

COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

100 YEARS



COLORADO  
MUNICIPAL  
LEAGUE

1923-2023





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# **GOAL**

**Empower members to be leaders  
on municipal issues and advocate for  
CML policies and positions**

# MEMBERSHIP

270

Municipal  
members  
of CML

180

Municipalities  
that have a city/  
town manager  
or administrator

269

Mayors

1,561

Council  
members/  
trustees

4,284,908

Residents who live in cities  
& towns — **74%** of Colorado's  
total population, **5,839,926**

105

Homerule  
municipalities.  
Total population:  
**3,998,963**

167

Statutory  
municipalities.  
Total population:  
**284,835**

1

Territorial  
charter town

729,239

Population of  
largest city,  
**Denver**

8

Population of  
smallest town,  
**Lakeside**



# MEMBERSHIP

**224**

Municipalities  
with a local  
sales tax

**70**

Municipalities  
that self-collect  
tax

**1.0%**

Lowest  
tax rate

**7.0%**

Highest  
tax rate

**\$99 billion**

Assessed valuation of property  
in municipalities.  
Percentage of total Colorado  
property tax assessment: **66.4%**

**1,158**

Number of municipal  
tax ballot questions.  
Municipal tax questions  
that passed: **712**

**581**

Number of revenue  
retention ballot questions.  
Revenue retention  
questions that passed: **503**

**461**

Number of municipal debt and  
obligation questions.  
Municipal debt and obligation  
questions that passed: **321**



# GOAL

**Defend and advance municipal  
interests in the courts, in the legislature,  
and at the ballot box.**

# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

## GENERAL

**617** Bills introduced

**288** Bills tracked by CML

**484** Passed the General Assembly

**474** Became law

## SUPPORT

**62** Bills supported by CML

**50** CML-backed bills that passed

**80%** Percentage passed

## OPPOSE

**43** Bills supported by CML

**29** CML-backed bills that passed

**67%** Percentage passed

# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

## CML PRIORITIES THAT PASSED IN THE LEGISLATURE

- **HB23-1085** Requirements for Recall Elections and Vacancies
- **HB23-1132** Court Data-sharing Task Force
- **SB23-183** Local Government Provision of Communications Services
- **HB23-1017** Electronic Sales and Use Tax Simplification System
- **SB23-097** Motor Vehicle Theft and Unauthorized Use
- **SB23-200** Automated Vehicle Identification Systems

## CML OPPOSITION-PRIORITIES THAT DID NOT PASS IN THE LEGISLATURE

- **SB23-213** Land Use
- **SB23-286** Access to Government Records

While **SB23-286** did pass, the provisions of the bill that CML objected to, which included CORA research and retrieval fee exemptions for the media and mandated itemized estimates and receipts for CORA research and retrieval fees, were removed before the bill was introduced. After securing several more amendments, CML was able to remove the opposition position we took on the bill.



# LEGAL

4

Amicus curiae briefs

134

Annual Seminar  
on Municipal Law  
attendance

19

Continuing Legal  
Education sessions

26

Legal Corner  
Newsletter articles







**GOAL**

**Be the leading**

**statewide information source**

**on municipal issues**



# PUBLICATIONS

4

Editions of  
Colorado Municipalities  
magazine

26

Editions of  
CML Newsletter

1

Knowledge Now  
whitepaper

3

Books

- Home Rule Handbook
- Liquor & Beer Handbook
- Laws Enacted

## Most popular publications purchased in CML bookstore

- Liquor & Beer Handbook
- Open Meetings, Open Records
- Colorado Municipal Clerks  
Reference Guide

# TRAINING & ENGAGEMENT

**251**

Marketing  
emails sent

Statehouse Report: **40**

CML Newsletter: **26**

Lessons on Local Government: **4**

Attorney Newsletter: **12**

District Meeting/Outreach Events: **46**

Training: **50**

Conference: **27**

Other: **46**

**25**

Webinars hosted  
by CML

**1.8K**

LinkedIn  
followers

**2.6K**

Twitter  
followers

**1.4K**

Facebook  
followers



# LESSONS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**18**

## **ATTENDEES**

Summer workshop  
for teachers

**85**

## **AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

Three CDE CoLab  
summer training  
events for teachers

**12**

## **ATTENDEES**

LOLG presentation  
at Colorado Council  
for the Social  
Studies Conference

**125**

## **ATTENDEES**

Teacher Librarian  
Day

**33**

## **ATTENDEES**

Four university  
teacher preparation  
programs

**30+**

## **ATTENDEES**

Four Social Studies  
and Friends meetings

**60**

## **ATTENDEES**

Doing Democracy  
Day Longmont

**132**

## **STUDENT PARTICIPANTS**

Calendar/poster  
contest

**257**

## **FOLLOWERS**

LOLG Facebook.  
Average post  
reaches **27**

# FINANCES

2022-2023





# FINANCES



## CML FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### ASSETS

In 2022, total net assets increased by **\$1,138,728**.

### REVENUES

Total revenues and support were **\$3,105,355** in 2022, an increase of **\$344,872**, or **12.5%**, from 2021.

### EXPENSES

During 2022, total expenses were **\$2,966,627**, an increase of **\$310,647**, or **11.7%**, compared to 2021.

# FINANCES

## REVENUES

Percentage and actual amount of revenue received from:

- Membership dues: \$2,283,158
- Workshops & meetings: \$64,900
- Investment invoice: \$67,827
- Annual Conference: \$629,832
- Publications: \$13,490
- Other: \$46,148

**TOTAL: \$3,105,355**

## EXPENSES

Percentage and actual amount of expenses spent on:

### Program expenses

- Periodicals & publications: \$369,519
- Annual Conference & events: \$688,981
- State & federal issues: \$861,828:
- Advocacy & legal services: \$162,977
- Lessons on Local Government: \$29,564

### Support services

- Administrative: \$680,547
- Building occupancy: \$164,211

**TOTAL: \$2,966,627**



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**EMPOWERED CITIES & TOWNS,  
UNITED FOR A STRONG COLORADO**

