NDLC Biennial Legislative Workshop
Thursday, December 3, 2026
North Dakota Heritage Center
612 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck

*** Presentations times will be fluid based on speaker schedules and the budget address schedule.*

8:30 AM **Registration Opens**

9:00 AM **Welcome**
Hear from North Dakota League of Cities Executive Director Matt Gardner about what you can expect for the day and the work the NDLC executive board and staff have done to prepare for the 2027 Legislative Session.

9:30 AM **Walk to the North Dakota Capitol House Chambers**
The North Dakota Capitol is a short walk from the North Dakota Heritage Center. Be sure to dress weather appropriately and be prepared to go through security and a metal detector. If you are more comfortable staying at the Heritage Center, the budget address will be shown in the meeting room.

10:00 AM **Governor Armstrong's 2027-2029 Biennium Budget Address** (ND House of Representatives Chamber Balcony)
The 2027-2029 biennium budget address is where Governor Kelly Armstrong will outline his budget and his priorities for the next biennium for all the members of the North Dakota Legislature. After the address, feel free to go down to the chamber floor and greet your legislators.

11:45 AM **Networking Lunch**
Lunch will be served at the Heritage Center. Grab a bite to eat and visit with your colleagues from other cities across North Dakota about the great things happening in your city and any challenges your city may be facing.

12:30 PM **Governor's Budget Address Recap**
NDLC staff will share their initial impressions of the governor's budget address. Audience members will be invited to share their perspectives as well.

1:00 PM **State Budget Priorities**
Lt. Governor Strinden has been invited to discuss the state's budget priorities.

1:45 PM **Networking Break**
Grab a light snack and chat with other city leaders from all over North Dakota.

2:00 PM **Legislative Advocacy**
Learn best practices for legislative advocacy. This session will discuss opportunities and strategies for engaging with legislators locally and at the Capitol.

2:30 PM **2027 North Dakota League of Cities Policy Priorities – Working with the Legislature to Empower North Dakota Communities**
This session will highlight NDLC's policy priorities for the 2027 session. Additionally, this session will give you actionable steps to work together to support the 2027 NDLC Policy Priorities.

3:00 PM **Closing Remarks**