



City Government Academy



Where Community Residents and Local Government Unite!

What is a City Government Academy?

The City of Grand Rapids Government Academy is a free, 9 week program designed for residents who want to increase their knowledge about city government operations and have a desire

to become more involved in the shaping and development of their community. Participants will get a first-hand look at how the city's many facilities, services and programs work to create a livable community and offer insight into opportunities on how they can be more involved at the local government level.

Program Outline.

- The City Government Academy is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 PM and will end no later than 8:30 PM.

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- The 9 weekly sessions are held at various locations within the city with the final week holding a graduation at a City Council meeting.
- During these sessions, participants will interact first hand with department heads and other City staff to learn about the day-to-day department operations, tour various work spaces and have opportunity to ask questions.
- Class size will be limited to 25 participants; accepted on a first come/first served basis, with priority given to City residents and two available spots designated for students. There will be a minimum requirement of 15 participants to run the academy.

Sessions will include:

- Overview of Municipal Government and Finances
- Elections & Licensing
- Police and Fire Departments
- Public Works, Airport and Cemetery operations
- City Engineering
- Community Development and Planning
- City facilities including Library, Yanmar Arena, Parks and Golf
- City Council and Boards & Commissions

Schedule for 2024:

- April 3rd to May 29, 2024 **NOTE:** *The final session will be held on Tuesday, May 29th at a regular City Council meeting.*
- 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, March 15, 2024

How do I apply?

Click [here](#) to complete and submit your City Government Academy application online.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk at kgibeau@grandrapidsmn.gov or by calling 218-326-7611.

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Supporting Documents

 City Government Academy Outline (196 KB)



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