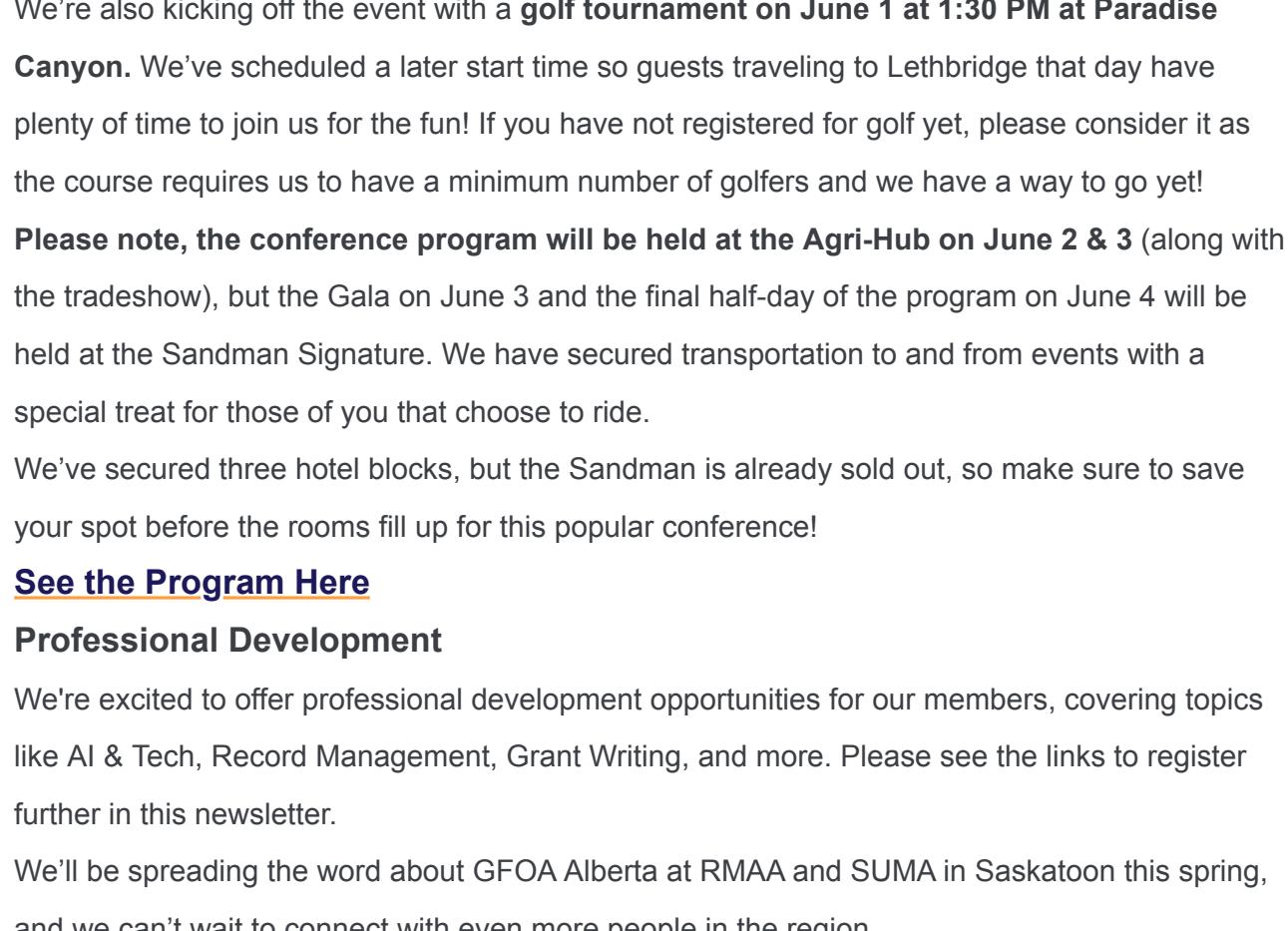




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#### Message From the Executive Director

Hello GFOA Members,

Some sad news on the Weather Channel last week, apparently the tornado and hurricane have are no longer a couple because their relationship was going around in circles! 🌪️😊

#### Conference Update

Now that we've got that out of the way (editor's statement not mine), I'm excited to share that conference registration is selling fast, and we only have four exhibitor spots left! Be sure to check out the amazing program we've lined up, including great keynotes and breakout sessions designed to bring you valuable insights. This year's breakout sessions will cover three areas of interest for our members: **finance, information technology, and people**. These categories are sure to provide valuable professional development to most everyone attending the conference. We're also kicking off the event with a **golf tournament on June 1 at 1:30 PM at Paradise Canyon**. We've scheduled a later start time so guests traveling to Lethbridge that day have plenty of time to join us for the fun! If you have not registered for golf yet, please consider it as the course requires us to have a minimum number of golfers and we have a way to go yet! **Please note, the conference program will be held at the Agri-Hub on June 2 & 3** (along with the tradeshow), but the Gala on June 3 and the final half-day of the program on June 4 will be held at the Sandman Signature. We have secured transportation to and from events with a special treat for those of you that choose to ride.

We've secured three hotel blocks, but the Sandman is already sold out, so make sure to save your spot before the rooms fill up for this popular conference!

#### See the Program Here

#### Professional Development

We're excited to offer professional development opportunities for our members, covering topics like AI & Tech, Record Management, Grant Writing, and more. Please see the links to register further in this newsletter.

We'll be spreading the word about GFOA Alberta at RMAA and SUMA in Saskatoon this spring, and we can't wait to connect with even more people in the region.

A quick note on budget 2025, there were two points that caught my eye:

- Increase in grants made to municipalities in lieu of property taxes on government owned property to 75%, up from the current 50%. By next year the province will cover 100% of the amount that would be paid if the property was taxable.
- \$820 million this year and \$2.5 billion over 3 years in Local Government Fiscal Framework capital funding to help fund local infrastructure projects.

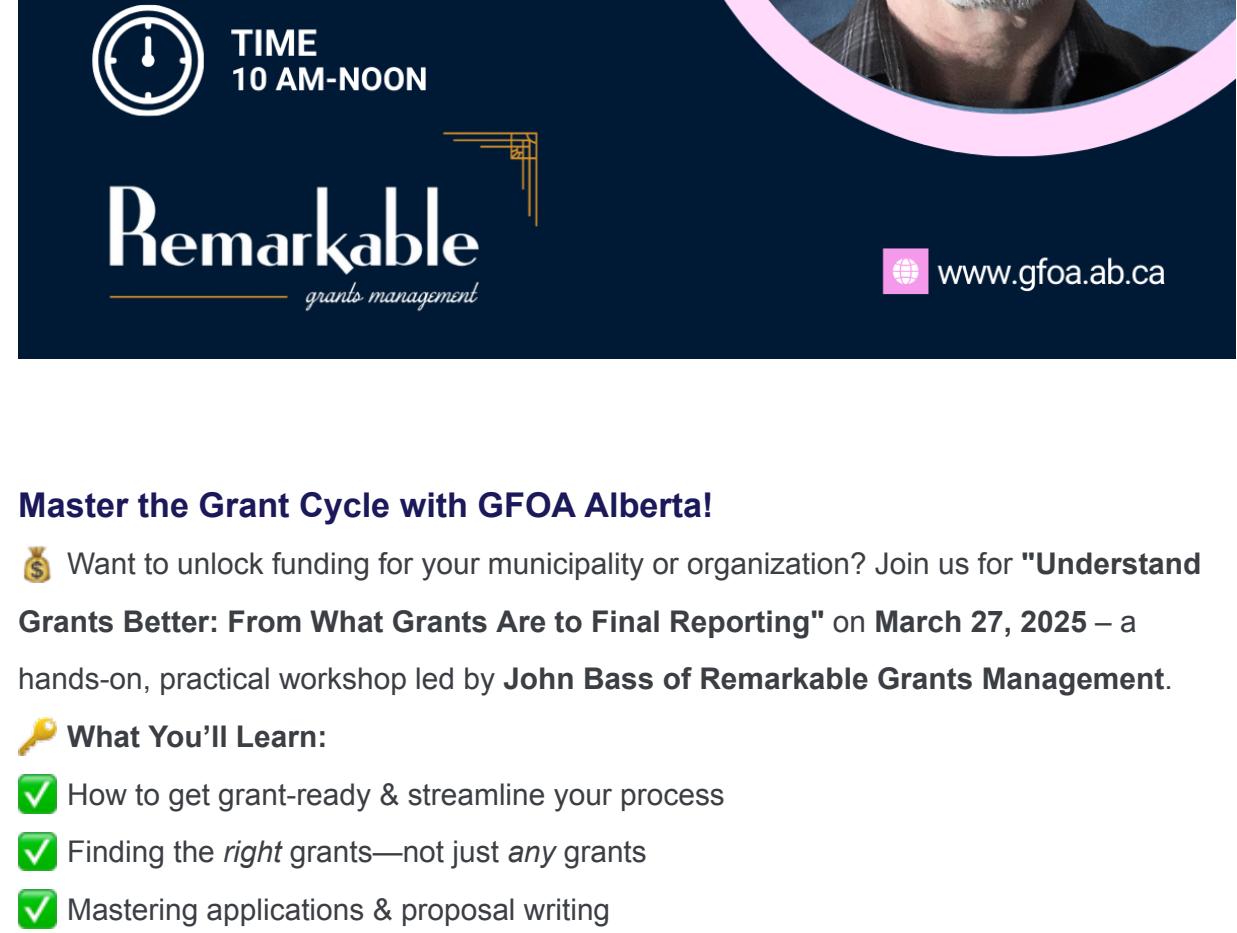
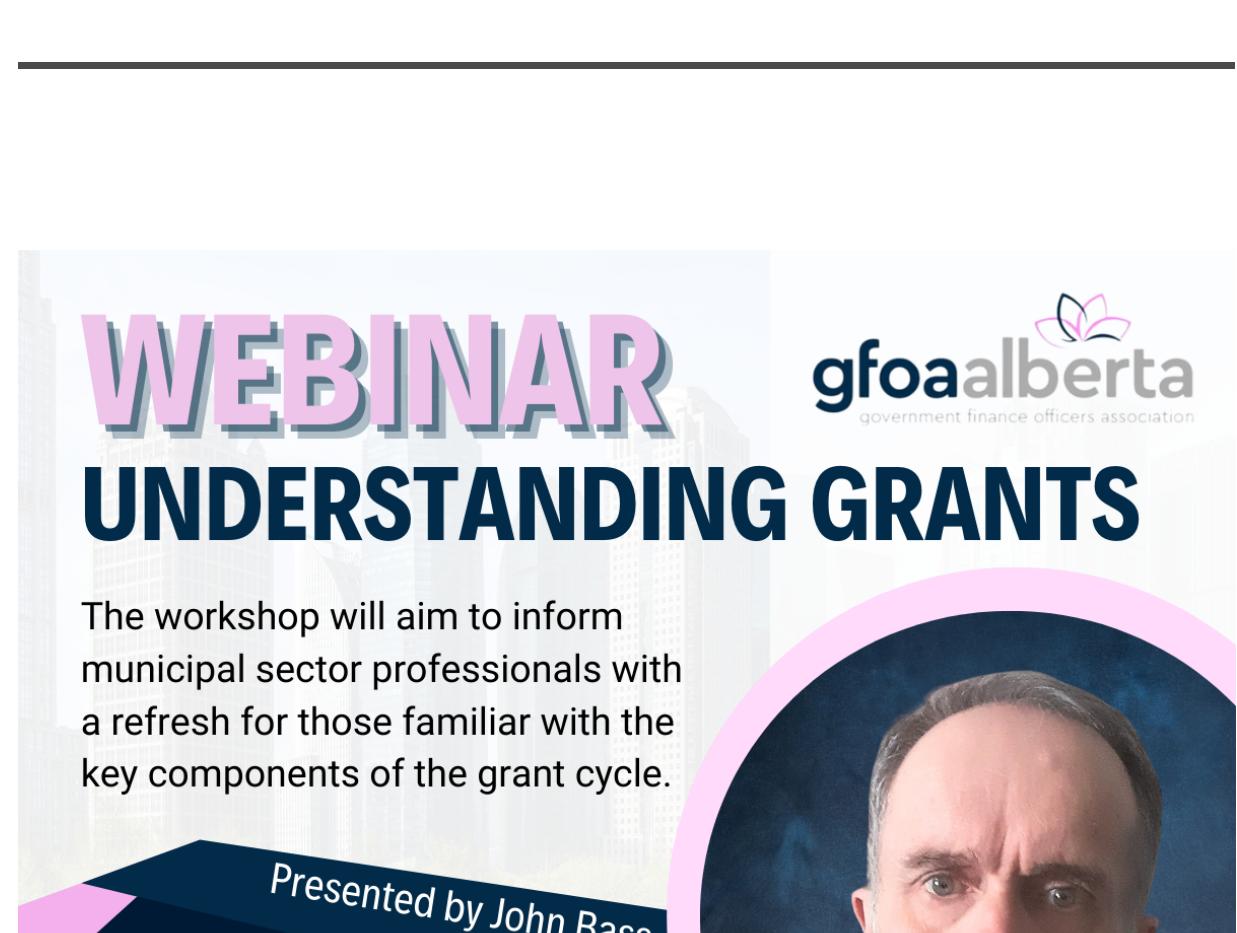
Also, something I can appreciate is the new 8% personal income tax bracket for income under \$60,000 starting in 2025.

Thank you to everyone supporting us—whether through membership, conference registration, sponsorship, or exhibiting—your involvement helps us get better! Any comments or suggestions are always welcome.

Regards,

Rick Wojtkiw

Executive Director



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