

August 4, 2023

Transportation Summit Registration Closing Soon



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.





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

Pre-Register for the Annual Conference 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

This year, county officials will reserve hotel rooms on the Younes Center campus 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.

If you have any questions about hotel reservations, please call 308-237-8813 or email youneshotels@gmail.com.

County Official Hotel Reservation Form

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.

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.



Douglas County Receives three+one®'s Pioneer Award

Douglas County, NE is the recipient of three+one®'s Pioneer Award for being the very first county in the nation to put cashVest® to work.

Congratulations to Douglas County!

Read more about the achievement here:

https://threeplusone.us/2023/08/01/douglas-county-a-true-pioneer/

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

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

www.nebraskacounties.com

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

This Year's National Preparedness Month Focuses on Older Adults

By FEMA Region 7 (816-283-7061 and FEMARegion7info@fema.dhs.gov)

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and other emergencies that could happen at any time. This year's campaign focuses on older adults and encourages them to prepare for what to do before, during and after a disaster. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is partnering with local governments in Nebraska since older adults often view their local officials as a trusted source for information. As local officials, you know the older adults in your communities along with the challenges that may occur for them during a disaster. FEMA recommends every individual or household follow these three preparedness action steps – get informed, build a kit, make a plan!

Get informed

The best no-cost/low-cost way older adults can prepare for disasters is to sign up to receive alerts and warnings when severe weather or other emergencies occur in their area. Local officials can encourage older adults to sign up for free alerts and warnings from local or state emergency management agencies. Apps from trusted sources such as FEMA and the American Red Cross can be downloaded for free and provide disaster alerts as well as post-disaster information, shelter locations and where to get help.

Older adults should know the risks and hazards where they live, which will inform their planning efforts. Do they reside near railroad tracks, industrial areas or other hazards that might require an immediate evacuation or for them to shelter in place? Are they prepared for a sustained power outage? Does their home have working smoke detectors? It is also important for them to be aware of and prepared for emerging threats such as extreme heat and droughts.

Build a kit

After a disaster, individuals and households may need to survive on their own for several days. Being prepared means having stored food, water, and other supplies for three to seven days, if not longer. Emergency supplies can include items such as flashlights, batteries, maps, manual can openers, and hygiene items. FEMA provides a list of basic supplies at www.ready.gov/kit.

In addition to basic supplies, you can encourage older adults to include items or assistive devices needed to shelter-in-place or evacuate their home that meet their medical, mobility, and communication needs. These items might be:

- Prescription medications
- Durable medical equipment
- Mobility aids
- Visual aids
- Hearing aids

- Personal care products
- Insurance information

They should also keep a copy of prescriptions as well as dosage or treatment information in their kit.

FEMA's *Emergency Financial First Aid Kit* is a free toolkit that helps individuals and households collect and organize their critical information essential for emergency recovery. The guide can be found at www.fema.gov/emergency-financial-first-aid-kit.

Make a plan

When creating disaster plans, older adults should consider what disasters would call for an evacuation versus sheltering in place and prepare for both. They should also ask themselves - How would they evacuate if an accessible vehicle is not available? Does their county maintain a registry of those who need special assistance during an evacuation? Does their utility company keep a list and map of the locations of power-dependent customers in case of an emergency? Are their benefits deposited electronically or do they come in the mail? Examples of plans can be found at **ready.gov/plan.**

For older adults, having a personal support network is key, especially for those adults who are physically or socially isolated. The best way to create a support network is to make a list of family, friends and others who would be part of their emergency plan and then approach them about being a part of it.

If undergoing routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital or if receiving regular services such as home health care, treatment, or transportation, older adults should talk to their service provider about their emergency plans and work with them to identify back-up service providers in the area.

Get involved

One of the best ways older adults can build on their individual preparedness and help their community is to take additional training or volunteer. Classes such as *Stop the Bleed*, *First Aid/CPR*, or *Until Help Arrives*, empower individuals to not only help themselves, but to assist others in their community as well.

Older adults can help their communities by:

<u>Joining a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)</u> program and get trained on basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

During a disaster, donate to a reputable organization through the <u>National Voluntary</u> <u>Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD)</u>, or sign up to become a volunteer and respond to both local and national disasters.

Additionally, FEMA offers free trainings and education tools to train individuals and others on the best ways to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster or emergency.

You Are the Help Until Help Arrives, designed by FEMA, is offered as online or in-person training that teaches the basics of how to save a life before professionals arrive

Teach FEMA's <u>youth preparedness messaging</u> to local schools or childcare facilities. Preparedness curriculum for grades K-12 can be downloaded at Ready.gov/kids

Promote preparedness online by sharing preparedness tips on social media with Ready's online social media toolkit or public service announcements.

Take a free online independent study course through <u>FEMA's Emergency Management</u> <u>Institute</u> or a <u>CPR course through the American Red Cross</u>

Every individual, family and household should plan for emergencies, and older adults and persons with disabilities should consider any unique needs they may have and address them in the way they receive alerts and warnings, create communication and evacuation plans, and build their emergency supply kits. FEMA Region 7 looks forward to continuing to partner with local governments in Nebraska to strengthen communities through preparedness.

For more information about disaster preparedness, go to ready.gov.

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