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Dear Kentucky Citizens and Government Officials,

Welcome to the August 2023 edition of the SPGE Public Governance Gazette! We are thrilled to provide you with the latest updates and enhancements to the Special Purpose Governmental Entities (SPGEs) in the state of Kentucky. Our mission remains to foster transparency and accountability in governmental operations, ensuring a responsible governance system.

GOVERNOR'S LOCAL ISSUES CONFERENCE (GLIC)

- The Department for Local Government (DLG) will host its 45th Annual Governor's Local Issues Conference from August 16th to 18th at the Galt House in Louisville, KY. On Thursday, August 17th, at 8:30 am, the CSD branch will present a demo on the SPGE website. For more information, please visit the DLG [website](#).

IMPORTANT UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Same requirement type, four-year audit trend. A system fix will occur August 14.
- The 30-day noncompliant letters will be mailed to SPGEs who report for the fiscal year cycle from July 1 through June 30.
- Non-compliant SPGEs that report on fiscal year cycles from January to December, April to March, and October to September have been reported to the Finance Cabinet, Auditor of Public Accounts (APA), and the operations newspapers, per KRS [65A.040](#).
 - If non-compliant for two or more consecutive years, the new system will initiate the dissolution process per KRS [65A.050](#).

- Add Audit compliance ---- SPGEs must submit the required audit requirements to DLG to avoid potential consequences and ensure compliance with reporting requirements.
- DLG will notify the Finance Cabinet, APA, and the Newspaper of any Audit noncompliance by the end of the year. SPGEs should make sure they submit their audit requirements to avoid potential consequences and ensure compliance with reporting requirements.

WEBSITE FEATURES COMPLETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

- The SPGE Dashboard has a new audit feature with audit requirements and their due dates.

NEW FEATURES AND FIXES APPLIED IN JULY 2023

- Experience the new era of transparency with the game-changing SPGE Public Portal! Enjoy real-time updates, user-friendly navigation, and a searchable format for effortless information retrieval. Click the "[New SPGE Public Portal](#)" button to the right for more details.
- The seesaw audit issue has been fixed to require a more stringent submission when changing requirements within the same four years.
- The grant exemption feature has been added, automatically adding approved grants to the budget form under cash and receipts, reducing the registration fee.

UPCOMING AUGUST 2023 UPDATES

- The compliance notification button will include audits and attestation engagements to show noncompliance for missing audits. Ensure timely submissions to avoid noncompliance.
- Audits and attestation engagements submitted on the DLG legacy website and emailed to the CSD branch during the website shutdown will be transferred to the SPGE website. Do not resubmit those audits and attestation engagements. Submit any remaining audits and attestation engagements not previously submitted to DLG.
- The audit and attestation requirement task will be available for Municipal Utilities. SPGEs can then see when audits and attestation engagements are required.
- Fire Department administration will show compliance correctly. Fire departments under KRS [273](#) and KRS [75](#) reported to DLG in Fiscal Year 2015. From 2016, those with annual receipts or expenses below \$100,000 reported to the Fire Commission. If their receipts or expenses were equal to or greater than \$100,000 for two consecutive years, they would return to DLG for administration.

UPCOMING FEATURES AND UPDATES

- Grant appropriations field will be added to budget forms.
- New software will be added to increase the Public Portal loading speed.
- A new training video will be available, covering all the abovementioned changes.
- A two-way message center will be introduced for better communication.
- Board Member Expiration Notifications will be implemented before archiving.
- Uploading "More Stringent" Ethics Ordinances will be allowed.
- An Online Training Facility will be launched.
- An Alternative Financial Review Process will be introduced.
- Noncompliant Newspaper Fees will be added to Registration Fees or sent via invoice.

- Online Tax Rate Calculations will be provided.
- Oversight Agency Administration will be available.
- An all-new SPGE User Manual will be released.
- And many more

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. We are dedicated to promoting transparency and accountability in governmental operations, and your commitment to compliance is essential to our shared mission. If you have any questions or require further information, please get in touch with our dedicated support team.

Together, let's create a more accountable and responsible governance system for the great state of Kentucky!

The Cities and Special District's Team

