



The Ninety-Three

August 18, 2023

Registration for the NACO District Meetings

Southeast – September 14th, Mahoney State Park, Ashland

Northeast – September 15th, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Central – September 21st, Holiday Inn, Kearney

Panhandle – September 27th, Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

West Central – September 28th, Mid-Plains CC North, North Platte

Registration - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting - 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Affiliate Breakout Sessions -10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch - 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Complete meeting agendas will be available at the beginning of September.

[Register Here](#)

Pre-Register for the Annual Conference Now



2023 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 13-15, YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER NORTH, KEARNEY, NE

PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Register at www.nebraskacounties.org

Registration Deadline: November 22, 2023

JOIN US IN DECEMBER

Conference registration will also open on August 1, 2023. The cost is \$150.00 per attendee and \$100.00 per guest. A spouse is considered a guest.

The registration deadline is November 22, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. CT.

All cancellations after November 22, 2023 are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee.

[Click Here for Registration and More](#)

Annual Conference Hotel Reservations

If you reserved multiple rooms for your county, you must provide a rooming list with guest names and stay dates to the Younes Team by September 18th. Any unclaimed rooms after September 18th will be placed back into the general NACO block for other attendees/counties to reserve.

Annual Conference Agenda

Wednesday, December 13 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Affiliate Groups may start as early as 9:00 A.M. and end as late as 4:00 P.M. Please note County Board session starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

Thursday, December 14 - 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

- Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:00 A.M.
- Sessions start at 9:00 A.M. and end at 3:15 P.M. (Breakfast and Lunch provided)
- Door prizes in Exhibit Hall at 3:30 P.M.
- Sponsored Dinner and Hospitality Suites will be at Younes Center South in the evening.

Friday, December 15 - 7:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

- NACO Business Meeting (Breakfast Provided)

We have arranged for a single bus to provide transportation services for hotel guests in the Younes campus area. The bus will be available for pick up and drop off between 8:00 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. on both Wednesday and Thursday.



Submit Your Award Nominations Now

Nomination forms for the 2023 **County Official of the Year Award**, **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and **Next Generation Award** are available for submission.

Attach supporting documentation as necessary and please email all submission forms and backup documentation to candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org

The deadline to submit your award nominations is Friday, October 20th.

Announcement of the 2023 recipients will be made at the Annual Conference.

[45th Annual County Official of the Year](#)

Dingman and Highway Superintendents Say Thank You to Senators Bostelman and Brandt



On August 10th, Lancaster County Engineer Pam Dingman presented thank you posters from Highway Superintendents to Senators Bruce Bostelman and Tom Brandt for their work on legislation to extend the County Bridge Match Program.

DHS Announces Additional \$374.9 Million in Funding to Boost State, Local Cybersecurity

WASHINGTON – August 7, 2023 - Today, the Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of \$374.9 million in grant funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). State and local governments face increasingly sophisticated cyber threats to their critical infrastructure and public safety. Now in its second year, the SLCGP is a first-of-its-kind cybersecurity grant program specifically for state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments across the country to help them strengthen their cyber resilience. Established by the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act, and part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the SLCGP provides \$1 billion in funding over four years to support SLT governments as they develop capabilities to detect, protect against, and respond to cyber threats. This year's funding allotment represents a significant increase from the \$185 million allotted in

FY22, demonstrating the Administration and Congress's commitment to help improve the cybersecurity of communities across the nation.

"In today's threat environment, any locality is vulnerable to a devastating cyber attack targeted at a hospital, school, water, or other system," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "The Department of Homeland Security is helping to ensure that every community, regardless of size, funding, or resources, can meet these threats and keep their residents and their critical infrastructure safe and secure. These cybersecurity grants will help state, local, and territorial governments do just that, and I strongly urge communities across the country to submit an application."

SLCGP is jointly administered by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). CISA provides expertise and guidance on cybersecurity issues while FEMA manages the grant award and allocation process. Award recipients may use funding for a wide range of cybersecurity improvements and capabilities, including cybersecurity planning and exercising, hiring cyber personnel, and improving the services that citizens rely on daily.

"State and local governments are facing increasingly sophisticated cyber threats to their critical infrastructure and public safety," said CISA Director Jen Easterly. "As the Nation's Cyber Defense Agency, CISA is pleased to make available yet another tool to that will help strengthen cyber defenses for communities across the nation and bolster our collective cybersecurity."

"Building resilience requires more than mitigating against natural hazards," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "As our threat landscape continues to evolve, the funding provided through the state, local, and territorial cybersecurity grant program will increase capability to help communities better prepare and reduce cyber risks."

State and local governments have until October 6 to apply for this FY23 grant opportunity. For more information and helpful resources on the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, visit CISA's webpage: cisa.gov/cybergrants.

IFR Released for Cornyn/Padilla Amendment, More Information to Follow

The U.S. Department of Treasury just released their Interim Final Rule (IFR) for the [bipartisan State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act](#) (i.e. Cornyn/Padilla Amendment) that allows counties to invest ARPA dollars more flexibly towards new transportation and infrastructure projects, relief from natural disasters and eligible projects under the Community, Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

[Full IFR for Cornyn/Padilla Amendment](#)

[Overview of IFR for Cornyn/Padilla Amendment](#)

NACo is currently reading through the IFR and will host a membership call early next week to dive into the details.

We Can't Do It Alone: Strategies for State and Local Coordination on Prenatal-to-Three Efforts



To promote efficiency and cooperation across levels of government, the National Association of Counties Research Foundation, the National League of Cities and the National Conference of State Legislatures have teamed up to develop the [Government in Action](#) learning series.

Building from this series, *We Can't Do It Alone* highlights key strategies to help state and local leaders identify common challenges and actionable strategies to strengthen alignments between state, county and city governments and coordinate prenatal-to-three (PN-3) agendas in their communities.

This resource explores:

- PN-3 authorities and levers at each level of government
- Strategies for each level of government to advance healthy births, supported families and high-quality care and education
- Real world examples of intergovernmental coordination around PN-3, and
- Strategies for state and local coordination in PN-3.

[Download the Resource](#)

Funds Available For Transportation Needs

July 27, 2023 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Transportation has announced funds are now available to private non-profit organizations and governmental entities for transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations incorporated within Nebraska and governmental entities. Governmental entities must certify that

there are no nonprofit agencies in the service area readily able to provide the service. Applications will only be accepted for the rural and small urban areas and Lincoln. Applicants in the Omaha area should contact Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) for information about applications.

The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program is a Federal Grant program that is managed by the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The purpose of the program is to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Applications are restricted to capital projects that may include the acquisition of transportation vehicles, technology, and/or purchase of services.

Applications are due by October 31, 2023.

Additional information and applications can be obtained at nebraskatransit.com or by contacting Lucinda Dowding, Federal Aid Administrator III, at lucinda.dowding@nebraska.gov or 402-479-3127.

SAVE THE DATE

NACO 
LEGISLATIVE
CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
NIELSEN COMMUNITY CENTER, WEST POINT

MORE INFO COMING SOON

Nebraska Cyber Security Conference



Tuesday, October 31, 2023

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC)

2021 Transformation Drive

Lincoln, NE

The Nebraska Cyber Security Conference will assist in raising our awareness of cyber security and help in protecting all of us in cyberspace.

Register by Sept. 12 and SAVE!

Early Bird Education Rate: \$99

Early Bird Regular Rate: \$129

After Sept. 12:

Education Rate: \$129

Regular Rate: \$14

[Click Here for Registration](#)

NACO Sponsor Spotlight



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