

NACo Webinar: What the Reconciliation Package Means for Counties

This week, NACo hosted a webinar providing an overview of Congress' reconciliation package (One Big Beautiful Bill Act) and how key provisions could impact counties. You can watch a recording of the webinar by <u>clicking here</u>.

Joint Public Hearing Postcard Reminder & Upcoming Webinar July 24th, 3pm CST

NACO will host a webinar on July 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. central to discuss the Joint Public Hearing postcard and hearing process as well as provide walkthroughs on legislative changes in LB647 (Authority Computation in Budget (cap), growth harmonization and public safety notice on tax statement).

You can register for the webinar with the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yv-tTam_SMqu4LJtsrg2Wg

Email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org if you have any questions or concerns.

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Save the Dates - 2025 Annual Conference

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IMPORTANT DATES Aug. 18 Sponsor & Exhibit Hall Registration Opens - 8 AM CST Sept. 10 County Official Registration Opens - 8 AM CST Hotel Reservation Form Available - 2:30 PM CST Oct. 10 Hotel Reservation Form Deadline Nov. 21 County Official Pre-Registration Deadline - 11:59 PM CST Registration Cancellation Refunds No Longer Available

Call for Nominations: Nebraska Representative to the NACo Board of Directors

Conference Begins

Dec. 17

With 100% membership in the National Association of Counties (NACo), the NACO Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for the second Nebraska Representative to the NACo Board of Directors.

The individual selected for this position will be responsible for attending NACo Board of Directors meetings and providing quarterly reports to the NACO Board during its regular meetings throughout the year as the Membership Ex Officio Director.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or would like to submit a nomination, please contact Candace Meredith at <u>candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org</u> or **402-540-4831**.

The deadline to submit nominations is July 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Send Us Photos of Your County Fair!

NACO wants to share photos of your county fair! Snap pictures of the rides, the food, the animals, or any other fun moments, and email them to lauren.franken@nebraskacounties.org so we can feature your county fair on our social media!

USDA Seeks Applications for Funding to Help Rural Towns Strengthen Housing and Economic Development

WASHINGTON, July 8, 2025 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development invites applications for grants to provide strong rural communities the leadership and technical know-how to keep growing.

The funding is being made available through the <u>Rural Community Development</u> <u>Initiative</u> (RCDI) program for fiscal year (FY) 2025. This program awards grants to qualified intermediary organizations to deliver financial and technical assistance that helps recipients build capacity to carry out projects related to housing, community facilities, and community and economic development.

The deadline to submit electronic applications via Grants.gov is no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 7, 2025. Paper applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. local time on August 12, 2025.

Read the full STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT.



Elite Business Member Spotlight: D.A. Davidson

<u>D.A. Davidson</u> is a nationally recognized, employee-owned investment firm and one of the top 10 negotiated municipal underwriting firms in the United States. Davidson has consistently been ranked as the number one underwriter in Nebraska based on the number of negotiated bond issues completed each year. We bring a deep understanding of Nebraska's financial landscape, having successfully worked with over half of the counties across the state on a wide range of financing needs—from voter-approved funding for law enforcement centers, roads, bridges, and county building projects, to lease purchase financings for county communication equipment and everything in between.

As a trusted partner of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), D.A. Davidson provides specialized lease-purchase services tailored to the needs of local counties, including financing for sheriff vehicles, motor graders, and other essential equipment.

Our Nebraska public finance team, comprised of Paul Grieger, Andy Forney, and Cody Wickham, is deeply rooted in the communities that they serve. All three bankers were raised in Nebraska, are based in our Omaha office, and bring decades of experience in public finance. Their long-standing careers with D.A. Davidson reflect both the firm's commitment to stability and their personal dedication to Nebraska.

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