

Register for the County Board Workshop!

<u>Don't forget to register for the 2025 County Board Workshop!</u> Attendees can look forward to two days of informative presentations and collaborative discussions, including a great presentation from <u>Tim Wynn</u> from Perfect Rules Inc. **County Board members can also receive 8 continuing education credit hours to count toward their NACO County Board Certification.**

The workshop will be held Wednesday, June 4-Thursday, June 5 at the Younes Center North in Kearney. Make sure to join us Wednesday night for our banquet, awards, Pitch tournament, and featured keynote speaker Tom Turcich - the man who walked around the world. We also have a great lineup of sponsors, business members, and vendors that you can network with in our exhibit hall. **Click the button below to register!**

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Outstanding County Board Member Nominations Close TODAY!

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. If you haven't yet registered for the workshop, <u>click here</u> to do so now.

Submit nomination form to candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org by the end of the day today.

Register for the May 15 Budget Workshop!

Registration for the May 15 Budget Workshop closes May 8.

The workshop will include sessions led by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, interactive discussions on budgeting best practices, and other key topics to support counties in preparing budgets under the new cap formula. A digital copy of the 2025 Budget Handbook will also be available for download. County Treasurers can earn up to 5 continuing education credit hours.

The Budget Workshop will take place at our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala from 9am-3pm. **Registration closes May 8.** <u>Click here to register and view the agenda.</u>

Savi Student Loan Workshop for Government Employees - May 8

We've partnered with Savi, a student loan benefit that helps borrowers navigate their forgiveness and repayment options.

Savi is hosting a special workshop exclusively for government employees on **Thursday, May 8th at 3pm central**. This session will include an overview of what's currently happening in the student loan policy space and how you could be uniquely impacted. Register today to get your questions answered by Savi's student loan experts during this event.

Click Here to RSVP

Can't wait until this session to learn more? Sign up for Savi today at <u>nacobenefits.bysavi.com</u> to get started with the Savi tool and to receive our email communications to keep you in the loop.

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Are you looking for a resource that tells you who's who in Nebraska county government? The 2025–2026 NACO Directory of County Officials in Nebraska is your go-to guide.

This comprehensive publication includes names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of every county official in the state, along with a listing of county board meeting days, NACO districts, and county seats.

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Nebraska Department of Economic Development to Host Community Development Block Grant Webinars

On Thursday, May 8th at 10:00 AM Central Time, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) will host a webinar on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program entitled:

"SUBMIT A GREAT GRANT: Applying, Scoring, and Overview of the Award Process." <u>Register</u> <u>Here</u>

On Tuesday, July 1st at 10:00 AM Central Time, NDED will host another webinar on the CDBG program entitled:

"The New Project Status Report (PSR) Process." Register Here

On February 27th of this year, NDED hosted the initial webinar of this webinar series. The webinar was entitled: "Nebraska CDBG Connect - Essential Groundwork for a Successful Grant Application." You can watch the webinar recording here: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=DEE2KyCh8RY

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a block grant that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides each year to states, as well as to "Entitlement Communities." States that receive CDBG block grant funds then distribute those funds to qualifying local governments. In Nebraska, NDED distributes the block grant funds to counties, cities, and villages that submit qualifying applications. The "CDBG Entitlement Communities" of Lincoln, Omaha, Bellevue, and Grand Island administer the program in their own areas.

For a county, city, or village to qualify for NDED's CDBG funds, that local government must propose funding an activity that meets the CDBG's "National Objectives." Applicants may also qualify by proposing to aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or proposing to meet a community development need that has a particular urgency.

Registration Open for 2025 Thriving Children Conference

Registration is now open for the 8th annual Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference! Join hundreds of community leaders and be part of conversations driving real change in Nebraska.

The Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference envisions a Nebraska where every community is empowered and united in its commitment to high-quality early childhood education and care.

By fostering collaboration, amplifying local voices, and equipping leaders with knowledge and tools, the conference inspires action to address critical challenges and embrace new opportunities. Together, we are building a future where every Nebraska child and family can thrive.

When:

Tuesday, September 16 - Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference

Evening of Tuesday, September 16 - C4K Convening kicks off with a celebratory dinner for C4K Pillar and Planning Communities

Wednesday, September 17 - C4K Convening Day

Where:

Younes Conference Center North 707 Talmadge Street, Kearney, NE 68845

Click the button below to register.

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What is a NACO Business Member?

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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