed issues, economic stress, tourism impacts, and to property loss. How do you plan for your community's future in an ever-changing natural environment? Participants will hear from front line staff who have worked in emergency operation centers dealing with a large urban fire. How did they successfully communicate across jurisdictions? What can cities expect from FEMA? What does post recovery look like? Panelists will also explain what they wish they knew before the emergency hit and how to best set up your community for resiliency.</p>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. <i>Woodlands Ballroom</i>	<b>Welcome &amp; Keynote Lunch – Sponsored by CIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome:</b> Dave Drotzmann, LOC President; Mayor, Hermiston</li><li>• <b>Welcome from the City of Klamath Falls and Land Acknowledgement:</b> Mayor Carol Westfall</li><li>• <b>Tribal Blessing:</b> Member of Klamath Tribe</li><li>• <b>Color Guard:</b> Henley HS/ROTC; Group Leader, David Brosius</li><li>• <b>National Anthem:</b> Olivia Snow</li><li>• <b>Sponsor Comments:</b> Patrick Priest, Executive Director, CIS</li><li>• <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Sheriff <u>Nick Hunter</u>, Marion County</li></ul>

The Marion County Sheriff's Office is the only agency in the state operating a Law Enforcement Assisted Deflection (LEAD) program. While maintaining officer discretion, the LEAD program gives police officers and prosecutors a tool to vector a person suffering from addiction towards treatment and recovery and away from incarceration. As Ballot Measure 110 reforms take shape, LEAD programs will become ubiquitous throughout the state and cities will play a significant role in making them successful.

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1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Networking Break**

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2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Woodlands Ballroom*

**Breakout Sessions**

**Forging the Path: Supporting Women in Elected Leadership – Sponsored by AARP**

In this session presented by the Women's Caucus, attendees, panelists, and facilitators will consider strategies for addressing the isolation, tokenizing, and disconnection experienced by women in elected leadership. They will also be supported in reflecting on their own leadership stories and discussing methods for addressing the gender-based challenges they experience in their roles.

*Juniper Hall*

**Wildfire Resilience and Community Risk Reduction – Sponsored by Erickson, Inc.**

Learn about Oregon's approach to reducing wildfire in communities. We'll discuss how to reduce risk, the importance of understanding risk, and how this connects to insurance.

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3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Networking Snack Break – Sponsored by Prothman**

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3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Woodlands Ballroom*

**Public Safety Financing: Levies, Fees and Contracts, Oh My! – Sponsored by Flock Safety**

The demand for public safety protection and the cost of those services continues to rise. Hear from cities that are creatively funding police protections with the support of their voters through levies, fees and partnerships.

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4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

*Outside (Location TBD)*

**Onsite Networking Happy Hour Reception – Sponsored by NPPGov**

Join us as we wrap up the first day of conference with a networking reception! Enjoy drinks and appetizers with your peers.

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6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Dinner on Your Own**

The city of Klamath Falls has arranged free transportation for attendees. A bus will pick up members outside the front of the Running Y at 6:15 p.m. and depart at 6:30 p.m. The bus will then drop people off downtown at Sugarman's Park (533 Main St.). At 8 p.m. the bus will load at the same location and bring attendees back to the Running Y.

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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Woodlands Ballroom*

**Womens Caucus Membership Meeting**

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8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

*Running Y Bar and Lobby*

**Mixer Hosted by LOC Caucuses**

Join the LOC caucuses for a post-dinner reception and enjoy networking with your peers and Bingo with great prizes!

## **Friday, April 26**

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7:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

*Ballroom Foyer*

**Trade Show and Registration Open**

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7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

*Woodlands Ballroom*

**Networking Breakfast: U.S. Supreme Court Update – *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson* – Sponsored by Markowitz Herbold PC**

Enjoy networking with your peers and hear an update on a forthcoming ruling that will impact cities not only in Oregon, but across the country. Attorney Anit Jindal of Markowitz Herbold PC will discuss the current status of Grants Pass vs. Johnson and the potential outcomes of the court's ruling.

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. <i>Woodlands Ballroom</i>	<b>Agency Directors Roundtables – Sponsored by Business Oregon</b> Directors from five key state agencies and Regional Solutions staff will discuss the importance of relationships between state agency partners and local governments. This roundtable format will allow for direct engagement with each agency director.
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. <i>Juniper Hall</i>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <b>Rural Resources: Grants &amp; Funding Opportunities – Sponsored by Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Program</b> Rural and small cities often lack the capacity to chase down funding opportunities from a myriad of agencies and organizations. Hear from a panel of experts who are working on breaking down the barriers for funding opportunities and promoting rural collaboration.
<i>Woodlands Ballroom</i>	<b>Oregon Housing and Community Services Resources Update – Sponsored by Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative</b> As part of Governor Kotek’s Executive Order on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, and following overwhelming support in affordable housing investments from the 2023 legislative session, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is redesigning and streamlining how they fund affordable housing and shelter around the state. Participants will learn how resources will be allocated, and how cities can support affordable development and homeless response efforts.
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. <i>Woodlands Ballroom</i>	<b>Lunch &amp; General Session: Leveraging the Power of Regional Coordination to Meet Oregon’s Housing Goals – Sponsored by Hayden Homes</b> The lack of safe and affordable housing across Oregon has become an economic development barrier, and in many instances, a public health crisis. Cities are no stranger to using regional coordination as a tool for local problem solving. This session will unpack regional coordination models to address local housing needs and inform a stronger state response to Oregon’s housing crisis. Delve into real-world examples from around the state, and walk away with actionable ideas for your community and a deeper understanding of how regional coordination, informed by public and private efforts, can be a catalyst for sustainable, statewide housing solutions.
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. <i>Woodlands Ballroom</i>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <b>A Conversation with Oregon’s Water Caucus Co-Chairs – Sponsored by Homeserve</b> State Representatives Ken Helm and Mark Owens will recap the pressing water issues from the 2024 short legislative session and preview what’s in store for 2025. The Oregon Legislature’s Water Caucus is a bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators and staff committed to fostering a resilient water future for all. The caucus recognizes that tackling complex water challenges requires focused leadership, innovation, and long-term commitment to learning and working together. Its core functions include facilitating learning, convening conversations, promoting informed decision-making, and elevating the priority of water-related policies and investments.
<i>Juniper Hall</i>	<b>Leading Communities through the Lens as a Person of Color – Sponsored by McKinstry</b> Oregon demographics are changing, and community leaders must understand, recognize, and include residents from different backgrounds in decision making. Community leaders will share how their lived experiences have shaped their leadership approach, offering a better understanding of how to create an inclusive environment.
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Networking Snack Break – Sponsored by Energy Trust</b>

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
*Woodlands Ballroom*

**The Role of Cities in Implementing Oregon’s Updated Addiction Response – Sponsored by Klamath Basin Behavioral Health**

The Legislature has made significant changes that will help local communities better serve those who are struggling with substance abuse disorder, and in the process preserve livability. New policies will give cities the agency to address these issues in ways that weren’t possible while Measure 110 was in effect. Learn how cities can best address addiction and what partnerships are needed to mitigate this crisis.

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4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Dinner on Your Own**

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7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
*Woodlands Ballroom*

**Casino Night Reception – Sponsored by PGE**

Join us for a fun-filled evening to end the conference with a casino night! The night kicks off with a mesmerizing falcon show! Watch as majestic raptors take flight with precision and grace, showcasing their aerial prowess in a breathtaking display of speed and agility. Then enjoy a night of casino fun with appetizers, no host bar, and prizes!