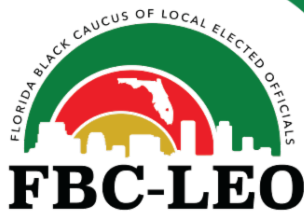


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OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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2023 FBC-LEO Dues



2023 FBC-LEO dues invoices were emailed on January 4th.

If you did not receive the invoice or would like a copy of the dues invoice to be sent to someone other than yourself, please notify staff at **fbcleo@flcities.com**.

NOTE: To stay current and offer the most benefit to members, the board approved an increase in membership dues to \$150.00.

Thank you for your membership. We appreciate your continued support of FBC-LEO.

President's Message



Celebrating Black History Month FBC-LEO Members and Friends,

Black History Month is a time set aside to honor and recognize the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U. S. History and society.

This year's Black History Month theme, "Black Resistance: Building Bridges and Navigating Barriers," acknowledges the power of history to provide an understanding of the past that can help transform our present. Remember that knowledge is power, but knowledge without action is useless.

Membership dues for 2023 have now been invoiced. If you have not remitted payment, please do so. Also, if you have not received your invoice, you may contact staff at fbcleo@flicities.com.

If you have not already registered for the 2023 FBC-LEO Annual Conference, I would like to encourage you to do so and invite your peers and colleagues. From our keynote speakers to our informative sessions, you are guaranteed to walk away with valuable ideas and resources to assist your municipalities. This event is open to members and nonmembers, all elected and nonelected officials and will be held March 2-3, 2023, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee.

The special room rate deadline is February 8th, and the conference registration deadline is February 16th.

I look forward to seeing you all at the annual conference.

Morris West

President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

2023 Annual Conference



2023 Annual Conference

March 2-3, 2023

Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South
Kissimmee

Registration is open!



Special Room Rate Deadline: February 8, 2023

\$169.00 + tax per night

Registration deadline: February 16, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando

**Lake Buena Vista South
Kissimmee, Florida**

Member/NonMember Registration: \$200.00

Non-Government Registration: \$250.00

Guest dinner ticket: \$75.00

Note:

A guest ticket is required for anyone attending the dinner, who is **NOT** a registered conference attendee.

Click the "View Conference Announcement" button for more registration information and to download the registration form.

**View Conference
Announcement**

**Click Here to Register
Online**

Cancellation Policy: To receive a refund, cancellations must be submitted in writing and received by 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023.

Please email cancellation requests to hhogarth@flcities.com. Refunds will be issued after the conference minus a \$50.00 administrative fee.

There will be no refunds for cancellations or "no-shows" after February 16, 2023.

For additional information or assistance with registering, please contact hhogarth@flcities.com or **850.222.9684**.

**Annual Conference
Keynote Speakers**



**2023 Annual
Conference**

**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

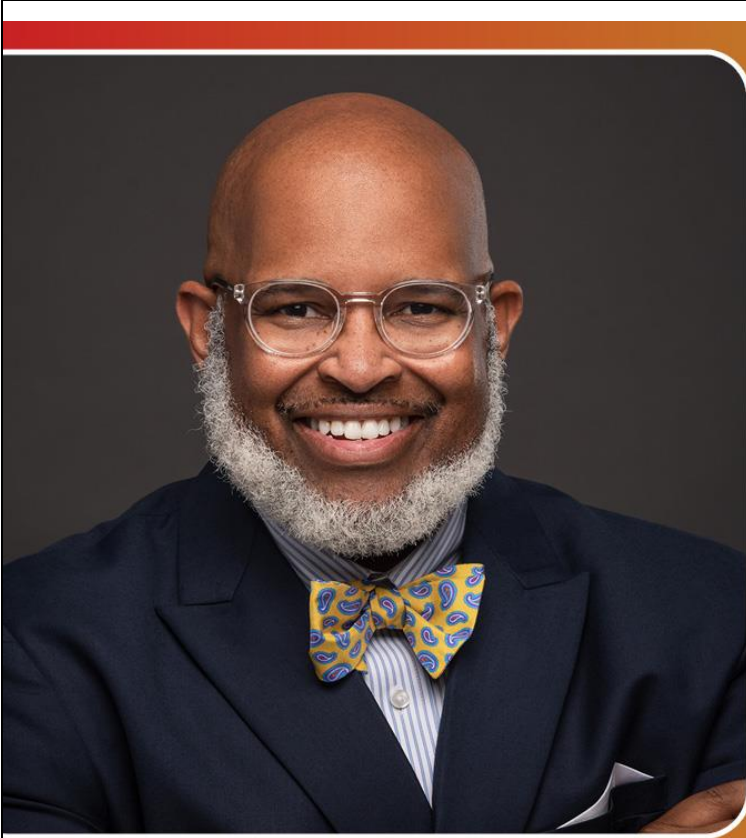


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Mayor, City of Miramar

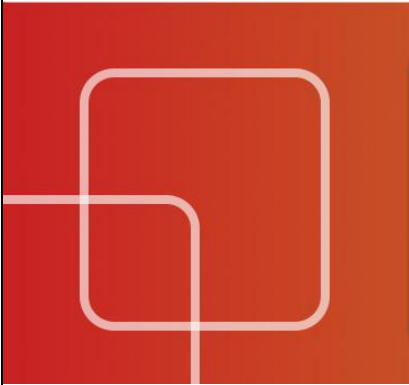
Past President, FBC-LEO

President, Florida League of Mayors



**2023 Annual
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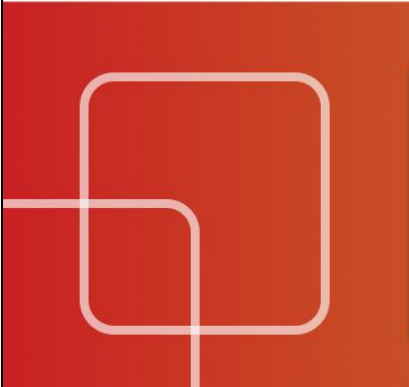


Deric Feacher
City Manager
Daytona Beach



**2023 Annual
Conference**

**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**



Rick Whitted
President & CEO
U.S. Hunger

[**View our Sessions**](#)

Member News



Welcome our newest FBC-LEO Members

We are thrilled to have you as members of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- Commissioner Luke Lewis, North Lauderdale
- Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, North Miami

Stay in the Legislative Loop

**FLORIDA
LEAGUE OF CITIES**



**Florida League of Cities
2023 Legislative Action Days
April 3-5 in Tallahassee**



Registration is now open for FLC Legislative Action Days! This annual event provides city officials with a valuable opportunity to get to know their legislators and to view the legislature at work first-hand.

If you are a first-time attendee to Legislative Action Days, don't miss the "Know Before You Go Session" on Monday, April 3, 2023 from 5:15 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. at Sittig Hall (details of location listed below).

Also, on Monday, April 3, 2023, the Florida League of Cities is offering a four-hour ethics workshop that meets the state requirements for Continuing Education in Ethics. There is no cost to Florida League of Cities members for this ethics workshop.

The cost to attend Legislative Action Days is \$50.00. Note: Cancellations for Legislative Action Days must be received in writing by March 22, 2023, and are subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee.

The Florida League of Mayors will also be holding its events during this time. See below for the schedules of both the Legislative Action Days and the Florida League of Mayors. (This registration is separate from the Legislative Action Days registration. Contact flm@flcities.com to register for the FLM events.)

Attendees are responsible for scheduling appointments with Legislators.

[Register here](#)

[View Alternative Hotels](#)

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

FLC Legislative Action Days Schedule*

Monday, April 3, 2023

12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open (Sittig Hall at Kleman Plaza/FLC office, 301 S. Bronough Street)

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Continuing Education in Ethics Workshop (Sittig Hall at Kleman Plaza/FLC office, 301 S. Bronough Street)

5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Know Before You Go Session (Sittig Hall at Kleman Plaza/FLC office, 301 S. Bronough Street)

Free of charge and open to all attendees

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open (Tallahassee City Hall Chambers, 300 S. Adams Street)

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Legislative Briefing: Hear from the League's Legislative Team (Tallahassee City Hall Chambers, 2nd Floor, 300 S. Adams Street)

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Capitol Visits (on own)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Box Lunches (Tallahassee City Hall, 2nd floor, 300 S. Adams Street)

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Capitol Visits (on own)

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Capitol Tour with FLC Staff (location TBD)

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
FLC Legislative Action Days Reception (Doubletree Hotel, 101 S. Adams Street)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FLC Board of Directors Meeting (Sittig Hall at Kleman Plaza/FLC office, 301 S. Bronough Street)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Capitol Visits (on own)

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Capitol Tour with FLC Staff (location TBD)

* Subject to change

Florida League of Mayors Schedule*

Monday, April 3, 2023

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
FLM Forum: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Tallahassee City Hall Chambers, 2nd floor, 300 S. Adams Street); Registration deadline is March 27, 2023.

6:30 p.m.
FLM Dinner (for mayors only); ticket required; RSVP by March 27, 2023 to **flm@flcities.com**.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
FLM Board of Directors Meeting (Sittig Hall at Kleman Plaza /FLC Office, 301 S. Bronough Street); Luncheon to follow for FLM Board of Directors only.

(This registration is separate from the Legislative Action Days registration. To register for the FLM events, contact **flm@flcities.com**.)

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Events & Training Opportunities



— LEADING FROM THE FRONT —

Join us on **Monday, February 13th** at **10:00 a.m. ET** for the the final edition of our three-part webinar series on the **League's 2023 legislative priorities**.

Our special guests, **FLC Deputy General Counsel Rebecca O'Hara** and **FLC Senior Legislative Advocate Jeff Branch**, will discuss the timely topics of accessible housing, and water resources planning and comprehensive watershed management.

Attending this webinar will earn you 1 point in our new **Certificate Program for Elected Municipal Officials**. Be sure to sign up for this **FREE** program to start earning points for the activities you already participate in! [Learn More](#)

[Register here](#)



FLORIDA LEAGUE
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Upcoming FLM Webinar

Prepare for the Future - Building Next-Generation Workplaces and Communities

Speaker: Kim Lear, Writer, Researcher and Founder of Inlay Insights

Thursday, February 16, 2023
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET
Email flm@flcities.com to register



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



On February 8th from 3:00 – 4:00 PM EST USDOT is hosting a webinar to highlight upcoming grant opportunities. Staff from across the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) will outline resources created to help potential grant applicants navigate different funding opportunities.

This webinar session will dig into some of the tools available on the **DOT Navigator** – the Department’s one stop shop for technical assistance, including the upcoming funding opportunity calendar, tools for identifying Federal disadvantaged community areas, and which programs provide non-Federal match flexibility. The session will also spotlight several funding opportunities at USDOT that are currently accepting applications to expand transportation opportunities to urban, rural, and Tribal communities.

Local governments, equity stakeholders, and others who may not have access to lobbyists or industry associations are encouraged to attend.

Speakers at the event along with registration information are listed below.

Speakers:

- Amit Bose, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, USDOT
- Andrea Jacobsen, RAISE Grants Program Manager, USDOT Office of the Secretary

- Lynda Tran, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of Public Engagement, USDOT
- Veronica McBeth, Senior Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, USDOT
- Mariia Zimmerman, Strategic Advisor for Technical Assistance and Community Solutions, USDOT

Registration:

Feb 8, 2023, 03:00 – 04:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Registration link for the Feb. 8 virtual webinar:

[Register here](#)

The Federal Transit Administration today announced **the availability of nearly \$1.7 billion** to support state and local efforts to modernize aging transit fleets with low- and no-emission buses, renovate and construct bus facilities, and support workforce development. Made possible by the President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which included historic funding to support public transportation, this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is for two programs that help transit agencies replace old buses, provide good-paying jobs, improve transit affordability and reliability, invest in community health and environmental justice, and contribute to the President’s goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.

FTA’s **Low or No Emission (Low-No) Program** helps transit agencies buy or lease U.S.-built zero-emission and low-emission transit buses along with charging equipment and supporting facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$5.5 billion over five years for the program – more than six times greater than the previous five years of funding. For Fiscal Year 2023, approximately \$1.22 billion will be available for grants under this program.

FTA’s **Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program** supports transit agencies in buying and rehabilitating buses, vans, and related equipment and building bus facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides nearly \$2 billion over five years for the program. For Fiscal Year 2023, approximately \$469 million for grants will be available. Both programs support buses that reduce air pollution and help meet President Biden’s goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.

Instructions for applying and eligibility information can be found on and in **GRANTS.GOV** (FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO; FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS).

Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV "APPLY" function by April 13, 2023.

Links:

[Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

[Press Release](#)

[Low or No Emission Program](#)

[Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

January Webinar Recap

Just in case you missed our January webinar or you would like to view it again, here's your chance. Click below to view webinar.

[View Webinar](#)

2023 Meeting and Events

SAVE THE DATE

Be sure all of the upcoming FBC-LEO events are on your calendar.

**2023 FBC-LEO
Annual Conference**

March 2-3, 2023
Embassy Suites Orlando
Special room rate deadline:
February 8, 2023
Room Rate: \$169.00 + tax per night

[Register here](#)

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

[Register here](#)

**Annual Breakfast Meeting
Registration opening soon**

Friday, August 11, 2023
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. ET
Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek
(In conjunction with FLC Annual
Conference, August 10-12, 2023)

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