



Aim Hot Topic Workshop: FEDERAL MATTERS

Tuesday, July 15, 2025
AGENDA

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the Day

We'll start the workshop by welcoming attendees, reviewing what to expect from the day, and offering timely Aim updates.

Speaker:

Jennifer Simmons, Chief Operating Officer, Aim

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Immigration

This session offers a timely discussion on the intersection of federal immigration laws and local governance in Indiana. Attendees will receive a comprehensive overview of current federal immigration policies and executive orders, exploring their direct and indirect impacts on municipal operations, including grant management and service delivery.

Speaker:

Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Recent federal and state policy changes are reshaping the landscape of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives,

presenting new challenges and opportunities for local government. This session will provide an in-depth analysis of these developments and the impacts on municipal operations and workforce management. Also, attendees will learn how to engage with your teams on new initiatives.

Speaker:

Amber Finley, Corporation Counsel, Lawrence

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Grants and Federal Programs**

With new regulations, funding opportunities, and compliance requirements emerging at the federal level, staying informed is more critical than ever. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of recent federal funding challenges and discuss the legal issues associated with them.

Speaker:

Amanda Karras, Executive Director and General Counsel, International Municipal Lawyers Association

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Transportation**

As federal infrastructure investments and regulatory updates continue to emerge, understanding their implications is essential for municipal leaders and planners. This session will provide an overview of recent and upcoming changes to federal transportation funding programs, NLC who has daily communication at the federal level on transportation policy will share insights and actionable guidance to help Indiana communities maximize funding opportunities and ensure compliance with federal guidelines.

Speaker:

Brittney Kohler, Legislative Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, National League of Cities

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks & Adjourn