



INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Promoting Good Government at the Local Level

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A Message From ILG's Executive Director

Greetings from ILG!

The first quarter of 2019 has been a whirlwind for the ILG team as we work to advance good government at the local level.

I'm excited to report that great things are happening across California with local agencies actively collaborating and innovating to help address some of the critical issues facing our state.

ILG remains committed to providing education, training, technical assistance and capacity building in the core areas of **Sustainability, Leadership & Governance, Youth & Civics Education** and **Public Engagement**. If you don't know exactly what that means, here are some of the highlights from the past three months:



- Our Public Engagement team has trained more than 60 local agency staff from across the state in a SOLD OUT public engagement training of our TIERS framework. We'll be hosting at least two more TIERS workshops this year.
- Our Youth & Civics Education team hosted a Youth in Government Day with the City of Sacramento to inspire at-risk youth to consider careers in the public sector and become more civically engaged. We're also partnering with Placer County to host a similar event in May.
- Our Leadership & Governance team has trained over 750 local officials and staff in ethics and harassment prevention to ensure that good governance remains at the forefront for new and returning local leaders.
- And our Sustainability team has participated in a wide range of committees and convenings to ensure that the local government perspective is considered during both planning and implementation of environmental policy. We are actively engaged in the Integrated Climate Adaptation Resilience Program (ICARP), the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC), the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire and Recovery and the Sacramento Area Mayors' Commission on Climate Change, just to name a few. We're also embarking on new and exciting work with the Strategic Growth Council to help disadvantaged communities take action to address their unique environmental challenges.

This is just a snapshot of how ILG is connecting the dots between state government, local government and California's communities. If the first quarter of 2019 is any indication, this year will be ripe with opportunity for ILG to work with all of you to make a large and positive impact on the counties, cities and special districts across California.

You're an important part of this equation and **we want to hear from you** about the kinds of projects and programs that are working well in your area and demonstrating good government at the local level. Email us your examples at info@ca-ilg.org.

With enthusiasm from everyone at the Institute for Local Government,

Erica L. Manuel
CEO & Executive Director

ILG Welcomes Three New Board Members

The ILG Board of Directors is excited to welcome three new liaison members representing some of its affiliate organizations. **Randi Johl** is the current City Clerk and Legislative Director in Temecula and will represent the League of California Cities; **Lee Lor** is the County Supervisor of District 2 in Merced County and will represent the California State Association of Counties; and **Pat Martel** is the retired City Manager of Daly City and will represent the League's City Manager's Department. All three of these directors bring a wealth of industry experience and expertise in local government. More information about the ILG Board, including their bios, can be found [here](#).

Last Chance to Register for the April TIERS Public Engagement Training



Are you getting the results you want from your public engagement efforts? Enroll in ILG's TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab and learn a step-by-step framework to successfully plan and implement your next public engagement effort. This interactive training program can help you operationalize your community outreach efforts in a more sustainable way, while providing private, hands-on consulting to address your agency's unique priorities – ranging from planning and climate change to budgeting and public safety.

The next TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab is **Thursday and Friday, April 25-26 in Danville**.

For more information or to register, contact Hanna Stelmakhovych at publicengagement@ca-ilg.org or call (916) 658-8221.

[Find the complete framework and information about future training opportunities here.](#)

ILG Can Help Local Agencies with Affordable Housing Needs

Webinar: SB 2 Funding Available for Planning

Is your city looking to update its general plan, specific plan, community plan or local coastal plan? ILG will be participating in a League of California Cities webinar on Wednesday, April 17 at 1pm to provide guidance to cities so they can begin applying for non-competitive planning grants and receive technical assistance beginning this spring. SB 2 Planning Grants are aimed at addressing the state's housing shortage and high housing costs by establishing a permanent funding source for affordable housing. Half of the funding generated in the first year will be available to local governments through noncompetitive grants to provide planning grants and technical assistance to help prepare, adopt and implement plans.



[Register here.](#)

Technical Assistance: Get Help Applying for SB 2 Grants

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has released the SB 2 Planning Grants [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA) for approximately \$123 million. The Planning Grants Program provides one-time, non-competitive grants to local governments to update a variety of planning documents and processes that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production.

ILG is working with [PlaceWorks](#) to help local governments secure this funding by identifying projects and tools that will help increase housing production. Funding is available for:

- Targeted General Plan Updates
- Community Plans and Specific Plans
- Zoning Updates and By-Right Zoning for Housing
- Objective Design Standards
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations
- Streamlined Environmental Analyses
- Process Updates to Improve and Expedite Local Permitting

Contact Karalee Browne at kbrowne@ca-ilg.org for more information.

Creative Solution: Santa Cruz Uses Accessory Dwelling Units to Increase Housing Supply

As California's affordable housing crisis affects communities statewide, policymakers are examining alternative ways to increase the supply and affordability of housing. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also known as granny flats, have recently received a great deal of attention because they provide a lower-cost option than traditional market-rate construction to increase the housing supply in existing residential neighborhoods. ADUs are a secondary housing unit with completely independent living facilities, including a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. These units can be attached to or detached from the primary residence. [Read more.](#)



Funding Opportunities: Homelessness and Infrastructure

Homelessness: Emergency Solutions Grants Program

The Department of Housing and Community Development has released the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) [Notice of Funding Availability](#). The ESG program provides funding to local governments and providers to:

- Engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Improve the quality of Emergency Shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness by helping to operate these shelters and by providing essential services to shelter residents.
- Rapidly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

Infrastructure: California Financing and Coordinating Council Funding Fairs

The California Financing and Coordinating Council is hosting a series of Funding Fairs to share information about available infrastructure, loan and bond financing programs and options. These Fairs also provide an opportunity for attendees to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their community. The Fairs will take place as follows:

Sacramento - Wednesday, April 17
Bakersfield - Thursday, May 9
Clearlake - Wednesday, May 22
Santa Maria - Tuesday, June 11
Palm Desert - Wednesday, August 14
Irvine - Thursday, August 15

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

News from Our Partners

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2019
WE BUILD RE-BUILD

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY MAY 16, 2019
SANTA CRUZ CIVIC AUDITORIUM
307 CHURCH STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

Early bird registration will open on March 25, 2019.
www.mmanc.org/WLS2019



Webinar: Hot Topics in FLSA Litigation & Settlements

ILG partner Liebert Cassidy Whitmore is hosting a webinar on May 7 for to discuss the latest trends in the Fair Labor Standards Act litigation and settlements and help local governments navigate these lawsuits.

MMANC Women's Leadership Summit

The 2019 Women's Leadership Summit will take place May 16 in Santa Cruz. It will focus on the development and redevelopment of communities and how women influence outcomes.

[Read more](http://www.mmanc.org)
www.mmanc.org

[Read more](http://www.lcwlegal.com)
www.lcwlegal.com



Event: Workplace Violence - How to be a Prepared Employer

ILG partner KMTG is hosting a quarterly breakfast briefing on April 3 for employers and HR professionals to help them recognize and address potential workplace violence issues during the hiring process, employment tenure and post-termination.

[Read more](http://kmtg.com)
kmtg.com

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