

January 9, 2026



The Ninety-Three

Register for the NACO County Chair Workshop

The 2026 County Chair Workshop will be held on Friday, February 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney. The workshop is for County Board Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Click the button below to register and view the workshop agenda. Please note that this is a draft of the agenda and is subject to change.

[Register Here](#)

NACO Legislative Bill Review Webinar

The NACO Board of Directors will discuss and take positions on legislative bills on January 23 at 8:30 am Central Time. Register for the webinar by clicking [here](#).

[Legislative Bill Webinar Registration](#)

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 13

County Chair Workshop
Kearney

March 12

Southeast District Meeting
Lincoln

March 13

Northeast District Meeting
Norfolk

March 19

Central District Meeting
Kearney

March 25

Panhandle District Meeting
Bridgeport

March 26

West Central District Meeting
Ogallala

April 1

NACO County Legislative Day
Lincoln

April 2

County Government Accounting
Basics Workshop - Lincoln

NIFA Modular Housing Survey

The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) is launching a Modular Ordering and Delivery Program to support statewide housing goals. The Nebraska Strategic Housing Council has set an ambitious target: to develop and rehabilitate 35,000 affordable and attainable rental and ownership housing units for low- to middle-income households by 2028. Modular home construction across Nebraska is one key strategy to help achieve this objective.

To accelerate progress, NIFA is creating a bulk ordering application process for communities. By leveraging economies of scale through bulk purchasing, we can reduce costs—benefiting not only the State and local communities but also individual property owners. These modular homes can be utilized for infill projects or new developments, while also addressing critical challenges such as the shortage of construction workers and the growing need for housing for educators and first responders.

If your community is interested in modular housing, please complete this survey to share your feedback:

Now Accepting Interim Policy Resolutions for the 2026 NACo Legislative Conference

Members are encouraged to get involved and have their voices heard in Washington by [submitting an interim policy resolution](#).

Why it matters: The resolutions process allows counties to participate directly in national policy decisions affecting county governments. During the [2026 Legislative Conference](#), NACo's 10 policy steering committees and Board of Directors will consider legislative and policy resolutions to guide advocacy until the Annual Conference in July.

Submit a resolution: All interim policy resolutions must be submitted electronically by Tuesday, Jan. 20, using the [online submission form](#).

View a sample: A [sample policy resolution](#) is available to demonstrate the format and scope of interim resolutions.

Reorganization Meetings to Occur in January 2026

In supervisor counties, the regular meetings of the county board are to be held in January. At its regular meeting of each year, the board must organize by choosing one of its number as chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the board during the year; in case of his absence at any meeting, the members present must choose one of their number as temporary chairperson. Sections 23-272, 23-274. Similarly, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-156 provides the board of county commissioners at its regular meeting in January of each year must elect a chairperson of the board to serve for the ensuing year, and such chairperson shall sign all warrants on the treasurer for money to be paid out of the county treasury.

An individual can vote for himself or herself for county board chair. See [Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission \(NADC\) Advisory Opinion #202](#), adopted by the Commission June 2017 addresses a series of questions related to conflicts of interest, financial gain and compensation. County board members may vote for themselves for the position of chair of the county board even if the chair has a higher salary. There are no "financial gain" and no conflict of interest involved in such a vote where the enhanced compensation for the chair is compensation provided by law.

Grant Opportunity: 2026 AARP Community Challenge

The AARP Community Challenge grant program is now open for its 10th year! This initiative funds quick-action projects that make communities more livable and spark long-term change.

If your organization is interested in applying, I've attached a few helpful resources to get you started.

Key Details:

Application Deadline: March 4, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. CT

Submission site: AARP.org/CommunityChallenge

Project Completion Deadline: December 15, 2026

Eligibility: 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations, government entities, and other organizations on a case-by-case basis

2026 Grant Opportunities:

Flagship Grants

Support projects that improve **public places; transportation; housing; digital connections; and disaster resilience**. Awards range from a few hundred dollars to \$15,000.

Capacity-Building Microgrants

\$2,500 grants paired with expert support, webinars, and cohort learning. Focus areas include **walk audits, bike audits, HomeFit® Guide modifications, and disaster preparedness training**.

Demonstration Grants

Designed to replicate promising local efforts. Topics include **pedestrian safety (funding support from Toyota Motor North America), high-speed internet (funding support from Microsoft), and housing design competitions**. Awards typically range from \$10,000-\$20,000, and will not exceed \$25,000.

Since 2017, AARP has awarded over \$24.3 million through 2,100 grants across all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Many projects have gone on to attract additional funding, influence local policy, and inspire replication.

Visit AARP.org/CommunityChallenge to explore past grantees and see how they've revitalized alleyways, created vibrant public spaces, improved crosswalk safety, and more.

Feel free to reach out with any questions – or contact the AARP Community Challenge team directly at communitychallenge@aarp.org.

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, discounts on sponsorships, and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

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