

October 3, 2025



The Ninety-Three

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](#).



NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

**2025 ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

All In

DECEMBER 17-19, 2025

County Official Registration & Hotel Reservation for Annual Conference Open

County official registration for the 2025 annual conference is now open. The hotel reservation form deadline is October 10th, and county official pre-registration for the conference ends 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.

NACo - Federal Government Shutdown: What Counties Need to Know

As of 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 1, federal appropriations have lapsed, leading to a shutdown of government operations and agencies. This shutdown occurred because the 12 appropriations bills that fund federal agencies were not passed by Congress and signed by the president by the end of the fiscal year, which concluded on Sept. 30.

Continuous, predictable federal funding is crucial for counties as intergovernmental partners. While county governments generate over two-thirds of our own revenue to provide services to residents, counties receive \$62 billion in intergovernmental revenue from the federal government.

To learn more about the impact of the federal shutdown on federally funded programs, and the impact of this shutdown on counties, NACo has prepared a [primer and FAQ](#). This resource includes possible impacts related to each federal agency and is a great place to start as you navigate possible effects of the shutdown for your county.

[READ MORE](#)

As our intergovernmental partners in Congress and the administration continue to work towards a funding solution, NACo is here to support counties, equipping you with additional information and responding to specific inquiries about the impact of the shutdown. To contact our government affairs team, email questions@naco.org.

NACO Salary Study Overview & GIS Database Walk-Thru Webinar October 22nd

NACO will host a webinar on October 22nd at 2 p.m. CST to discuss the salary study findings and walk through the GIS database.

[Register here.](#)

Legislative Interim Studies Scheduled

Unfunded mandates on counties ([LR195](#)), publication of meeting notices ([LR192](#)), and valuation of ethanol plants ([LR118](#)) will be the subject of legislative interim study hearings on October 3.

Other hearings in October will focus on county initiatives and referendums ([LR253](#)), riparian weed control funding ([LR168](#)), and affordable housing ([LR86](#)). A full list of hearing dates and locations can be found [here](#).

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](#).



County Official Award Nominations Open!

We are now accepting nominations for the County Official of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Next Generation awards. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, October 17, and the award recipients will be announced at the NACO Annual Conference in December.

Click the links below to access the nomination forms:

[County Official of the Year](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[Next Generation Award](#)



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 buildings 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.

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



State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

[The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program](#) (SLCGP) aims to help states, local governments, rural areas, and communities address cybersecurity risks and threats to data, networks, and information systems. Through strategic stakeholder engagement, SLCGP hopes to implement cyber governance and planning. Increase assessment and evaluation capabilities, prioritize identified cyber risks, and help to address cyber workforce deltas. This will improve the security of government, critical infrastructure, systems, and services that Nebraskans rely on.

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant has specific requirements that must be met to receive funds. Details on the overall process and specific requirements [can be found here](#).

Live Healthy Prescription, Health, and Dental Discount Program

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Live Healthy prescription discount applies to everyday prescription costs. By following a few simple steps to sign your county up, counties can support community health and provide real savings to our residents. The program helps county residents save on prescription medications, with **no cost** to the county. This easy-to-implement program is designed for residents who are uninsured, underinsured, or simply looking to reduce costs.

NACO is working to increase county participation in the [Live Healthy Program](#) by ordering the necessary materials and aiding in distribution efforts. Keep an eye out for further information about next steps.



Build healthier counties with NACo

NACo's **Live Healthy Discount program**

delivers health savings to county residents at NO COST to the county.

Live Healthy has saved residents **more than \$720 million** on their prescriptions.



Enroll online at NACorx.org



Appoint staff to lead the program



Order NO-COST print and digital materials



Display materials for residents to save



Enroll into Live Healthy now

*The Live Healthy program is not insurance. Prescription savings may vary by drug and pharmacy; discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. MinuteClinic discounts are available in 33 states and the District of Columbia

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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AVG. SAVINGS
PER MONTH

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PROJECTED
FORGIVENESS



Founded by longtime student loan experts and advocates, Savi helps borrowers enroll in federal repayment and forgiveness programs that could lower their monthly payments and potentially forgive their loans.

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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Savi offers **free monthly educational webinars** to share student loan policy updates, explore the Savi tool, and answer your questions.



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Elite Business Member Spotlight: Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN)

LOCALLY OWNED NETWORK

From Chadron to Nebraska City, responders have access to a locally-owned network, designed to improve interoperable communications across Nebraska. Work on the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) links most of the State's Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs). Local responders can now use statewide communication resources and new, developing technologies through the transport capabilities that NRIN offers. Local ownership ensures the network is responsive to community needs.

RELIABLE & SECURE

NRIN is a point-to-point IP-based microwave network capable of moving data as fast as 100 megabytes per second, and it runs at 5(9s) capability, meaning that 99.999 percent of the time, there is a redundant connection available. The network can transport large amounts of data, radio, voice, and video quickly and efficiently in a secure and reliable fashion. The many circles that are being created are for redundancy. This network cannot be used for any kind of direct connection to the internet, safeguarding against cybersecurity threats.

LOCAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP

Local communities can use it in a variety of ways, including as a primary 911 system, like in the East Central Region and Beatrice, or with an 800 MHz system to enhance the connections with local law enforcement and volunteer fire departments. In Cass County and the city of Madison, the NRIN connection is used to provide remote siren capability. Counties also use the connection for the Statewide Radio System (SRS), Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD), and for booking systems. NRIN is run by a Board of Directors that includes 911 Directors, Emergency Managers, and other stakeholders interested in the safety of Nebraska communities. NRIN is located on more than 250 sites and is used by 30 public agencies across the state.

Learn more about NRIN by [clicking here](#).

2025 NACO ELITE BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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.

Click the button below to learn more about NACO business memberships.

[NACO Business Memberships](#)

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ELITE MEMBERS



PREMIUM MEMBERS



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