

NACO E-Line



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Annual Conference Registration and Hotels

Registration is now open for the 2021 NACO Annual Conference in Kearney, NE on December 8–10th.

The procedure for making hotel room reservations has changed this year. The NACO block of hotel rooms at the Younes Hotels will open on Thursday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. Central Time to counties that have registered for the conference. Counties will be allowed to block a maximum number of rooms based on the number of people in that county who have registered for the conference as of August 5th.

For example, if a county has five officials registered for the conference on August 5th, a representative from that county may call the hotel of their choice and block up to five rooms.

Please note, to avoid delays and backlog of calls, names will not be assigned to rooms at the time the rooms are blocked. Once the block is placed, you will receive an email confirmation from the hotel. You may respond to the email and provide names for the rooms in your block, or you may call the hotel at a later date to provide the names. A list of names must be provided to the hotel by August 31st.

I will reach out to the clerks and hotels via email at the end of the business day on Wednesday, August 4th and provide the count and list of registered names. If you typically book your own room, or your county clerk does not place a block on behalf of all the officials in your county, please let me know at the time you register and I will add you to my list to email on August 4th.

To register for the conference, click here: [NACO Event Registration](#)

If you are not registered for the conference on or before August 4th, you may book your hotel room any time on or after August 6th. To reserve a hotel room under the NACO block on or after August 6th, you must be registered for the conference, mention that the room reservation is under the NACO block, and will need to provide your name at the time you book the room. After August 5th, counties will not have the opportunity to place another block and each room will require a name assignment at the time it is booked. It is also strongly recommended that you put your credit card on file when you book your room.

This will be a requirement for the Annual Conference in 2022.

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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Sioux County, submitted by Josh Skavdahl

Treasury Releases Updated FAQs for Fiscal Recovery Fund Eligible Uses

On June 24, the U.S. Treasury Department released **new FAQs** related to eligible uses of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Recovery Funds) for court case backlogs, outdoor spaces and revenue loss.

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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

FEMA Amends COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Policy

FEMA is amending the agency's [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance policy](#) to assist with COVID-19 related fatalities that occurred in the early months of the pandemic.

This policy change will allow applicants to submit a statement or letter from the death certificate's certifying official, medical examiner, or coroner, that attributes the death to COVID-19 fatalities that occurred between Jan. 20 and May 16, 2020.

This policy change was made after consulting with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials and other health experts. The new policy provides applicants, as well as medical authorities, coroners and jurisdictions, flexibility to attribute a death to COVID-19 without amending the death certificate. The change also provides flexibility with documentation for the period before the CDC-published and implemented [COVID-19 death certificate guidance in the spring of 2020](#).

Since FEMA began taking COVID-19 funeral assistance applications, the agency has awarded more than \$447 million in assistance to 66,800 applicants.

Applicants who incurred COVID-19-related funeral expenses between Jan. 20 and May 16, 2020, will be able to submit a death certificate that does not attribute the death to COVID-19 along with a signed statement from the certifying official listed on the death certificate, coroner, or medical examiner linking the death to COVID-19. The written statement must show causal pathway, or an explanation, linking the cause of death listed on the death certificate to the virus and should be submitted with the death certificate.

Applicants also retain the option of contacting the individual who certified the death to request a death certificate amendment if they can provide justification demonstrating the death should be attributed to COVID-19. The certifying individual's name and address should be on the death certificate.

For deaths occurring after May 16, 2020, COVID-19 funeral assistance documentation must include a copy of a death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19.

Individuals who would like to apply for assistance should call the COVID-19 helpline tollfree, at 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday. Applicants who use a relay service, such as a videophone, Innocaption or CapTel should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to them for that service so agency representatives are able to contact them.

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**JULY
9-12**

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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.

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