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The Ninety-Three

ARPA SLFRF Reporting Webinar April 15

Join Treasury's April ARPA SLFRF Reporting Webinars: Key Support for County Compliance.

As counties continue to implement projects under the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, accurate and timely reporting remains critical. To support counties in preparing their **2025 Annual or Q1 Project and Expenditure (P&E) Reports** – due **April 30, 2025** – the **U.S. Department of the Treasury** is offering a **workshop series** for all SLFRF recipients.

These webinars will equip county staff with tools, updates and guidance to successfully complete upcoming reporting requirements. Topics will include:

P&E Report Content

Common Reporting Errors

Noncompliance Issues

Debt Management

April 15 - 1pm CT - [Register Here](#)

Note: Sessions will be recorded for those unable to attend live.

Happy National County Government Month!

Saline County participated in County Government Day by hosting students at the courthouse and talking with them about what counties do to serve our communities.

This National County Government Month, share your County Government Day photos or photos of your courthouse with us by emailing **lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org** for a chance to be shared in the newsletter or on our Facebook page.



Last Chance to Register for 2025 County Official Online Learning Network

Registration for the County Official Online Learning (COOL) Network closes soon!

If you're a newly elected or appointed county official, this course is a great opportunity to connect with other county officials, university professors, and local government experts through self-paced online content, discussion forums, weekly live webinars, and a final in-person session. **The enrollment deadline is April 15**, so [register now to secure your spot](#).

The COOL Network is a hybrid educational course that includes a three-week online session in May, followed by one in-person session in Kearney, NE, on June 4, 2025. **Topics covered will include:**

- The purpose, structure, and funding of county government

- Government finance, expenditures, and mandates
- Courthouse infrastructure, Information Technology risk management
- Visioning and strategic planning

This course provides an excellent transition to the Institute of Excellence, a professional development program for county officials designed to cover topics such as county data exploration, leadership, and community engagement. The Institute of Excellence kicks off in August, so be on the lookout for registration details this summer.

Session Starts: May 5, 2025

Enrollment Deadline: April 15, 2025

COOL Network Registration

Upcoming NACO Workshops

Click on the event to register.

NACO Budget Workshop #1

May 8, 2025

Holthus Convention Center - York
Register by May 1, 2025.



NACO Budget Workshop #2

May 15, 2025

NACO West- Ogallala
Register by May 8, 2025.



Board of Equalization Workshop

June 4, 2025

Younes North - Kearney

County Board Workshop

June 4-5, 2025

Younes North - Kearney

County Clerk, Register of Deeds, & Election Commissioner Workshop

June 4-6, 2025

Younes South - Kearney

NACO West Sees Continued Success in 2025

The state-of-the-art NACO West Training Center has hosted a number of great events so far in 2025. Whether it's a board meeting, a conference, or a panel discussion, we're proud to provide a seamless experience for anyone who hosts their events at NACO West.

If you or someone you know is looking for a place to host a meeting, educational workshop, or training event, NACO West is the place to be! [Click here for more information.](#)



2025 NACO Outstanding County Board Member of the Year Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2025 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 2025 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 candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org by May 2, 2025.

[Nomination Form](#)

Nebraska Broadband Office Approves Applicants for Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment Program

The Nebraska Broadband Office has announced that 26 organizations are officially [Approved Applicants](#) for the Nebraska Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), and can proceed to the Project Applications part of the process. The NACO team will be reaching out to counties this month to schedule BEAD planning meetings in May.

The BEAD program seeks to ensure that all of Nebraskans have access to reliable broadband services. To learn more about the project area in your county, [click here](#).

Submit Your Photos for a Chance to Win!

NACO is proud to present the Wildlife Wonders Photography Contest! Enter your photos of Nebraska wildlife for a chance to win a cash prize and a featured spot in our annual calendar!

How to Submit Entries

First, review the [rules](#)!

Then, take a spectacular photo of a native plant or animal someplace in a Nebraska county (but see rules for resolution requirements!)

Finally, submit your photo(s) [here](#) (limit of 3 photographs)

For more information about photo resolution using an iPhone, click [here](#).

For more information about photo resolution using an Android, click [here](#).

Questions? Contact Luke Bonkiewicz at Luke.Bonkiewicz@NebraskaCounties.org.

Wildlife Wonders

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Take a spectacular photo of a native plant or animal someplace in a Nebraska county.



13 Winning Photographs will be featured in NACO's annual calendar! Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100!

ENTRY
DEADLINE:

August 1

WINNERS
ANNOUNCED:

Mid-September

For entry rules and photo criteria, visit our website:

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Click the button below to learn more about becoming a NACO Business Member!

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