

NACO E-Line



January 7, 2022



The COOL Network: Registration will close on January 14, 2022



THE COOL NETWORK

County Official Online Learning Network

2022

**9-WEEK ONLINE PROGRAM
BUILT FOR NEBRASKA
GOVERNMENT LEADERS**

**LEARN FROM EXPERTS ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**ENGAGE WITH UNIVERSITY
PROFESSORS ON WEEKLY
WEBINARS**

**NETWORK WITH OTHER COUNTY
OFFICIALS ON DISCUSSION
FORUMS AND LIVE WEBINARS**

GOVERNANCE x MANAGEMENT x VISION

**Session Starts: January 23, 2022
Graduation: April 9, 2022**

Registration Fee: \$200

**Limited Space Available
Treasurers Earn Four Credit Hours**

Register Now
nacone.org/registration



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2022 COOL Network

Registration is now open for the 2022 COOL Network. The registration fee of \$200 covers the entire 9-week session.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Your County, Through the Lens

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

[Click Here to Submit a Photo of Your County](#)



Final Rule for ARPA recovery funds announced

The U.S. Treasury Department **announced Jan. 6** that it had issued the final rule defining acceptable uses for American Rescue Plan recovery funds. **The final rule** adopts **the interim final rule** published on May 17, 2021, with amendments, and will take effect April 1, 2022, the department said.

According to the U.S Treasury Department press release, the final rule "provides state and local governments with increased flexibility to pursue a wider range of uses, as well as greater simplicity so governments can focus on responding to the crisis in their communities and maximizing the impact of their funds."

According to the Treasury, the final rule:

- Expands the list of uses "recipients can use to respond to COVID-19 and its economic impacts – ensuring states and localities can adapt quickly and nimbly to changing public health and economic needs."
- Streamlines "options to provide premium pay for essential workers."
- Broadens "eligible water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure projects" including culvert repair dam and reservoir rehabilitation.
- Clarifies how counties can use Recovery Funds "for certain capital expenditures to respond to public health and economic impacts."
- Allows counties to use up to \$10 million in ARPA Recovery Funds for the provision of government services without having to go through a complicated "revenue loss" calculation.

The Treasury Department has also published an **overview of the final rule's major provisions**.

We are monitoring developments and will update you with more information as it becomes available.

SLFRF Reporting Reminder

On November 15, 2021, Treasury released the updated **Compliance and Reporting Guidance** for the SLFRF program. Please see the information below to assist in determining if your county will be submitting a quarterly or annual report.

Quarterly Reporting is for:

- Counties with a population that exceeds 250,000 residents
- Counties with a population below 250,000 residents that are allocated more than \$10 million in SLFRF funding

For these recipients, the initial quarterly Project and Expenditure Report will cover three calendar quarters from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and must be submitted to Treasury by **January 31, 2022**. The subsequent quarterly reports will cover one calendar quarter and must be submitted to Treasury within 30 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter. Quarterly reports are not due concurrently with applicable annual reports.

Annual Reporting is for:

- Counties with a population below 250,000 residents that are allocated less than \$10 million in SLFRF funding

For these recipients, the initial Project and Expenditure Report will cover from March 3, 2021 to March 31, 2022 and must be submitted to Treasury by **April 30, 2022**. The subsequent annual reports will cover one calendar year and must be submitted to Treasury by April 30, 2022.

Virtual Personal Training, Available Now Through NACO Benefit Services EAP

LIFT session fitness

Achieve your fitness goals with unlimited fitness journeys and chat with fitness coaches

Finding a workout that fits your lifestyle is one of the most important things you can do to get started and stay consistent. With LIFT session virtual fitness through your Employee Assistance Program (EAP), you have access to unlimited fitness journeys that are customized for your goals and current fitness level.

Fitness anytime, anywhere with coach support

LIFT session virtual fitness programs are available on your mobile device, so you can stay active anytime, anywhere. Chat live online with fitness coaches who can help with fitness, nutrition, and recovery questions you have. Each session lasts 30 minutes, and the typical journey is three sessions per week for a total duration of six weeks. No equipment required!

How to get started

- Get started online at workhealthlife.com/us
 - Head to the 'My Services' tab and scroll down to 'LIFT Session Virtual Fitness' tab
- Sign up and complete your online fitness assessment
- Start the fitness journey right for you!
- Looking for additional support? LIFT also offers 1-1 Personal Training. Learn more about this service after sign up.

The support of live coaches and personalized fitness journeys will keep you engaged, excited, and on track to hit your goals. Kick-start your fitness journey now!

Let us help



[Learn More about LIFT Session Fitness](#)

[Get Started Today](#)

TEN-AND-THIRTY YEAR COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE



- ❖ Make Recommendations for Best Practices
- ❖ Review Legislative Issues that Impact Counties
- ❖ Identify Trends and Forecast Human Resource Management
- ❖ Explore Technological Needs and Resources

The committee meets once a month via zoom or in person from July to November 2022.
Interested in being a member? Let Candace know: candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org



NACO Legislative Committee Bill Review

NACO's Legislative Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. (CST) on Friday, January 21 to review and take positions on bills that have been introduced through the first eight days of the 2022 legislative session. Due to COVID precautions, the meeting will be conducted through Zoom. Each affiliate group has been asked to review bills pertinent to their office prior to the meeting and select one of their members to speak to their recommended positions on bills. [Register for the meeting here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Committee will meet again on January 27 to take positions on bills introduced during the final two days of introductions. A webinar will not be held so comments on those bills should be provided to your NACO Board representative to share at the meeting.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

12-week online leadership
development made for entry- to
mid-level county professionals.



2021 Graduates of NACo Leadership Academy

22 Nebraska County staff members participated in the NACo Leadership Academy, a 12-week online program that empowers front-line county government employees with fundamental leadership skills. Across the country, 4,500 county employees participated.

Jennifer Brey, Douglas County
Kyle Bushon, Douglas County
Clair Guinzy, Douglas County
Marcie Jones, Douglas County
Michaela Murphy, Douglas County
Jason Palmer, Douglas County
Barbara Rimel, Douglas County
Gene Samuelson, Phelps County
Michael Jepsen, Sherman County
Chad McCumbers, Sioux County
David Galvan, Douglas County
Ishwor Dhakal, Douglas County
Teri Speck, Douglas County
Heather Hauschild, Scotts Bluff County
Mary Ann Borgeson, Douglas County
Dave Forrest, Douglas County
Robert Aumann, Douglas County
Joe Power, Nebraska Association of Officials County

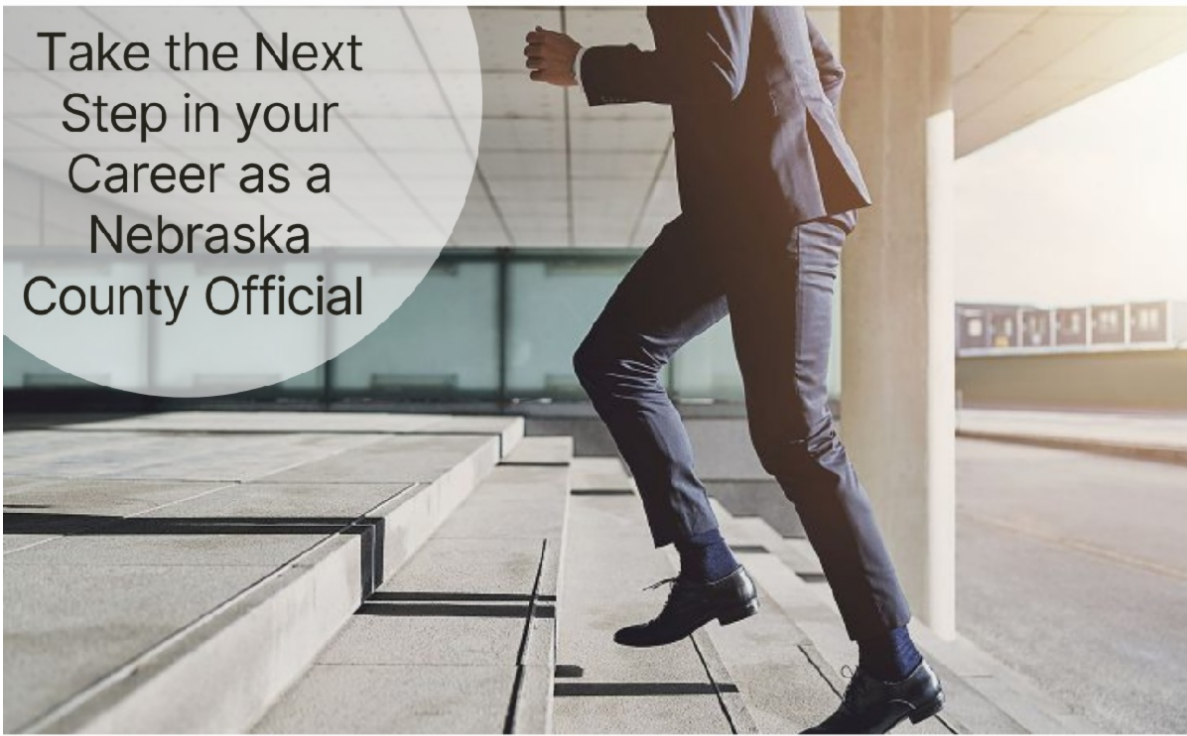
Congratulations to all these individuals who completed the program. To learn more about the Academy, visit the [NACo website here](#).

Enrollment is now open for 2022.

NACo County Website Survey

NACo is undergoing a study on technological needs and resources for county government. As part of this study, we are asking for your feedback about your county website. **Please consider responding to the County Website Survey by January 21, 2022.**

Take the Next
Step in your
Career as a
Nebraska
County Official



Institute of Excellence

Designed by Nebraska Extension, The NACO Institute of Excellence is a program of professional development for county officials. Participants will network with peers across the state as they grow leadership capacities in the roles they serve.

Topics explored will include:

- Leading with Empathy
- Leadership Transition
- Nebraska Population and Economic Trends
- Gallup Strengths
- Managing Conflicts
- Effective Meeting Management
- Corresponding with Legislators

2022 Session Dates:

Session One: Getting to Know Your County
June, 2022 - North Platte

Session Two: Topic/Speaker Decided by Class
July, 2022 - Online

Session Three: Leading with Strengths
August, 2022 - Norfolk

Session Four: Topic/Speaker Decided by Class
September, 2022 - Online

Session Five: Leading with Communication
October, 2022 - Lincoln

Session Six: Topic/Speaker Decided by Class
November, 2022 - Online

Session Seven: Leadership in Action
December, 2022 - Kearney*
*In conjunction with NACO's Annual Conference

Registration

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2022 NACO Scholarship

Since 2004, NACO has presented twelve high school seniors with \$1000 awards

each to be used toward their post-secondary educations. The scholarship program is open to graduating seniors whose parent or step-parent is a current county official or employee. Scholarships are available for one year and are non-renewable.

Scholarship recipients must plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution within the state of Nebraska and may use the NACO scholarship for any costs associated with their continuing education.

[View the Application Here](#)

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