

NACO E-Line



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Funding Opportunities for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2021

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants provide funds to states, local communities, tribes and territories for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. These programs fund projects that invest in a more resilient nation, reduce disaster suffering and avoid future disaster costs. The application period opens on Sept. 30 and the funding notices will be available later today on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Eligible applicants must apply for funding using FEMA Grants Outcomes, the agency's grants management system. Submit applications in FEMA Grants Outcome Portal no later than 3 p.m. ET on Jan. 28, 2022. Applications received by FEMA after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

This year's BRIC grant amount is \$1 billion. BRIC's guiding principles have been revised to reduce future losses and promote equity, including prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in line with the administration's Justice40 Initiative. Scoring criteria for the competitive grant program has been adjusted to incentivize mitigation actions that consider climate change and future conditions, populations impacted and economically disadvantaged rural communities.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance grant amount this year is \$160 million. The program will use the Centers for Disease Controls' Social Vulnerability Index as a selection factor in its competitive scoring process. This means underserved populations will receive more points for projects that benefit their communities.

This follows the Aug. 2 historic announcement of the post-disaster \$3.46 billion in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program assistance for hazard mitigation measures across the 59 major disaster declarations issued due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Nearly \$5 billion in new funding opportunities is now available to help communities prepare for extreme weather and climate-related disasters. FEMA's grant programs can help strengthen our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damage.

Interested applicants should contact their hazard mitigation officer for more information. For more information visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

[Click Here for More Information](#)



Upcoming Events

County Assessor Workshop – 8/22–26, Grand Island*
Central District Meeting – 9/16, Kearney
Northeast District Meeting – 9/17, Norfolk*
Panhandle District Meeting – 9/22, Location TBD
West Central District Meeting – 9/23, Ogallala
Maintenance Exchange Workshop – 10/7, North Platte
NACO Legislative Conference – 10/14, Holdrege
Southeast District Meeting – 10/18, Lincoln
NACO Annual Conference – 12/8–10, Kearney*

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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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Phelps County, submitted by Tom Nutt

The Latest Webinars: MASA

NACO Benefit Services is excited to announce our new partnership with MASA Medical Transport Solutions.

The coverage provided by MASA is designed to fully cover any ground or air emergent travel which may not be covered by your health insurance plan. These gaps can lead to extremely expensive medical bills as seen here:

<https://vimeo.com/563363359>

The MASA Emergent Plus Membership plan is being offered to the counties through NACO Benefit Services at the discounted rate of only \$12.50/month.

[Watch the Webinar Here](#)

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an in-person conversation, please feel free to email [Mike Boden](#) or [Judd Allen](#)."

The Latest Webinars: LB 51

There have been a lot of questions about the potential impacts made by LB 51 to County Sheriffs. Brenda Urbanek, the Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center will be hosting an informational webinar regarding LB 51 and specifically its impact on counties. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the legislation and ask any questions you may have.

Here are some areas of major impact with regard to LB 51:

- Definitions of law enforcement officer or agency
- Employment of noncertified officers
- Employment of Reciprocity officers (cannot work until they have completed Nebraska certification)
- Continuing education (hours and required topics)
- PSAC Membership
- Policy requirements (chokeholds, duty to intervene, officer misconduct)
- Requires agencies to establish process to handle complaints against officers
- Establishes law enforcement agency accreditation requirement and process
- Creates public database for officers who have had certifications revoked or surrendered
- Clarifies language for revocation
- Reserve officers (removes the 100 hour work limit, requires direct supervision, defines direct supervision)

This webinar will take place Friday 8/27 at 9:30 am Central. The webinar will be recorded and made available to view at a later date.

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Sustaining Member Spotlight: True North Steel



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TrueNorth Steel has more than 75 years of experience going above and beyond for our customers in a number of industries, including agriculture, construction, mining, road and bridge construction, stormwater management and energy. Our manufacturing, engineering and project management experience allows us to consistently provide high-quality construction and storage solutions.



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Our team works closely with engineers, architects and construction managers, tailoring the level of service and assistance to each client's unique needs. From concept to fabrication and assembly, we remain a true partner. How can we make that promise? One simple concept has guided our business since 1945: Be the reliable, dependable provider of the steel products our customers demand. We combine our decades of experience with a detailed understanding of each project to find the best steel solution for our customers.

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Redistricting Data 101

What's Being Released and When?

The U.S. Census Bureau provides the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico with population counts to use in their redrawing of congressional and state legislative district boundaries—a process known as “redistricting.”

The Census Bureau will release these data on its public FTP site by August 16, 2021. The Census Bureau will release the same data in easier-to-use formats by September 30, 2021.

While the states are responsible for legislative redistricting, the Census Bureau provides the most accurate population counts possible for the geographic areas the states need.

A Wealth of Granular Data

These data, officially called the P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data Summary Files, include housing counts by housing occupancy status, population counts by race and ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino origin) for the total population and voting-age population, and by group quarters type for the group quarters population—all down to the census block level. This information provides a once-a-decade demographic snapshot of our nation's population.

The data have gone through a comprehensive review to ensure they are high quality, protect the confidentiality of the census data reported by or on behalf of individuals, and are fit to use for redistricting.

Accessing the Data

The first release will be available in August on the Census Bureau's FTP site using the same file format provided to states as part of the

2010 and 2000 Censuses. This format requires some additional software and work to extract the data. The Census Bureau has provided a variety of resources online to assist data users with downloading and extracting the data.

In September, users will be able to access the same statistics at <<https://data.census.gov>>. This release will make it easier to search for local information and will empower everyone to access and use redistricting data. At that time, these data will also be delivered to official state recipients in a toolkit in the form of DVDs and flash drives.

Confidentiality Protections

Because the redistricting data have demographic detail for very small levels of geography, it's essential we protect the identity of individuals in the published statistics.

The Census Bureau is using a modern method called differential privacy to protect individual information while letting us share important statistics about communities.

The Census Bureau is carefully adding statistical noise to the block-level data to disguise personal information. Block data are not designed to be used individually. They are meant to be aggregated, or grouped, into contiguous geographic areas. Therefore, instead of looking for precision in an individual block, the Census Bureau encourages data users to aggregate, or group, blocks together. As contiguous blocks are combined, the population counts and demographic characteristics become more reliable.

Redistricting Press Kit

www.census.gov/newsroom/press-kits/2021/2020-census-redistricting.html

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MODERN LIVESTOCK

FACILITY TOUR

CLAY 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

More info to follow

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