



CAP CON 2025



Cutting Through the Bureaucracy: A Federal Perspective

General Session: Wednesday 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

- Every day we read and watch the headlines coming out of Washington, D.C., but what really goes on behind the scenes? Come listen to former members of Congress as they give you a peak behind the curtain with a firsthand account of their time in our nation's capital.

Speakers:

- The Honorable Representative Fred Upton, Former U.S. Congressman
- The Honorable Representative Dan Kildee, President/CEO, Community Foundation of Greater Flint



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Labor Policy: A Snapshot for Local Governments

Breakout Session: Wednesday 3 - 4 p.m.

- Legislation on collective bargaining and workers' rights took center stage during the 2023–2024 legislative session. There were also significant decisions made by the Michigan Supreme Court regarding paid sick leave and the minimum wage. Join us for an update on the labor policies that could have an impact on municipalities across Michigan.

Speaker:

- Brandon Fournier, Partner, Shifman Fournier

Lobbying 3.0

Breakout Session: Wednesday 3 - 4 p.m.

- The League is a successful grassroots organization largely because of the involvement of active members—that's you! In Lobbying 3.0, you will hear from our lobbyists as they break down specific legislative priorities. Learn the nuances of these issues, what specific actions can be taken, why those actions matter, and leave with a deeper understanding on how to work together and advocate for their successful passage.





From Production to Disposal: The Need to Transform Local Waste Management

Breakout Session: Wednesday 3 - 4 p.m.

- As local governments face increasing pressure to manage waste effectively and meet sustainability goals, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies present a powerful solution. This breakout session will introduce the fundamentals of EPR, explore its growing role in waste management, and highlight how local governments can leverage these policies to reduce costs, enhance recycling programs, and contribute to sustainability objectives.

Speaker:

- Kerrin O'Brien, Executive Director, Michigan Recycling Coalition

2025-26 Legislative Priorities

01 Creation of a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund

02 Addressing the Interaction Between Headlee and Proposal A

03 Creating a Neighborhood Roads Fund

04 Continue Funding for the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program

05 Implementing an Employer Housing Tax Credit

06 Protecting Locals' Ability to Regulate Short-Term Rentals

07 Enacting the Michigan Mobility Trust Fund

08 Codify the Process for Implementing a Stormwater Utility



The League's 2025-26
Legislative Priorities to
**Foster Thriving
Communities**

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Strategic Advocacy to Create Thriving Communities

Breakout Session: Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- The future of Michigan relies on creating thriving communities across the state. For our communities to thrive, it is critical that the state of Michigan provide them with the necessary resources and tools. In pursuit of our legislative priorities, the League is connecting data and stories that show the importance of these policies. Come learn about how we're connecting our legislative agenda and guiding principles to research showing the on-the-ground impact.

Speakers:

- John LaMacchia, Director, State & Federal Affairs, Michigan Municipal League
- Richard Murphy, Program Manager, Michigan Municipal League

Housing Survey: GO TO SLIDO.COM

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Has your municipality undertaken any zoning reforms like expedited review process, administrative approvals for housing, allow ADUs or duplexes as permitted uses, removed or reduced parking requirements for residential, pre-approved plans?



An Old Tool with a New Use and a New Tool Never Used—Help for Housing

Breakout Session: Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- Public Act 381, the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, was revised in 2023 to expand eligible activities for Tax Increment Financing reimbursement—including the addition of housing as an eligible activity. Public Act 233 of 2002 created the Attainable Facilities Housing Act. Learn how communities and developers are using these tools to help tackle the shortage of attainable housing, how to prepare for these incentives, and how to manage applications and projects.

Speakers:

- Trudy Galla, Senior Brownfield Specialist, Fishbeck
- Josh Mills, City Superintendent, City of Frankfort

Road Funding: Governor's Proposal

- Eliminate the 6% sales tax on gas and raise the gas tax by a corresponding amount (~.19 cents)
- Increase the Corporate Income Tax (CIT) from 6% to 8% to hold the School Aid Fund harmless (\$700M)
- Increase the internet gaming and sports betting taxes to hold constitutional revenue sharing harmless for communities (\$95M)
- \$500M in unidentified cuts in government
- Move and increase marijuana taxes from point of sale to wholesale, generating \$470M.
- A host of “transportation services taxes” to raise about \$1.15B. These include a retail delivery fee, fees on rideshares like Uber and Lyft, taxi taxes, private limo and busses taxes, heavy and overweight truck fees, plus an internet advertising fees (ads on social media sites)
- Change the bottom of the Public Act 51 funding distribution formula to send more money to local roads and less to MDOT
- Raises \$3 billion. All dollars would go through the full PA 51 formula. The Comprehensive Transit Fund (public transit) portion will increase by \$250M

Road Funding: Speaker's Proposal

- Eliminate the 6% sales tax on gas and raise the gas tax by a corresponding amount (~.20 cents)
- Hold the School Aid Fund harmless (\$755M)
- Does not hold constitutional revenue sharing harmless for communities (\$95M)
- \$500 million from eliminating older MEGA credits
- \$500 million from preventing legislative earmarks
- \$500 million from automatic deposits into the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve (SOAR) Fund.
- \$600 million in ongoing General Fund
- \$50 million from automatic deposits into Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Fund
- \$50 million from the Housing and Community Development Fund
- Allocates almost \$3.3 billion to transportation funding. \$1.1B fuels tax (Act 51), \$2.2B Corporate Income Tax (90% local roads, 10% MDOT)
- Within the 90%. \$275M for a Neighborhood Road Fund, \$100M for critical bridges (5 years), 55% counties, 45% cities and villages
- MDOT: \$610M, Counties: \$1.45B CV: \$1.15B, CTF: \$50M

Lobbying 2.0

Breakout Session: Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- The Michigan Legislature is constantly changing and taking on new issues. How can you keep up with it all? Join members of the League's lobbying staff as they share the ins and outs of the Michigan Legislature. This session is for members who are just starting to dive into the Lansing arena, as well as veterans seeking a refresher. Earn an Elected Officials Academy (EOA) Advocacy Credit in this session.





Call to Action: Support the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund



State of Play in Congress



FY25 Funding Deadline – March 14

- Continuing Resolution (CR) advanced to extend FY24 funding levels to September 30, 2025



Budget Reconciliation Negotiations and Impact to Future Budget

- House and Senate resolution targets are at odds with one another
- Negotiations related to debt limit, changes to mandatory spending or adjustments in revenues – NOT discretionary programs
- Programs for local governments in danger to be used as offsets: housing, clean energy programs, and infrastructure programs, tax-exempt status of municipal bonds



Impact of Executive Actions on Federal Program Access and Implementation

- Agency workforce reductions will impact technical assistance and resource access for local governments, straining capacity issues

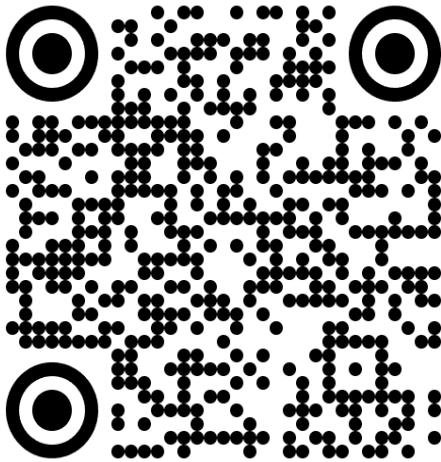
Resources and Actions for Local Governments on the Impact of Executive Actions



Resource Page:
Presidential Actions
Impact to Local
Governments



Member Webinar:
Impacts of Immigration
Executive Orders on
Local Government
Operations



Call to Action:
Send a letter to your
Congressional
delegation sharing the
impact of federal
programs that have
been disrupted within
your communities



**Information
Sharing:** Complete
NLC's Federal Grants
Exchange Form to help
us track agency
communications on
guidance for federal
programs



Let's Talk: How Are Federal Changes Impacting Municipal Operations?

Breakout Session: Wednesday 3 - 4 p.m.

- Rapid change has descended on Washington D.C. and recent Executive Orders have the potential to impact cities and villages across Michigan. In this ever-changing environment, it is challenging to understand and respond to those impacts. This is where you can help. Come have a conversation with us and let us know what's happening in your community. This session will provide critical information for League staff and help us tailor future responses as we look to address member concerns.

Speaker:

- Shanna Draheim, Director, Policy Research Labs, Michigan Municipal League

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