

December 6, 2024



# The Ninety-Three

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## 2024 NACO Annual Conference

Join us December 18-20, 2024, for the 130th Annual Conference!

Download our new mobile app - NACO Connect - for the agenda, sponsorships, and other important information.

Search "NACO Connect" in the Apple App or Google Play stores, or visit our website [here](#).

You can also download a copy of the full agenda below. Final hard copies of the agenda will be available at the Eakes booth in the venue foyer at conference.

Full Agenda Available

NACO Annual Conference Webpage

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Ryan Campbell**

Keynote Speaker on Mental  
Health and Resilience

Thursday, December 19th



**December 2024  
Leadership Book Club**

Born to Fly by Ryan Campbell



## Get into the Spirit!



Wear your favorite  
holiday-themed sweater  
on Thursday, December 19.

**Spirit of Service Fundraiser**



# Spirit of Service Fundraiser

This holiday season, NACO is hosting a fundraiser to support Children's Nebraska. Join us in the spirit of service to make this season brighter for children and families in Nebraska!

DECEMBER 18-20, 2024

**DONATE NOW**

[www.nebraskacounties.org/conferencefundraisier/donate.html](http://www.nebraskacounties.org/conferencefundraisier/donate.html)

This holiday season, NACO is hosting a fundraiser to support Children's Nebraska. You can donate through our online payment portal for a convenient way to contribute, or in person at our 130th Annual Conference in December.

At the Annual Conference, all donors, whether online or in person, will receive a special ornament from our holiday tree.

[Donate to Children's Nebraska](#)

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## Countdown to the ARPA SLFRF obligation deadline: What counties need to know before December 31, 2024

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# FEMA Region 7 WinterReady Toolkit

FEMA Region 7 WinterReady campaign toolkit contains preparedness information, key messages, social media graphics and other resource to launch your community's own #WinterReady campaign.

[View the Toolkit Here](#)

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## Nebraska Broadband Office Horizons Newsletter

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### December Cyber Security Key Point



# CYBER SECURITY KEYPOINTS DECEMBER

From the County  
Network Security  
Cooperative



## Best Practices for Cybersecurity @ Home

- Secure your home networks and Wi-Fi.
- Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
- Update software on computers, mobile devices, game consoles, and all other smart devices.
- Secure personal devices
- Be Wary of Phishing Scams
- Backup Important Data
- Practice Safe Browsing
- Educate Family Members



Cyber hygiene isn't just some corporate buzzword; it's a hard-hitting necessity for keeping networks, systems, and data safe. It's also vital for individuals to adopt in their everyday lives at home to shield their networks, devices, and personal info from threats.



## Inventory Personal Technology

Update operating systems, web browsers, and applications regularly to address vulnerabilities. However, to achieve this, it is essential first to comprehend how technologies are employed in your personal life. Take a moment to compile a list of all technological devices in your home; there are frequently more than individuals initially consider.



## Knowledge is Power

Over 800,000 people's accounts and devices are compromised yearly, with an average of 8 hours lost per compromised account or 1-3 days lost in the case of compromised devices. Understanding where technology is utilized in your personal life and how to secure and protect it is vital to not falling victim to cyber threat actors at home. If it has chips and connectivity, it needs protection.

The County Network Security Cooperative is a collaboration of partners including:



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Disclaimer: This document reflects current guidance and is subject to change due to the evolving cyber security environment.

[Download the Flyer](#)

# Enhancement (EB) Request for Application (RFA) Announcement

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is pleased to announce the availability of the **2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid - Enhancement [EB]**. The Request for Application [RFA] outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. You are encouraged to distribute and post the announcement. Please read the RFA thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application. The attached documents are also located at the following website: <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

Please note the change to allowable fringe as noted on page 5 of the RFA. Additional information can be found on page 15.

All applicants applying for the 2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid - Enhancement [EB] shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/e8d016bf-be03-4660-b02a-2cff055ad891>

EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

You can find pre-recorded training videos to review the RFA and grant application on the NCC Grant Announcements website under the FY2025 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid (CBA) announcement at the bottom of the page.

An instructional video for how to apply using Amplifund can be found at [https://rooms.vidyard.com/rooms/\\_wEY6z9GESNh2lBhuCwvlw?vy\\_player\\_uuid=92KSHRHx8zy5sqiHhGBJNs](https://rooms.vidyard.com/rooms/_wEY6z9GESNh2lBhuCwvlw?vy_player_uuid=92KSHRHx8zy5sqiHhGBJNs)

**Application Deadline: January 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

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## PSC Issues 2024-2025 Pro-Ag Grant Application and Program Schedule

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved an Order ([C-5600](#)) issuing the 2024-2025 Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant (PRO-AG) program schedule and application materials.

Created through the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Act, the PRO-AG program paves the way for awarding grants annually to accelerate rural economic development by helping to provide connectivity and supporting technology to farm sites in rural areas of Nebraska.

“We think there’s immense potential for innovative precision agriculture projects that could benefit from this funding opportunity,” said PSC Chair Dan Watermeier. “With

over a million dollars available for the upcoming year, we encourage all eligible and interested parties to participate in the application process.”

The PRO-AG program is divided into two distinct subprograms: Connectivity, and Devices and Technology. Each subprogram is designed to fulfill a specific purpose. Applicants can submit multiple project proposals but must apply separately for each subprogram. Applications will be assessed individually. Each application will be considered on its own merits within the subprogram in which it is filed.

The available funding for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$1,129,077.71. The amount will be divided equally among the two subprograms with \$564,538.85 in grant funding available for each. To date, the Commission has awarded over \$678,000 in funding through the PRO-AG grant program.

Commissioner Watermeier said, “The [Precision Agriculture Grant Act](#) allows for a broad range of eligible uses. We encourage prospective applicants to explore new ways that precision agriculture can be used to promote ag productivity In Nebraska.”

Application materials and a detailed program guide can be found on the [Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program \(PRO-AG\)](#) page of the PSC website.

Applications for the 2024-2025 program year open on December 13 and are **due on or before January 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., (CT)**.

Applications should be emailed to < [psc.broadband@nebraska.gov](mailto:psc.broadband@nebraska.gov) >.

Grants will be awarded by the end of April.

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## National Association of County Officials (NACo) Ex Officio Director Nominations

The NACO Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the NACo Ex Officio Director. This position is the Nebraska Representative of the National Association of County Officials (NACo) Board of Directors and would be responsible for attending NACo Board of Directors meetings, participate in national conferences as well as provide the NACO Board of Directors quarterly reports.

If you are interested in learning more about the NACo Representative for Nebraska please reach out to Candace Meredith at [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org).

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