

October 31, 2025



The Ninety-Three

2025 NACO Annual Conference - *Register Before November 21st*

County official pre-registration for the 2025 annual conference is open until Friday, November 21st.

Please consult the 2025 annual conference [web page](#) for all information relevant to attendees, including the registration policy, agenda overview, hotel reservation details, and other helpful links. Bookmark the web page to ensure you always have access to the most up-to-date information.

A draft of the full agenda is [now available](#). *Please note that this agenda is subject to change.*

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



What Are You "All In" On?

At the 2025 NACO Annual Conference, we're celebrating being "all in" as a 100% NACo membership state.

Whether it's public safety, infrastructure, economic development, or health and human services, counties are **all in** on delivering solutions and building stronger communities across Nebraska.

Help us amplify and celebrate the dedication and innovation that define county government. Leading up to the conference, we want to know what you're "all in" on.

NACO Communications Specialist Lauren Franken will be collecting county officials' "all in" stories from now until the conference to be shared on our website and social media. To share your **"all in"** story, fill out [this questionnaire](#).

What are you All In on?

When it comes to serving Custer County, I'm **all in** on helping with youth activities and other volunteer services. Oftentimes, I feel our lives are so busy, and it's important to give back. I organized our local mobile food bank for 9 years and was part of it for 11 years. If I'm available, I will always lend a helping hand and usually bring a friend or two.

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-CHRISTIE TRUMBULL
CUSTER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

From the Blog: How Counties Can Lead the Way in the New Age of AI

Discover key insights from the NACo Regional Forum on how counties can responsibly navigate and implement AI. Check out our latest blog post by clicking the button below.

How Counties Can Lead the Way in the New Age of AI

Light Up Green for Veterans-November 4-11!

This Veteran's Day, we will celebrate the fifth anniversary of Operation Green Light. The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to show support for veterans by lighting courthouses green from November 4-11, 2025. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. [Click here](#) to view NACo's toolkit, which includes resolution templates, outreach sources, and suggested materials to make your participation in Operation Greenlight as easy as possible.

Please email photos to Lauren.Franken@NebraskaCounties.org so we can share them on our social media channels!



Legislative Interim Studies Schedule

Meeting notices for municipalities ([LR149](#)) will be discussed by the Urban Affairs Committee on November 7. NACO, the League of Municipalities, and Nebraska Association of School Boards have been meeting with the Nebraska Press Association to examine publication requirements. A broader study of meeting notice requirements, [LR192](#), was heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee in early October.

Also on November 7, the Appropriations Committee will hear [LR188](#), a study of the significance of the state's financial partnership with the federal government in delivering health services through the Medicaid program.

In addition, the Appropriations and Revenue Committees will receive the 2025 Nebraska Tax Expenditure Report from the Department of Revenue on November 7.

Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee hearings on November 20 and 21 will review the retirement plans administered by the state ([LR96](#)) and underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions that do not participate in state-administered retirement plans ([LR97](#)).

The Appropriations and Transportation and Telecommunications Committees will hear a report from the Nebraska Broadband Office on the status of broadband in Nebraska on December 3. The committees will also receive the Department of Transportation’s Highway Needs Study Report.

Interim study resolutions are introduced during the regular legislative session to study issues following the adjournment. They provide an opportunity for a deeper dive into bills that were introduced during prior sessions and some focus on ideas for bills to be introduced in 2026. Some hearings are limited to invited testimony, but public comments are accepted through the online comment button for each resolution. Some hearings will be livestreamed through [Nebraska Public Media](#).

Now Open: FY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant (SLCG) – *Applications Due November 7, 2025*

We would like to invite counties interested in applying for the now-open FY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant (SLCG) opportunity. **Applications are open through November 7, 2025.**

This year’s funding focuses on the Recovery Phase of the NIST SP 800-184 Cybersecurity Program, which emphasizes restoring systems and strengthening resilience following cyber incidents.

Program Goal and Objectives

Recover Systems

Objective 1.1: Ensure the ability to reconstitute systems in the event of a cyber incident.

Action: Develop organizational projects that increase backup and restoration capabilities.

Objective 1.2: Develop and assess logging practices and enhance logging.

Action: Implement projects focused on procuring SIEM tools or improving existing logging systems.

Objective 1.3: Map networks and data flows.

Action: Conduct mapping of organizational networks and data flows to identify vulnerabilities and dependencies.

Increase Response Activities

Objective 2.1: Develop and test cyber incident response plans.

Action: Conduct tabletop exercises to evaluate and improve response plans.

Objective 2.2: Strengthen stakeholder coordination.

Action: As part of incident response planning or exercises, coordinate interaction with both internal and external stakeholders.

Objective 2.3: Establish enterprise resiliency.

Action: Create out-of-band communications channels, off-site storage solutions, and infrastructure recovery plans; develop proactive, not reactive, cybersecurity strategies.

These objectives align with the Nebraska Cybersecurity Plan and are designed to enhance counties' readiness and recovery capabilities in the face of evolving cyber threats.

<https://slcg.nebraska.gov/docs/cybersecurity-plan.pdf>

<https://slcg.nebraska.gov/docs/fy2024-slcgp-nofo.pdf>

Please share this information with your designated cybersecurity department or service provider to determine whether this grant opportunity is a good fit for your county.

To apply ,go to: <https://slcg.nebraska.gov/>

Create a Savi Account for Free Student Loan Repayment Guidance

What Borrowers Need to Know:

- As of August 1, 2025, student loan interest began accruing again for the nearly 8 million borrowers enrolled in the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan.
- The future of the SAVE Plan remains uncertain. In the meantime, interest is now being added to loan balances, though forbearances that pause payments remain in effect.
- While no immediate action is required, borrowers looking to avoid accumulating interest may want to switch to an active repayment plan. You can explore your options and [enroll directly through your Savi account](#).

The recent changes to student loan repayment plans may be confusing borrowers. **Please encourage county employees and their dependents to start an account using the link above.** If you would like an email template for sending this information to employees in your county, email Lauren.Franken@NebraskaCounties.org.

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PER MONTH

\$50K

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CONQUER YOUR STUDENT LOANS



Savi detects your **eligibility for repayment options** and generates application forms digitally that are signed and submitted directly through Savi.

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