OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
Partnering for Stronger Cities and Villages

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Columbus, OH | Full-time | Salary: To be determined

Legislative Advocate

ABOUT THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Ohio Municipal League (OML) serves as the primary connection point between municipal and state government in Ohio, representing the interests of cities and villages to state lawmakers and the governor's administration.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Working as part of OML's legislative advocacy team, the Legislative Advocate advances municipal interests before the Ohio General Assembly, Governor's Office, state agencies, and other governmental entities. The role combines legislative advocacy, policy analysis, member services, and relationship-building. The position is based in downtown Columbus and requires regular interaction with the Ohio General Assembly and other state government offices. Some travel within Ohio and occasional evening or extended hours may be required to attend legislative hearings, association meetings, conferences, and other organizational events.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES – LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- Collaborate with OML's team of lobbyists to develop and carry out coordinated legislative strategies and advance adopted policy priorities.
- Monitor and analyze legislation and administrative rules, including their fiscal, operational, and administrative effects on municipalities.
- Build productive relationships with legislators, legislative staff, state officials, municipal leaders, and stakeholders across the political spectrum.
- Monitor committee hearings; prepare and deliver testimony; coordinate municipal officials' testimony; and assist with legislative proposals and amendments.
- Organize grassroots advocacy and member participation in legislative activities.
- Respond to member inquiries; prepare legislative summaries, policy analyses, and updates for OML publications and communications.
- Present legislative information to municipal councils and professional groups.

ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS & CONFERENCES

- Serve as the primary staff liaison for the Ohio Association of Public Safety Directors and the Municipal Engineers Association of Ohio (associated organizations of OML).
- Plan, organize, and coordinate association meetings, conferences, educational programming, and member engagement activities, working closely with association leadership.
- Monitor and communicate policy developments affecting municipal public safety, engineering, infrastructure, and related operations; help advance each association's priorities.
- Assist with OML conferences, seminars, and webinars relevant to the position, including session development, speaker coordination, presentations, and materials.
- Collaborate with OML leadership and staff on organizational initiatives and perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in political science, public administration, public policy, communications, or a related field.
- At least five years of relevant professional experience working in or with the Ohio General Assembly, state or local government, government relations, or a closely related field.
- Strong knowledge of Ohio state and local government, the legislative process, municipal operations, and how local governments are funded.
- Excellent writing, speaking, research, analytical, and organizational skills; ability to explain complex policy issues clearly.
- Ability to build constructive relationships with people holding varied political positions, represent OML's adopted positions professionally, and work effectively within a collaborative team.

BENEFITS

OML offers a competitive benefits package including vacation time, sick leave, dental insurance, vision insurance, group life insurance, individual insurance, 401(k) plan, and paid parking.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter with salary requirements and resume to info@omlohio.org.

Submissions should be received by November 30.

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