

November 26, 2025



The Ninety-Three

Happy Thanksgiving!

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday! The NACO office will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.

2025 NACO Annual Conference - What You Need to Know

Pre-registration for the 2025 NACO Annual Conference closed last week, but walk-ins are still welcome. Here's what attendees have to look forward to:

On Wednesday, you'll have the opportunity to connect with your fellow county officials from across the state in your individual affiliate sessions. Your affiliate's agenda can be found [here](#).

On Thursday, attendees can look forward to hearing from Governor Jim Pillen and NACO President JD Clark, as well as a lineup of dynamic breakout sessions, lunch with senators, and great door prizes. We also encourage attendees to wear their "holiday best" sweaters or other festive apparel!

We're thrilled to have 100 exhibitors this year, and encourage you to visit all of them in the exhibit hall! Also, the Two Rivers Public Health Department will provide influenza and COVID vaccines on Wednesday & Thursday.

The conference wraps up on Friday morning with the NACO Legislative Forum. Don't miss the important discussions about the things that shape policy and impact counties. Stay until the end for another chance to win exciting door prizes!

All of the details relevant to the Annual Conference can be found [here](#) or on our [mobile app](#). We're looking forward to seeing all of you in December!



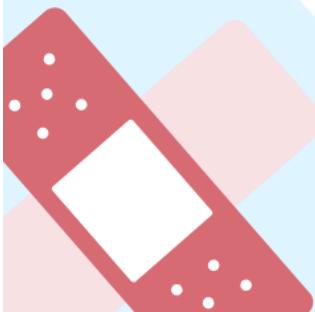
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During the NACO Conference

**December
17th & 18th**



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.

2025 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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My "all in" is to advance professional standards of assessment and appraisal practices through education, technology adoption, and association leadership. I like to share my knowledge and experience. I enjoy seeing others in the assessment/appraisal industry grow in knowledge and experience.

I have learned through my 30+ years in assessment that sharing knowledge and experience is one of the greatest learning tools. Mentorship is vital in this profession. I am truly grateful for the learning opportunities and mentorship I received and want to share that with others. I seek out educational opportunities not only as a requirement for my job but to help me grow as an individual. I like to share what I learn with others. The more we learn and grow the more competent we become thus building public trust.

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-MICHELLE ROBINSON
BOX BUTTE COUNTY ASSESSOR

Download the NACO Connect Mobile App

Are you registered for the 2025 NACO Annual Conference in December? Download the NACO Connect app for easy access to everything you need to know!

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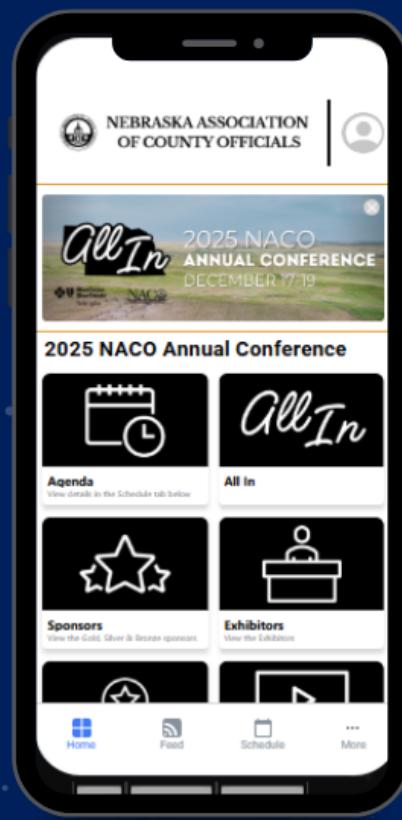
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FY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant – *Applications Due December 7, 2025*

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 December 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/>

Legislative Interim Studies Schedule

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 4. The committee 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](#).

Help Promote the Live Healthy Program in Your Community

We're excited to share an opportunity for you to help enhance community health and wellbeing at no cost to the county. The National Association of Counties (NACo) Live Healthy Discount Program is a free initiative available to all NACo member counties. This easy-to-implement program is designed for residents who are uninsured, underinsured, or simply looking to reduce costs.

Some of the most commonly filled prescriptions include medications such as insulin, diabetic supplements, cardiovascular agents, and ibuprofen – used to manage conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, and pain. The card is free to use, there is no limit on how many times it can be used, and there are no claim forms to fill out. Additionally, a portion of the funds will go directly to the county where the Live Healthy discount card was used to make a purchase.

Participation is free, and NACo provides all necessary materials.

Local leadership is the key to this program's success in your communities. Though NACo provides the tools, your involvement is the necessary next step. Whether you help distribute materials, share information at public events, or simply talk about it with your constituents, your support can help ensure the program reaches those who need it most.

To inquire about membership or to sign your county up for the Live Healthy Program, email livehealthy@naco.org. You can order materials personalized to your county by [clicking here](#). For NACo's How-To guide on your county's marketing efforts, [click here](#).

County Officials Invited to Take AI Survey

From the University of Nebraska at Omaha School of Public Administration:

County officials are invited to take part in a brief survey exploring how local governments in Nebraska and across the United States are approaching artificial intelligence (AI)—its current uses, governance, opportunities, and challenges.

Your perspective is valuable, whether or not your local government has begun using AI or you consider yourself familiar with the topic. The survey takes about 10–15 minutes to complete, and all responses will remain strictly confidential. You can access the survey directly through the Qualtrics link below—your participation will make an important contribution to this statewide effort.

As a small thank-you, you may request a summary of the findings at the end of the survey that you can use as a resource for your work and for Nebraska's broader local government community. Findings will also be shared with partner organizations, including the Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Nebraska City/County Management Association, and the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association.

We sincerely appreciate your time and thoughtful participation. Your insights will help advance understanding of how local governments are engaging with the opportunities and challenges presented by AI.

[Take the Survey](#)

2026 NACO Business Memberships Now Available!

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO continue to 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.

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