

## Workshops

*Explore our list of Deep Dive sessions and the topics that will be discussed at Congressional City Conference. Deep Dive sessions include an opportunity to hear from experts as well as participate in peer-to-peer learning.*

### **America's Housing Comeback: Partnerships and Strategies for Economic Prosperity**

Local leaders know that a stable housing supply is essential for economic prosperity, job security, and public health and safety. This session will focus on partnerships—spanning public-private and federal-local collaborations—in fostering economic vitality and expanding opportunities in cities, towns, and villages. The session will also feature America's Housing Comeback, a new leadership table for housing policy leaders and innovators in the public and private sector to meet the moment for housing together by improving and accelerating growth of public-private partnerships focused on locally driven housing solutions; and pioneering new approaches that elevate the potential of housing financing now and into the future.

### **Maintaining Momentum in Economic and Workforce Development**

Is your community taking a fresh look at ways to continue economic development efforts, now that pandemic-era funds have been expended? Speakers from federal agencies and congressional offices will highlight newly authorized programs and upcoming legislative priorities regarding economic and workforce development. Come learn how opportunities through EDA Reauthorization, Opportunity Zones, WIOA and the Farm Bill match up with your communities' goals and hear your peers from small and large communities share successes and lessons learned.

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## **Unlocking Federal Funding: Find the Keys that Fit Your Community**

Join this session for sharp insights on federal funding for cities, towns and villages and practical guidance on how to access these funds. We'll start by highlighting federal funding sources available right now and how to integrate federal funding into local financing streams. We'll also bring you up to speed on ways that NLC helps communities – like yours – navigate the complexities of accessing these much-needed sources of support and how we are working with our federal partners to streamline the application and reporting process.

## **Utilizing Clean Energy Finance Programs in Your Community**

Financing programs and tax credits are available for communities to support clean energy projects that will help meet local climate action goals. Get insights into how your city, town or village can tap into financing from new national “green banks,” including for single-family and multi-family homes. Hear lessons learned from utilizing the Elective Pay provision and share your project ideas and experiences with peers.

## **A Closer Look at New Rules for PFAS, Lead and Copper**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rulemakings regarding PFAS and the Lead and Copper Rule have direct implications for local communities, as will the outcome of pending legal challenges and potential administrative and congressional action. Come learn more about the details of the rules and regulations, the status of legal challenges, and what to expect next. This session will highlight new resources to support compliance and communication strategies, as well as advocacy goals to ensure local governments do not face undue legal and cost liability.

## **Safe Communities: A 360-Degree Perspective**

What constitutes a truly safe community? Take a look beyond traditional policing measures, as speakers from congressional offices and federal agencies, alongside local government officials, discuss factors such as safe and reliable transportation, affordable housing, robust health and human services, vibrant economies, and effective public safety

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services. Gain insights into collaborative approaches and innovative solutions, and get tips on how they can be tailored to meet the unique needs of your community.

## **Streamlining Federal Transportation Partnership**

For five years, Congress' Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) programs grew federal transportation investments with local governments. Thousands of communities have applied and won transportation funding for essential infrastructure projects, but these IIJA programs expire next year, and the federal processes have been slow to adapt. Now a new Congress and President Trump's U.S. Department of Transportation are setting a new infrastructure agenda focused on streamlining so local governments must be ready to share what is working and what is broken in the infrastructure delivery system as Congress and the administration debate the next federal infrastructure package.

## **Building Tech-Ready Connected Communities**

Is your community ready to take advantage of connected infrastructure, cutting-edge advances in technology like artificial intelligence and an increasingly digital economy? Federal resources are available for building and maintaining broadband infrastructure, developing residents' digital skills, protecting communities against cyberattacks and using technology to help communities respond more effectively to emergencies. Come hear experts discuss the biggest opportunities – and challenges – facing local leaders in the tech policy landscape in 2025.

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