

BRIDGING DIVIDES

2020 Leadership Initiative



Association of
Minnesota Counties



DEPARTMENT OF
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AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION



Minnesota's 87 counties have a long tradition of connecting with each other through the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) to find solutions to common challenges.

In this time of increasing division, AMC is partnering with the Minnesota State Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution (OCDR) on BRIDGING DIVIDES.

BRIDGING DIVIDES is a leadership initiative that will provide elected officials and key staff with the tools and support needed to continue to lead in working together effectively across difference.

Housed at the Department of Administration, OCDR uses collaborative processes and the science of human relations to help government and stakeholders improve relationships, build trust, and develop wise and durable solutions to seemingly intractable issues.

www.mn.gov/admin/ocdr

THIS INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE:

- Processes for AMC and its members to build consensus on priority county issues.
- Programs to increase county capacity to manage contentious issues.

PROGRAMS & RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Statewide and regional trainings.
- ✓ Facilitated consensus building sessions with elected leaders, staff, and stakeholders.
- ✓ Public engagement planning.
- ✓ Collaborative problem-solving services for especially difficult issues.
- ✓ Best practices tools for bridging divides.
- ✓ Connections to national organizations and networks.

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