

August 11, 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

Registration Deadline Extended for the Transportation Summit

The registration deadline for the 2023 Transportation Summit has been extended an additional week!

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 will close on Wednesday, August 16th.

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.

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

2023 Lifetime Achievement Award

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.

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.

DED to Host Information Session for 2024 Application Cycle of the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund

August 3, 2023 (LINCOLN, NEB.) – DED will hold a webinar regarding the upcoming 2024 application cycle of the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT**. During this informational session, DED will provide an overview of the CCCFF program and special policies for the 2024 cycle and will answer questions related to the program. A second informational session will be held in November with details to be provided at a later date.

CCCFF is a state-funded placemaking program that provides grants for planning and construction to build and/or improve community facilities such as libraries, recreation and wellness centers, gathering spaces, convention centers, town squares, and cultural centers. Projects may include the conversion, rehabilitation, or reuse of historic buildings. CCCFF planning grants can be used for preliminary planning efforts related to the development or rehabilitation of eligible projects.

Following legislative action, municipalities seeking a CCCFF grant under the 2024 Application Cycle must partner with a certified Creative District. The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) certifies Creative Districts. Representatives from NAC and History Nebraska will join DED for the webinar to present information and answer questions about the upcoming application cycle.

To register for the CCCFF webinar, go to: https://sonvideo.webex.com/weblink/register/r05af8df897391e636cf892e715b7a8bd.

For more information on Creative Districts, visit the Nebraska Arts Council website: www.artscouncil.nebraska.gov/explore/creative-districts/.

To learn more about the CCCFF program, or to review the application and program guidelines, visit the CCCFF webpage at <u>opportunity.nebraska.gov/cccff</u>.

Note: Counties are not eligible for CCCFF grants. Please share with a city or village within your county that may benefit.



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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



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