COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Benefits of CML Membership

ADVOCACY

The Colorado Municipal League is your voice before state and federal government, employing full-time lobbyists to ensure all municipalities are well-represented at the state Capitol.

For the 2026 legislative session, CML helped defeat 17 bills. CML secured amendments to another 18 bills, which allowed the League to remove opposition. CML supported 30 bills. Of those, 17 passed in 2026.

Ensure your municipality's voice is heard! Contact CML Legislative Advocacy Manager **Bev Stables** to join CML's Policy Committee.

LEGAL RESOURCES

CML's full-time legal staff is available as a municipal resource for questions ranging from the impact of recent court decisions to guidelines on implementing statutory changes. Additionally, the League participates as amicus curiae (friend of the court) in state and federal appellate court cases that involve issues important to municipalities.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING & RESEARCH

CML administers statewide research polls to assess trends, challenges, opportunities, and other factors that affect municipalities. We carry out a number of research projects each year, and the results are used to advance legislation, inform decision-makers, and track changes over time. Learn more about **CML research** online. CML also provides in-depth information by publishing several books each year, as well as white papers, the biweekly *CML Newsletter*, and the quarterly *Colorado Municipalities* magazine. Visit the **CML online store** to view and order books, and you can manage your periodical subscriptions on the **CML website** by logging into your account, navigating to "My Account," and clicking the "preferences" tab.

Don't forget that included in your CML membership is access to salary and benefits data from municipalities across Colorado. Learn about accessing the system to run reports and update your municipality's data on our **Compensation Survey webpage**.

NETWORKING

You're not alone. Whether you work for a small or large municipality, there are public servants in other parts of the state doing similar work and experiencing similar circumstances. CML creates connections for you to meet one another. Every in-person training event includes time devoted for networking, informally or formally. Plus, every webinar includes time for open-ended Q&A and chatting.

Or download *CML Connect*, our app that lets you digitally contact other members and register for upcoming programs. You can also follow CML on Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

MUNICIPAL CLERK ADVISOR PROGRAM

Developed by CML, the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency, and the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association, this program is a valuable, free resource designed to assist municipal clerks in navigating specific job-related questions or challenges. For information, contact Karen Goldman at *charna48@comcast.net* or 303-981-8022.

LISTSERVS

Listservs enable individuals subscribed to the service to exchange information and ideas via email. Any member can post questions or share information, which are then automatically distributed to all group members. Responses from other members are also shared with the entire subscriber list. Listserv groups include attorneys, clerks, finance officers, human resources, managers, public information officers, public works, and utilities directors.

ENGAGING FUTURE VOTERS

In partnership with the Special District Association of Colorado, CML proudly supports the popular **Lessons on Local Government** (LOLG) program. This free resource provides Colorado's K–12 teachers with materials that meet the state's social studies and civics standards. Beyond education, LOLG serves as a bridge, connecting our future leaders to the inner workings of local government and nurturing their civic engagement.

We need your help! LOLG seeks government leaders to volunteer in classrooms. Contact **Justelle Grandsaert** to volunteer.

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Publications

AT THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, knowledge is empowerment. We are dedicated to providing our municipal members with a wealth of up-to-date information to support your professional growth and success. Many of our publications are available in both print and PDF formats, offering flexibility and accessibility to our members. Books are available in the **CML Store**. CML Members can sign up to receive periodicals on the **CML website**—just log in to your account and navigate to the "preferences" tab. If you can't find a publication on our website, please **contact us**.

PERIODICALS

- *Colorado Municipalities* quarterly magazine, published in print and digital editions
- Stay up to date on the latest activities and events at CML with the biweekly, digital *CML Newsletter*
- *Lessons on Local Government* digital newsletter, with updates on CML's civics education program in primary and secondary schools
- *Statehouse Report* digital newsletter, highlighting CML's advocacy at the state Capitol, published weekly during the legislative session
- *Municipal Law Update*, a monthly digital newsletter rounding up court decisions affecting cities and towns

REPORTS & GUIDES

- Annual *State of Our Cities and Towns* report
- *Colorado Laws Enacted Affecting Municipal Governments*, published annually after the legislative session
- Annual CML *Compensation Survey*, tracking salary, wages, and benefits for municipal employees
- *Knowledge Now* white papers on various topics

BOOKS & PAMPHLETS

- *Annexation in Colorado*
- *Bob's Rules of Order for Colorado Local Governments*
- *Colorado Municipal Candidate's Guide*
- *Colorado Municipal Clerk's Reference Guide*
- *Colorado Municipal Government: An Introduction*
- *Election Book*
- *Ethics, Liability, and Best Practices Handbook*
- *Governance 101*
- *Handbook for Appointed Municipal Boards and Commissions*
- *Historic Preservation: Basics for Municipalities*
- *Home Rule Handbook*
- *How to Hire a Local Government Manager or Administrator*
- *Liquor and Beer Handbook*
- *Municipal Candidates Guide*
- *Municipal Courts*
- *Municipal Prosecutor Handbook*
- *Municipal Taxes and Fees*
- *Open Meetings, Open Records*
- *TABOR: A Guide to the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights*
- *Tips for Enhancing Professionalism During Virtual Meetings*
- *Urban Renewal*





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Training Programs

Fall 2026 through summer 2027

Training is vital for government workers because it ensures your legal compliance, promotes ethical decision-making, clarifies governmental roles, and builds the leadership skills needed to help you effectively manage public resources and serve your communities. CML offers a variety of training programs designed for you. Register for events in the **CML online store**. Not finding the training session that suits your needs? Tell us about it, and we will design a training course for you! Contact CML Engagement & Communications Manager **Kristin Kemp**.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Two-part program on Dec. 1 & 8, 2026. This program will be offered again in late spring 2027 — date TBD

This virtual workshop equips new leaders with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed. Topics include the structure and functions of local government, defining the roles and responsibilities of elected leaders, as well as understanding open meetings, ethics, and liability.

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS WORKSHOP

Dec. 3, 2026, in Denver

This intensive training event provides essential skills, legal updates, and practical guidance specifically tailored for attorneys practicing prosecution in municipal courts. Registration opens soon.

MAYORS SUMMIT

Jan. 14, 2027, in Denver

For mayors only! This annual workshop addresses key aspects of municipal leadership, helping mayors lead with confidence and collaborate effectively with their councils, staff, and communities. And it's a great opportunity to meet your fellow mayors from across Colorado. The summit will conclude with an excursion to the National Western Stock Show, including a private dinner at the newly renovated National Western Complex.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Feb. 18, 2027, in Denver

This day-long workshop is your opportunity to learn more about the key municipal issues before the General Assembly, CML's legislative program, and what you and your municipality can do to influence the legislative process.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 22-25, 2027, in Keystone

Join us for our biggest event of the year! The CML Annual Conference is four days of intense learning and productive networking designed to meet the needs of municipal staff and elected officials.

WEBINARS

Noon on weekdays — check online for specifics

We know it can be hard to break away from your work to attend in-person trainings, so this free webinar series makes it easy to connect with colleagues and gain topic-specific training every month. Each one-hour webinar features a presentation from an expert with time devoted to an open-ended Q&A with the presenter.

Upcoming webinar topics

- Tips for Persuasive Testimony at the Capitol
- How to Pursue Geothermal Development and Funding Incentives
- Infrastructure and deferred maintenance
- And more!

DOWNLOADABLE TOOLKITS

You're busy. We get it. If you don't have time to join us at a training program, check out CML's new downloadable toolkits. In additional to training programs and publications, CML now offers downloadable toolkits for municipalities. CML staff are available to meet 1:1 to discuss how your municipality can apply the toolkit to your work. These no-cost toolkits are a benefit of municipal membership at CML.