



The Ninety-Three

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Upcoming Events

Registration is now open for NACO District Meetings

September 8th * Southeast District - Lincoln
September 15th * Central District - Aurora
September 16th * Northeast District- Norfolk
September 28th * Panhandle District - Gering
October 5th * West Central District- North Platte

Agendas will be available later this month.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Registration is Now Open!

128th Annual NACO Conference
December 14-16, 2022
Younes Center North, Kearney

[Click Here to Register](#)

Save the Date!

NACO Legislative Conference
October 28th, 2022
Weborg 21 Centre in Gering

More information coming soon.

Now Accepting Nominations for County Official Awards

Nomination forms for the 2022 County Official of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Next Generation Awards are now available. The awards will be presented at the 2022 NACO Annual Conference during the Business Meeting on December 16th, 2022.

[2022 County Official of the Year Nomination Form](#)

[2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form](#)

[2022 Next Generation Award Nomination Form](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, contact [Candace Meredith](#)

News Release from the Department of Economic Development

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DED): AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING UPDATE

July 26, 2022 (LINCOLN, NEB.) - The State of Nebraska received \$1.04 billion in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). CSFRF provides economic relief funds to state, local, and tribal governments that were negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Nebraska State Legislature appropriated \$723 million in ARPA and state funding to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) to strengthen the Nebraska economy and create more resilient communities.

Today, we are excited to announce DED's strategy for administering 29 innovative programs designed to include the following:

Over \$110 million for recovery grants benefitting communities located in Qualified Census Tracts;

Up to \$147 million for Economic Recovery Grants to focus on business development, entrepreneurship, internships, crime prevention, affordable housing, among other areas;

Up to \$115 million for Coronavirus Capital Projects including multi-purpose community facilities and broadband projects;

Over \$140 million in state-funded programs for housing, internship grants, and a public-private partnership facility grant to support the U.S. Strategic Command; and

Over \$195 million for job training, facility building, rural workforce housing and more.

This multi-year investment in Nebraska communities begins now and runs through 2026. DED is swiftly designing program guidelines, applications, and processes necessary to administer these programs. DED plans to open applications for the first round of programs in September 2022 with additional funding opportunities continuing through fall of 2024. A majority of funds designated for the first round of applications will be awarded by December 2022, with all funding to be expended by 2026.

DED is committed to administering these programs in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner. Recurring status updates providing details on the movement of funds and upcoming activities will be periodically posted on DED's website.

"The State is dedicated to using federal ARPA funds to strengthen Nebraska," said Gov. Ricketts. "Our goal is to allocate available funds efficiently, fairly, and transparently for the maximum benefit of Nebraskans. Thank you to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for designing programs that are easy to use and tailored to aid communities across the Good Life."

"DED is committed to a monthly communication cadence that will ensure our citizens are fully aware of our progress fulfilling program objectives," said DED Director Anthony L. Goins. "This includes updates via email, social media channels, radio interviews and press conferences. We are excited about this economic development endeavor and the growth return for our state."

To learn more about these programs and sign up for ongoing updates via email, please visit the Economic Recovery Program's page at opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery.

JOIN OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

This coming Veterans Day, join the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers for [Operation Green Light for Veterans](#).

We encourage you to show support for veterans by lighting county buildings green from November 7 to November 13. We also invite municipalities, state agencies, private businesses, community organizations and our residents to light their buildings and homes green. By shining a green light, we will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Click below for key resources and explore our [participation toolkit for counties](#). The toolkit features resources to help to spread the word about Operation Green Light for Veterans and to highlight how your county supports former service members.

[PARTICIPATION TOOLKIT FOR COUNTIES](#)

ARPA Stories



ARPA Stories is a chance for counties to share how they are using ARPA funds to improve their community.

Stories will be posted to the NACO website and social media platforms so that you may share them with your personal networks and your constituents.

[Start Sharing Your County's Story](#)

National Association of Counties Leadership Development: Learn from the best!

Scholarships still available for you and your team.

Join the 1,710 county leaders already benefiting from the effectiveness of the [NACo Leadership Academy](#), the 12-week, online leadership program led by the late General Colin Powell.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the April Nebraska graduates:

Craig Carsley, Douglas County

Jaron Dock, Douglas County

Dustin Harris, Douglas County

Roxanne Knutson, Assistant Human Resources Director, Seward County

Brian Norton, Douglas County

Ron Textor, Douglas County

Last chance to enroll for 2022!

Our September Cohort is right around the corner. Join us in investing in the workforce – empowering them to become better leaders today and into the future.

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Your County, Through the Lens

Every issue of the Ninety-Three will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county.

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Hitchcock County, submitted by Terra Riggs

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