

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Time	Session Title Presenter	Session Description
8:30 am to 10:00 am	<p>Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Community Facilities, and Brownfields Funding Panel</p> <p><i>Invited Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept. of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) • Dept. of Ecology Water Quality Combined Funding Program • Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) • USDA Rural Development • Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) • Public Works Board (PWB) • Dept. of Commerce Brownfields • Dept. of Ecology Brownfields 	Learn how the funding programs represented can assist with water, wastewater, stormwater, community facilities and brownfields infrastructure projects.
10:15 am to 11:15 am	<p>Financial Impact of Coronavirus on Utilities</p> <p>Gordon Wilson, FCS Group Brooke Tacia, FCS Group</p>	This session is to review the response of local utilities to the coronavirus outbreak, and the potential financial impact on the utilities themselves. We will review the impact of suspended collection procedures or rate holidays. We will also look at how stay-at-home orders have affected commercial revenue. We will describe the impact on utility costs. Finally, we will address the role of utility reserves, including when to use reserves and how to replenish them after a drawdown.
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	<p>Sharpening Asset Management Strategies for Water Utilities</p> <p>Chris Guest, Business Analyst, Covington Water Thomas Keown, General Manager, Covington Water</p>	This presentation will cover how Covington Water District is implementing management strategies into their asset management program to drive future planning and long term funding needs. The journey from program development to honing of strategies will be discussed to provide takeaways that water utilities can utilize within their organizations. Key concepts will be how Covington Water District sharpened their management strategies to determine their future funding needs for the next 100 years.

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Note: Two concurrent tracks on this day

TRACK 1

Time	Session Title Presenter	Session Description
8:30 am to 10:00 am	Tribal Funding Panel <i>Invited Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Health Service (IHS) • USDA Rural Development • Dept. of Ecology Water Quality Combined Funding Program • Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) • Dept. of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) • Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) 	<p>This session will offer a panel of state and federal agencies with funding programs that can assist Tribes with infrastructure projects. From energy to drinking water and all things in between, Tribal planners will leave with ideas for new funding resources and partnerships.</p>
10:15 am to 11:15 am	Tribal Perspectives: Broadband in Indian Country Russ Elliott, Governor's Office of Broadband	<p>Connecting Tribal communities to broadband provides opportunities for increased health outcomes, higher education, employment, and increased quality of life, all of which are among the highest priorities of Tribes, neighboring communities, and the State. Learn how unique partnerships have led to creative solutions to overcome challenges associated with funding, location, and collective impact, as well as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Tribal Perspectives: Leveraging Intergovernmental Partnerships Greg Griffith, Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	<p>As state and federal funding for infrastructure projects becomes more competitive, it's important for Tribes and other local governments to develop partnerships. These partnerships allow for the sharing of funding, technical resources, and traditional knowledge. This session will focus on a few examples of Tribes and local governments coming together to solve infrastructure issues.</p>

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TRACK 2

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8:30 am to 10:00 am	Transportation Funding Panel <i>Invited Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) • WSDOT – Pedestrian and Bicycle and Safe Routes to School • Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) • Public Works Board (PWB) • Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) • USDA Rural Development • Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) 	Learn how the funding programs represented can assist with transportation infrastructure projects.
10:15 am to 11:15 am	Funding Transportation and Impacts of I-976 On Our Strategies Chris Malone, City of Vancouver	The City of Vancouver has been trying to obtain stable ongoing revenues for transportation assets for over 20 years. In 2015, the City Council approved a multi-faceted approach to funding the City's transportation needs called the Street Funding Strategy (SFS). For four years the SFS was successful until I-976 took away all the momentum. Attendees will learn the different revenue streams that made up the SFS and see what the City of Vancouver is doing to deal with the impacts of I-976.
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Navigating 'What's Next' Using Local Government Financial Data Niles Kostick, Washington State Auditor's Office Duane Walz, Washington State Auditor's Office	Presented by the Office of the Washington State Auditor. 2020 has posed several new challenges to local government finances, and we are not be out of rough water just yet. It may be more important than ever to utilize available financial data to make informed decisions, especially when revenue uncertainties exist. This session will demonstrate how to use available financial data to make informed decisions, and will share who may be using local government financial data and how.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Time	Session Title Presenter	Session Description
8:30 am to 10:00 am	Broadband Funding Panel <i>Invited Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor’s Office of Broadband • Public Works Board (PWB) • Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) • USDA Rural Development 	Learn how the funding programs represented can assist with broadband infrastructure projects.
10:15 am to 11:15 am	Water Rights in Washington State Mike Gallagher, Department of Ecology	A "101" overview of Washington State water law and water rights, what water rights are, and how Ecology's Water Resources Program manages Washington's surface water and groundwater supplies.
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	State Utility Taxes Quinn Dickason, Department of Revenue	Learn all about the state taxes that apply to your water and sewer utility, from hook-up to service delivery. We will talk about the taxes you collect from your customers, and the taxes you pay as a municipal business in Washington.