

WELCOME

Our Summits bring the conversation to you. We share our expertise in advocacy, technical assistance, risk management, coverages, and more—while creating space for municipal staff and elected officials to ask questions and learn from MMIA, the League, MSU LGC, and one another. This one-day event offers practical insights, peer learning, and meaningful connections at a location near you.



8:30 AM Networking - Arrive early and connect with your colleagues in local government.

9:00 AM Introductions - Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA), Montana League of Cities and Towns (League), and Montana State University Extension – Local Government Center (MSU LGC).

9:30 AM Who Does What? Understanding Roles in Municipal Government - This training provides an overview of the roles and responsibilities of key actors in municipal government, including the council, mayor or council president/presiding officer, clerk, and administrative staff. The session emphasizes practical understanding of how elected officials and staff work together to carry out the business of municipal government. *Dan Clark, Director, MSU LGC | Ashley Kent, Associate Director, MSU LGC.*

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM How to Reduce Liability When Modifying Job Duties - Let's talk about your HR concerns and discuss the best process for modifying job duties. *Derrek Shepherd, Human Resource Consultant, MMIA.*

12:15 PM Lunch - Updates from State Agencies

12:45 PM From Interim to Impact: Powering Local Voices for 2027 - Get the inside scoop on how the League works for you between legislative sessions, and how you can help shape the next session. We will provide an overview of the key committees we've been actively engaged in and review the League's Legislative Resolutions. Most importantly, we'll share practical, easy ways to make your voice heard to help ensure local needs are met and local decision-making stays in local hands. *Jennifer Olson, Interim Executive Director, League.*

1:45 PM Different by Design, 40 Years of Self-Funded Coverage - With nearly four decades of experience providing self-funded coverage, MMIA's programs continue to be fundamentally different from commercial insurance options. During this discussion, the MMIA team will explain how these differences create meaningful value for our member-owners. *Amanda Clark, Interim Chief Executive Officer, MMIA | Britani Laughery, Chief Operating Officer, MMIA.*

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM Plan Smart, Build Strong - Land use and planning are among the most complex, and consequential, areas of local government. Between new legislation, development pressures, and community expectations, navigating Montana's land use landscape can be challenging. This session will share practical tips and need-to-know info so that you can engage in the planning process confidently and compliantly. *Jerry Grebenc, Land Use Services Director, MA, CFM, League.*

4:00 PM Questions

