



The Ninety-Three

July 28, 2023

NACO and League issue joint statement regarding Valuations Reform Working Group

July 26, 2023 - The League of Nebraska Municipalities and the Nebraska Association of County Officials look forward to participating on this working group. The Governor has assembled the right stakeholders for what is sure to be a robust and productive discussion regarding property tax policy in our State. Municipalities and counties look forward to crafting a model which is transparent to our taxpayers and preserves the ability for local political subdivisions to deliver the services expected by our citizens and raise the revenues necessary to perform those duties assigned to us by the State of Nebraska.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT 2023

Join the Nebraska Department of Transportation, the Nebraska Association of County Officials and the League of Municipalities for the first ever Transportation Summit.

EVENT DETAILS



August 23, 2023 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Younes Conference Center
South 416 W. Talmadge Road
Kearney, Neb.

Meant for cities, municipalities, and counties, this event focuses on discretionary grant assistance.

Learn more about how to develop high-quality, competitive grant applications for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant opportunities, such as key aspects of grant writing, identifying relevant roles and responsibilities in the grant development process, and much more.

REGISTRATION



To register, to go:

<https://go.unl.edu/transportationsummit>.

Registration is free and ends on Aug. 9.



Registration Deadline August 9th

The **2023 Transportation Summit** will be at the Younes Conference Center South in Kearney, NE on August 23rd. This free, one-day event will provide valuable insights on developing high-quality, competitive grant applications for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant opportunities. You will learn about key aspects of grant writing and identify relevant roles and responsibilities in the grant development process.

The event will feature speakers from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), NDOT, and other partners with expertise in grant writing. Key topics that will be covered include:

- Infrastructure/transportation funding available to local agencies
- Keys to competitive grant applications
- Preparing in advance for Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Taking action after NOFO is issued
- Meeting federal requirements
- Broadband

Registration for the summit is free, and the deadline for registration is August 9th.

[Register Here](#)



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Registration to open August 1st.

Annual Conference Registration Opens August 1st

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.

Annual Conference Hotel Reservations

We are excited to announce a new format for hotel reservations for the 2023 NACO Annual Conference in Kearney, NE!

Instead of calling in room reservations, **you will reserve hotel rooms for the Annual Conference by completing an online form. All reservations must be made by this**

form. Reservations will not be accepted by calling the front desk. We ask you to please read over the following information carefully to ensure a smooth hotel reservation process.

1) The reservation form will be emailed to all members and made available on the NACO website on **Tuesday, August 1st at approximately 1:30 P.M. MT / 2:30 P.M. CT.** To prevent any potential issues with double-booking hotels, please be sure to coordinate with your county regarding hotel arrangements before filling out the form.

2) For your preparation, the form will include the following questions:

- Contact Information
- Date of Arrival
- Date of Check Out
- Number of Single Rooms
- Number of Double Rooms
- Total Number of Sleeping Rooms
- Do you have a rooming list to provide at this time? If so, please list guest names, and if the stay date is different from the dates above, please indicate next to their name.
- Method of Payment
- Preferred Choice of Hotel #1
- Preferred Choice of Hotel #2
- Preferred Choice of Hotel #3

3) After completing the form, the contact person listed on the form will receive a receipt of the completed form via email.

4) Reservations will be made based on the order of form submission. **The contact person will then be contacted by the hotel's front desk staff by either email or phone to let them know which hotel your county has been placed in to take care of billing information and confirmation numbers. Please note, your preferred hotel is not guaranteed.**

5) If you are reserving 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.

Again, please be sure to coordinate hotel arrangements with your county. If you have questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email youneshotels@gmail.com.

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.



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Upcoming Fall District Meetings

September 14 - Southeast District Meeting
Mahoney State Park, Ashland

September 15 - Northeast District Meeting
Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

September 21 - Central District Meeting
Holiday Inn, Kearney

September 27 - Panhandle District Meeting
Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

September 28 - West Central District Meeting
Mid-Plains Community College North, North Platte

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Registration for the Fall District Meetings will open on the NACO website on August 7th.

Registration for the Assessors Workshop to Close August 14th

Attention assessors! The registration deadline for the Nebraska Association of County Assessors Workshop is August 14th at 5 PM.

[Register Now](#)

USDA Makes Grants Available to Help Repair Community Facilities in Rural Nebraska Damaged by Disasters in 2022

Is your community still sorting out repairs on buildings or equipment from disasters last year? Long after storms have quieted and fires are put out, local leaders take responsibility for repairing roofs, equipment, water systems, and other damage that occurs to community facilities. These facilities are essential to community life: providing shelter and services to rural residents.

Now, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Nebraska can offer grants to help repair essential community facilities that were damaged by disasters in 2022.

“USDA Rural Development Nebraska stands ready to deploy resources to help communities rebuild essential facilities damaged by disasters,” Bolz said.

The facilities must be located in [eligible rural areas](#) with a population of 20,000 or less and must be in [presidentially declared disaster areas](#). These counties include Antelope, Boone, Burt, Cedar, Cuming, Custer, Dixon, Frontier, Furnas, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Knox, Logan, Pierce, Polk, Red Willow, Sherman, Thurston, Valley, Wayne, Wheeler, and York Counties.

Eligible organizations include public bodies, federally recognized Indian Tribes and community-based nonprofits.

Funds may be used to:

- Repair essential community facilities,
- Replace damaged equipment or vehicles,
- Purchase new equipment to undertake repairs to damaged facilities.

Disaster related grants may cover up to 75% of total project cost and the applicant must be unable to finance the proposed project from existing resources or commercial credit. Grant funds may not be used for expenses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources (such as insurance) are obligated to reimburse. Funding for the balance of the project may consist of other financial assistance, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources. In-kind contributions are not an acceptable source of cost-sharing funds.

Applications for Community Facilities Disaster Repair Grants will be accepted on a continual basis until all funds are exhausted. There is no minimum or maximum grant limit per project.

USDA Rural Development has extensive experience in working with rural communities to build, rebuild, and repair essential community facilities. For example, Gosper County purchased a new grass fire truck with assistance from USDA and assisted with repair of

the roof of the community center in Steinhauer. USDA Rural Development staff is available to work with you one on one to explore opportunities to repair essential facilities in your community.

For more information on how to apply, contact Kelley Messenger at kelley.messenger@usda.gov or visit rd.usda.gov/ne.

Nebraska Voter Information Lookup Online Tool

Nebraska's Voter Check system is a great tool for Nebraskans to check their voter registration, view provisional ballot status, view absentee ballot status, and find a polling place.

Check out the Voter Check system at <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/voterview>

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