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The Ninety-Three

NACO West Hosts "My County, My Community" Art Contest and Showcase

Last weekend, the NACO West Training Center hosted a County Government Month Celebration and "My County, My Community" artwork showcase.

Thank you to all of the students who submitted drawings and all of the community members who attended the event!





County Budget Prep Refresher Webinar — May 28, 2026

You are invited to register for a Zoom webinar!

When: May 28, 2026, 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: County Budget Prep Refresher

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gw6L3cvnQ4WS8eFR1Z-5EA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

National County Government Month Wraps Up, Storytelling Efforts Continue

Thank you to everyone who participated and followed along as we celebrated National County Government Month!

Our efforts to tell the county story won't end in April. Stay tuned for more "We are Counties" stories. Do you have your own county story to tell? Email lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org!



"We Are Nebraska Counties" - Lancaster County



"We Are Nebraska Counties" is NACO's contribution to the "We Are Counties" campaign led by the National Association of Counties. Telling the county story showcases the people and places that make Nebraska unique and highlights the important role that county governments play nationwide.

[Head to our blog](#) to read Lancaster County's contribution.

"We Are Nebraska Counties"

Register for County Board Workshop & Land Use Permit Forum

Land Use Permit Forum

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Fee: \$0

Deadline: 5/27/2026 at 11:59 pm

County Board Workshop

Dates: Wednesday, June 3 – Thursday, June 4, 2026

Location: Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Registration Fee: \$125 in Advance, \$150 at the door

(Registration includes dinner on 6/3, breakfast and lunch on 6/4)

Guest dinner ticket for 6/3: \$35

Registration Deadline: 5/27/26 at 11:59 pm CST

Cancellation Policy: Registrants who submit a written cancellation prior to the 5/27/2026 deadline are eligible for a full refund. Registrants who do not submit a written cancellation prior to the 5/27/2026 deadline, do not attend, and did not pay are subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee, including No Shows. Registrations are non-transferable.

Submit cancellation notices to peggy.brass@nebraskacounties.org.

NACO Hotel Block at Crowne Plaza, \$149.95, 308-238-7000

FEMA Funding Opportunity to Help Communities Reduce Flood Risk and Save Lives

On April 30, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced \$1.1 billion in new funding opportunities for states, territories and Tribal Nations to make their communities safer from flooding.

Under the leadership of Secretary of Homeland Security Markwayne Mullin, FEMA is working to manage its various grant programs more efficiently. The two funding opportunities will enable states to protect their communities from the devastating impact of floods, which are the most common and costly type of natural disaster. At the same time, they will limit future National Flood Insurance Program expenses. Originally published in 2025, these funding opportunities—Fiscal Year 2024 funding opportunities for Flood Mitigation Assistance and Swift Current—were revised to incorporate recent federal guidance, meet administration priorities and more wisely use taxpayer dollars.

FEMA's [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) program funds community-led projects to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to structures and buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. Also, as a part of Flood Mitigation Assistance, in 2022 FEMA implemented its [Swift Current](#) grant opportunities which are made available after Presidentially declared flood disasters to expedite the delivery of mitigation awards.

Funding for these opportunities comes from the National Flood Insurance Fund and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Both grants prioritize projects that reduce future disaster recovery costs and enhance community resilience. State, local, tribal and territorial governments are reimbursed for the completion of flood mitigation activities and projects, with a federal cost share of 75-100%.

Comprehensive information regarding both grant programs, eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and other essential details is available online at [Grants.gov](#).

2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO 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 discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

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