

NACO E-Line



June 4, 2021



Message from the Executive Director

Many Nebraska counties are starting to receive the first tranche of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The NACO team continues to work with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and U.S. Treasury to receive updates and clarification on eligible expenses under ARPA and Treasury's Interim Final Rule; the interim rule is subject to change up through July 9, 2021. **I would encourage each and every one of you to hold off on committing to how you may spend these funds until after the Final Rule is adopted.**

There are five identified areas that are considered eligible expenses:

- Support public health expenditures by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet

On May 27th, the U.S. Treasury updated its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to aid county boards and other governments in selecting eligible uses. These direct funds are not subject to pre-approval; however, the expenses must be reported by the county on a quarterly basis. Expenses that are determined to be ineligible by the U.S. Treasury will be subject to reimbursement by the county.

Along with the resources from the U.S. Treasury and NACo, our office has created a FAQs document to assist Nebraska counties on potential eligible expenses. Please visit the NACO website for the most up to date information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act.

There are several opportunities for you to learn more about how to use these funds, as well as additional funding opportunities under the ARPA:

- Join us at the NACO County Board Workshop on June 10 and 11 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney, NE.;
- Join us at the County Treasurers Workshop on June 10 in North Platte, NE;
- Join us at the County Clerks Workshop on June 9, 10, and 11 in York, NE;
- Matt Chase (Executive Director of the National Association of Counties) will be joined by Mark Ritacco (NACo's Director of Government Affairs) in a Zoom Call with the Douglas County Board on June 22 for a presentation on ARPA. You are all invited to attend via Zoom at the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/94512986711?pwd=YU1NUnJwN1ZnZ2RldDhISDZGZVcyZz09;>
- The National Association has been holding webinars regarding eligible expenses on a frequent basis. You may find more information on [this page](#) of the NACo website.

I have genuinely appreciated the thoughtful and conscientious conversations I've had with many of you over the proper use of these funds. I am fond of describing our county officials as wise stewards of the taxpayer dollar, and I know that your decisions will be a benefit to the citizenry of Nebraska.

Jon Cannon, Executive Director

Your County, Through the Lens

Every E-Line will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county.

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New American Rescue Plan Act. Updates Page

The NACO website now has a special webpage to keep you as up-to-date as possible on the American Rescue Plan Act. You can find the page at the top of our "Featured Links" section.

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Tuesday, June 8

- County Treasurer Workshop

Wednesday, June 9

- County Treasurer Workshop
- County Clerk, ROD and Election Commissioner Workshop
- County Clerk of the District Court Workshop
- Highway Superintendents, Surveyors, Engineers Workshop
- Board of Equalization Workshop

Thursday, June 10

- County Treasurer Workshop
- County Clerk, ROD and Election Commissioner Workshop
- County Clerk of the District Court Workshop

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Latest News

Legislative Resolution honors Larry Dix

On May 13, 2021 the legislature recognized Larry J. Dix for his service to the State of Nebraska and congratulated him on his retirement as Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Congratulations, Larry!

[Video Presentation](#)

2021 NACO and Ronda Dix Memorial Scholarships Awarded

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- Communicating During a Crisis
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Upcoming Events

County Treasurer Workshop: June 8–10, 2021, North Platte*
Board of Equalization Workshop: June 9, 2021, Kearney
County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner Workshop:
June 9–10, 2021, York
County Clerk of the District Court Workshop:
June 9–10, Virtual
County Highway Superintendents/Surveyors/Engineers Workshop:
June 9–10, 2021, Valentine
County Board Workshop: June 10–11, 2021, Kearney
County Assessor Workshop: August 22–26, 2021, Grand Island

*Event Location has Recently Changed

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2021 NACO Health Plan Renewal

We are winding down the 2020–2021 plan year for the NACO health and dental insurance pool program. All of the subgroup applications have been completed and we are gearing up for the 2021–2022 plan year.

There were very few changes to the health plan for this renewal period. The Board approved a new \$6,000 deductible plan option that has office visit and prescription drug copays. The \$500 deductible plan was removed from the plan options but the \$500 deductible plan with office visit copays is still available. Both of the dental plan options remain the same in coverage and cost for the new plan year

County Classified

Be sure to check the NACO website for available county positions.

Have a position you'd like to list? [Send us an email!](#)

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NACo Annual Conference

Please join county elected and appointed officials from across the country in Prince George's County, Maryland for the Nation Association of Counties' 2021 Annual Conference & Exposition. Network, learn and connect with in-person and virtual attendance options and thoughtfully designed events.

[Click here to Register](#)

NEW DATE FOR THE MODERN LIVESTOCK FACILITY TOUR IN POLK COUNTY, NE



County officials are invited to join AFAN as we visit pork, poultry, & dairy facilities.

During lunch we will have presentations and discussion on frequently asked questions such as livestock siting, setbacks, odor control and more

For questions contact Steve Martin or Kris Bousquet at 402.421.4472

**JUNE 17, 2021
STARTING AT 10AM**

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