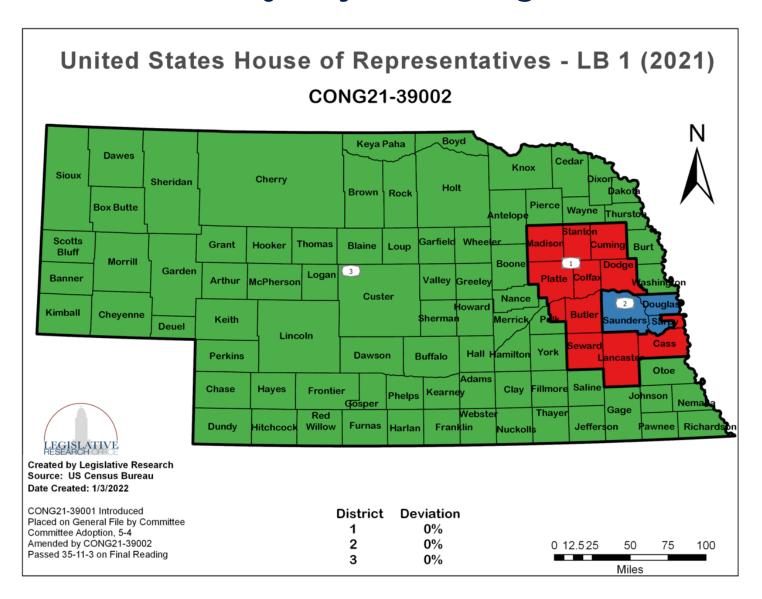


FY25 Community Project Funding Information



Community Project Funding allows Members of Congress to provide greater input on how funding will be directed to specific state or local governments or eligible non-profit recipients.

Members of Congress are allowed to submit up to 15 Community Project Funding requests to the Appropriations Committee. There are no guarantees that these Community Projects will all be funded, and the projects will be competitively evaluated by the Committee on Appropriations.

Each Congressional District in Nebraska has their own application.

If you are interested in applying for a CPF, the applications will be included below as they become available. More information will be provided soon.

<u>Application for Congressional District 1 - Deadline TBD</u>

Application for Congressional District 2 - Coming Soon

Application for Congressional District 3 - Coming Soon

If you have questions, please contact Candace Meredith at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org.

April is National County Government Month



April is **National County Government Month**, a time to celebrate the vital role of local governments. The Nebraska Association of County Officials encourages counties to engage with constituents and raise awareness about county government functions.

NACO's '**How Nebraska Counties Work**' webpage is a valuable resource for officials and the public, offering insights into county government operations. We urge county officials to explore and share this resource with their communities.

NACO also invites counties to showcase how they are celebrating County Government Month this April. Whether it's organizing community events, working with schools, or launching social media campaigns, every effort counts in raising awareness and appreciation for the important work of county government. Share your stories and photos with Riley at riley.sigler@nebraskacounties.org for a chance to be highlighted by NACO.

Explore additional resources provided by the National Association of Counties to enhance your National County Government Month celebrations.

How Nebraska Counties Work Webpage

National Association of Counties Toolkit

Counties 101 Tools

March Cyber Security Key Point: Passwords



Best Practices for Password Management

- Use strong, unique passwords 12 to 16 characters long with a mix of upper and lower case letters, symbols and numbers.
- · Make passwords that are hard to guess but easy to remember.
- · Avoid using the same password on multiple logins.
- · NEVER reveal your passwords to others.
- Require changing network users primary login password at least every four months.

What is Multi-Factor Authentication and 2FA?

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a multi-step account login process that requires users to enter more information than just a password. For example, along with the password, users might be asked to enter a code sent to their email or a biometrics reader.

Prove it's you with two!...

2FA (Two-Factor Authentication) is a security system that requires two separate, distinct forms of identification in order to access online content. A second form of authentication can help prevent unauthorized account access if a system password has been compromised. Authentication devices are most commonly an application used on a smartphone or a key fob device with numeric codes that change in timed intervals.

Consider using a Password Manager

A password manager is an app on your phone, tablet or computer that stores your passwords, so you don't need to remember them. Once you've logged into the password manager using a 'master' password, it will generate and remember your passwords for all your online accounts. These tools will generate complex passwords.

The County Network Security Cooperative is a collaboration of partners including:





Remove your vulnerabilities

Using a single password to protect your accounts is akin to placing all your eggs in one basket. It opens up a gateway for hackers to exploit, especially if you use predictable passwords or reuse them across multiple platforms, Without MFA, a cybercriminal only needs to crack or guess your password once to gain unauthorized access to your personal information, financial data, or even steal your identity. Cybercrime has become a multi-billion dollar enterprise.

 $Disclaimer: This document \ reflects \ current \ guidance \ and \ is \ subject \ to \ change \ due \ to \ the \ evolving \ cyber \ security \ environment.$



Broadband Challenge Portal Open Now

The Broadband Challenge aims to ensure the accuracy of the Nebraska Broadband Availability Map.

Interested in becoming an advocate? Contact Candace Meredith to learn more at candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org.

https://broadband.nebraska.gov/challenge/

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Reporting

The 2023 Obligation and Expenditure Reports are due March 31, 2024.

The 2024 Obligation and Expenditure Report covers the reporting period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Eligible Uses:

Programs, services, and capital expenditures that are traditionally undertaken by a government are considered to fulfill a "governmental purpose."

As a general matter, recipients may use funds to cover costs incurred on any eligible use, including costs incurred from March 15, 2021. Recipients may use funds to cover costs of administering the LATCF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight as well as compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

SLFRF Report For April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

Due April 30, 2024

For eligible use categories described in the 2023 IFR, recipients may use SLFRF funds for the three new eligible uses for costs incurred beginning December 29, 2022. Consistent with the existing eligible uses, recipients must obligate SLFRF funds for the new eligible uses by December 31, 2024. Recipients must expend SLFRF funds obligated to provide emergency relief from natural disasters by December 31, 2026. Recipients must expend SLFRF funds obligated for Surface Transportation projects and Title I projects by September 30, 2026.

New expenses under the 2023 IFR:

- Spending to provide emergency relief from natural disasters.
- Spending on transportation infrastructure eligible projects and matching funds.
- Spending on any program, project, or service that would also be eligible under HUD's Community Development Block Grant program.

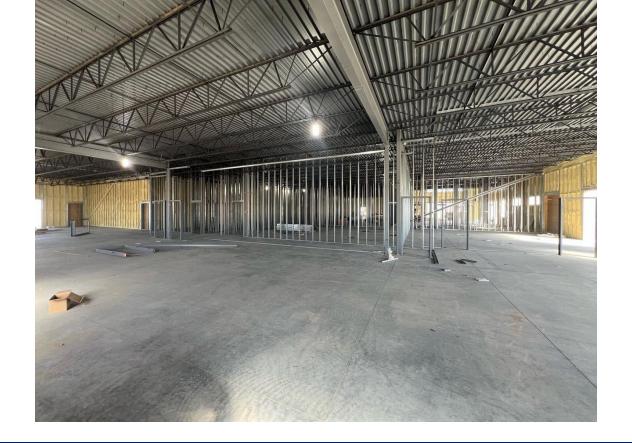
ARPA Administrators - Bookmark the <u>Compliance and Reporting Guidance Updated</u> <u>December 14, 2023</u>



NACO West Update

Significant progress has been made with the interior framework.





2024 Severe Weather Awareness Toolkit

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) will be highlighting the importance of preparing for severe weather during the spring.

Severe weather can happen during any season and impact any part of our country. Spring is a time of transition, when late-season snowstorms can impact the East Coast and the Northern Plains, thunderstorms rip across the South and Midwest, rivers overflow their banks and heat waves begin in the Southwest. Don't let this dangerous season catch you unaware. Get ready for spring with just a few simple steps: Know Your Risk, Take Action and Be an Example.

In addition to asking Americans to learn their risks and take action to prepare through their own outreach channels, FEMA Region 7 is encouraging everyone to get the word out and help the Whole Community prepare for severe weather.

Preparedness Week:

Nebraska: March 25 - 29, 2024

This toolkit is designed to provide you and your organization easy to use tools to promote this campaign and help your stakeholders be better prepared for disasters.

Download the Toolkit

2024 Outstanding County Board Member of the

Year Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2024 Outstanding County Board Member Award are open to county board members who have been in office for at least two (2) terms. Criteria used for selecting the 2024 recipient includes: member will have been active on regional boards, been chairman of their county board, participated in the legislative process, or appointed to a statewide committee. Regular attendance at NACO educational opportunities, events and meetings is also required. Please keep your answers concise but be sure to include all pertinent information. Announcement of the recipient of this award will be made after the Wednesday evening meal at the County Board Workshop in Kearney.

Submit nomination form to <u>candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org</u> by May 3, 2024.

Click Here for the Nomination Form



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