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FLORIDA BLACK CAUCUS
OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

FBC-LEO salutes all mothers!
Happy Mother's Day!



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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends,

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those who play an important motherly role.

In recognition of National Mental Health and Hypertension Awareness Month, let us take time to connect with our family members and loved ones. We never know what an encouraging word, phone call, letter, email or text may mean to someone.

Final membership dues invoices were emailed on April 18th. If you have not remitted payment, please do so. If you have not received an invoice, please contact staff at fbcleo@flicities.com.

Registration for the FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast/Business meeting on August 10th at 7:00 a.m. will open soon. More information regarding the Breakfast/Business meeting is forth coming. I hope to see everyone at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, August 10-12, 2023, held at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida.

Please don't forget to register for the Grants and Funding Webinar hosted by FBC-LEO Liaison Jeff Branch, on May 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom.

[Register Here](#)

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions: Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Parliamentarian, Regional

Coordinator/Membership Director (North), Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (South), Historian, Chaplain and Sergeant-At-Arms. You may submit your nominations below.

[Submit Nominations Here](#)



President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

Final Dues Notice



Final dues invoices were emailed on April 18th.

On June 1st, members with unpaid dues will be marked inactive and no longer receive FBC-LEO member benefits, including the FBC-LEO newsletter, event notices, webinars and inclusion in the FBC-LEO directory. Contact fbcleo@flcities.com if you have questions.

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

FBC-LEO WEBINAR

**Grants and Funding
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET**



Program Summary:

Federal agencies offer a wide array of financial assistance, tax incentives and investment programs across the community economic development spectrum. In this webinar, representatives from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development will provide an overview of the funding being made available for broadband buildout in unserved and underserved areas and to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services in small and rural communities here in the State of Florida.

Please join host Jeff Branch, Liaison to FBC-LEO, and panelists as they delve into how our cities and municipalities can benefit from grants and resources available by the State.

Panelists:

Lakeisha Hood, State Director for Florida/U.S. Virgin Islands, USDA Rural Development

Carlos Nathan, Federal Program Officer, Florida, US Department of Commerce, NTIA

[Register Here](#)

Member News



Welcome the newest FBC-LEO Member:

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

- Commissioner Beverly Perkins, City of Pompano Beach

Member City Highlight

North Miami Vice Mayor Mary Estime-Irvin is excited over the launch of Nomi Tech and initiative to promote economic development in the region through the support of technology-driven startups. Click below to read more about Nomi Tech.

[Read more here](#)

Events and Training Opportunities

FLCitiesConnect



Reserve Your Seat for IEMO in Palm Beach Gardens June 9-11

The **Florida League of Cities** and the **John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government** are proud to bring you the **Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO)**.

This educational program is specially designed for newly elected officials and those with less than one term in office. IEMO is a two-day program held Friday through Saturday and is offered four times per year at several locations throughout the state.

This intensive academic program offers a comprehensive overview of Florida municipal government, presented by a faculty of top professionals in the field. IEMO I will be held June 9-11 in Palm Beach Gardens.

[Register Here](#)

FLC Contest Highlights Youth Councils' Community Service

The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)** is holding its annual community service contest for youth councils. Youth councils may submit current projects addressing a local need. All work must be submitted through an online form at flcities.com/municipal-youth-councils. **The deadline is May 31.** The contest is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town or village government that is a member of the FLC. For more information, contact [Eryn Russell](#).

May 18

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

[FLC Post-Legislative Session Webinar](#)

June 9-11

Palm Beach Gardens

Institute for Elected Municipal Officials

June 20

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FLC University Quarterly Ethics Webinar

All times Eastern unless otherwise noted



This summer, the [National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials \(NBC-LEO\)](#) is excited to host its annual conference in the jubilant “city with soul,” Jackson, Mississippi! Join your peers June 13-16, 2023, for four days of empowering conversations, leadership development, mobile tours, and a chance to connect with local leaders like yourself while exploring issues unique to your role as an African American local elected official.

[**Register Here**](#)

From our Partners



The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is pleased to announce that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Hurricane Ian DR-4673 has been published in the Florida Administrative Register and is available on our state HMGP page ([link below](#)). Given the impact of this unique event, every county in the state is eligible for Tiers 1 & 2. There will not be a Tier 3.

We ask that everyone take the time to read through the entire NOFA, as there are some changes for this event. The Division will continue to use the FDEM Portal for digital application submissions. Additional details are in the attached NOFA and FDEM Portal Community User Guide. The application deadline for this event is **May 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (EDT)**.

Do note that if submitting through the FDEM Portal, FDEM must receive your access request by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on May 31, 2023. We look forward to working with you all. Feel free to contact Jared Jaworski or the Hurricane Ian Mitigation email inbox with any questions (contact info below).

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FDEM Hurricane Ian Mitigation Questions
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[Register Here](#)

Elected Officials Wanted as Ambassadors

**LOCAL
VOICES
UNITED**

Elected officials: Are you ready to defend local decision-making and take action for local communities? Become a Local Voices United (LVU) Ambassador and help build support for local decision-making.

The **LVU Ambassador Program** is designed for elected officials who wish to educate and engage their residents and business and community leaders in support of local self-government.

As an LVU Ambassador, you'll lead and inspire a new generation of local grassroots advocates to fight for Florida's towns, cities and villages. Watch the **video** to learn more about becoming an LVU Ambassador, and register below.

[Register Here](#)

2023 Meetings and Events

SAVE THE DATE

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

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

<p>General Membership Meeting</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. ET via Zoom</p> <p>Register Here</p> <p>Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom</p> <p>Register Here</p>
<p>Annual Breakfast Meeting Registration opening soon</p>	<p>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)</p>

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