



FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE

STRONGER COUNTIES. STRONGER AMERICA.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
APRIL 25, 2023

VISION

HEALTHY, SAFE AND VIBRANT COUNTIES across America

MISSION

STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S COUNTIES

ABOUT NACo

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)

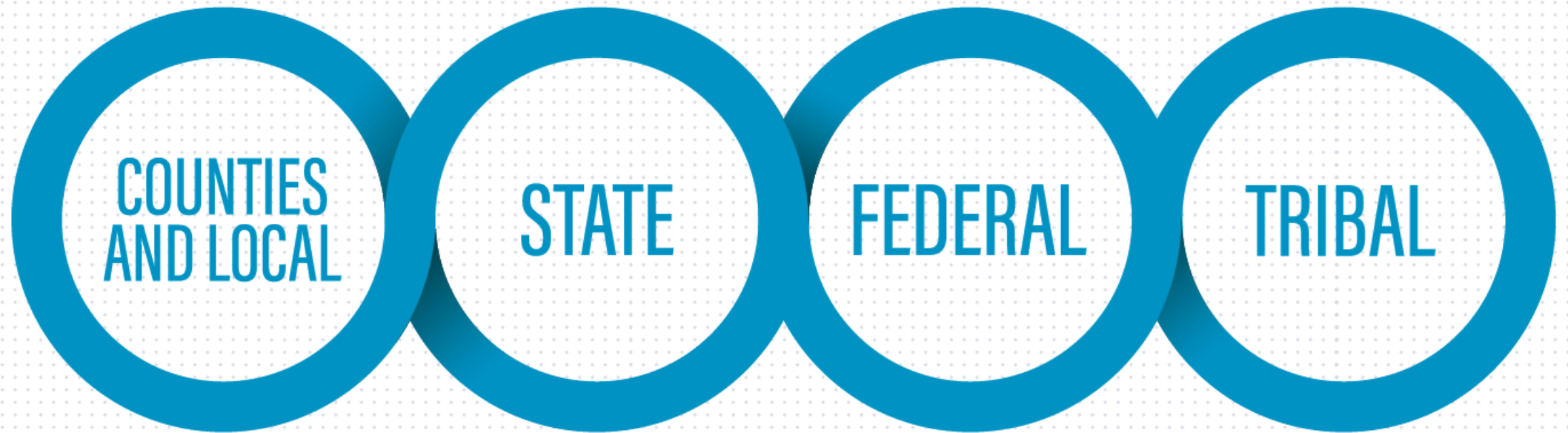
STRENGTHENS AMERICA'S 3,069 COUNTIES, serving nearly
40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees

Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to:

- Advocate county priorities in federal policymaking
- Promote exemplary county policies and practices
- Nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks
- Optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings
- Enrich the public's understanding of county government

The *NACo Blueprint* harnesses the
collective ingenuity, knowledge and powers
of America's county officials,
ultimately helping people and places to thrive.

ROLE OF NACo AND AMERICA'S COUNTIES IN OUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM



Under America's form of federalism, the **intergovernmental system is about the balance, division and sharing of power and responsibilities** between levels of government.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT ROLE IN OUR NATION'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

NACO BLUEPRINT

THE COUNTY LANDSCAPE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AMERICA'S COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES **NACo.**

CONNECT COMMUNITIES
Own and maintain 48 percent of public road miles and 28 percent of bridges which help serve residents and locally owned businesses.

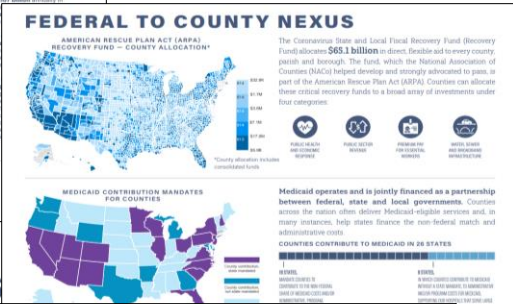
KEEP AMERICA HEALTHY
Manage and govern more than 1,000 local public health departments and authorities which support the health, safety, and prosperity of our communities.

CREATE PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES
Employ 3.6 million public workers who help provide essential services to over 300 million residents, collectively making up one of the largest workforces in the nation.

FOSTER SAFE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES
Invest over \$1 billion annually in the construction, operation and support of housing and infrastructure projects, and are key players in continuing planning, land use, zoning, and zoning policies and other regulations that expand housing access.

OUR NATION'S VETERANS
Fund and operate almost exclusively through local tax revenues, County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs) in 38 states and the District of Columbia.

Are home to more than 17 million veterans, comprising seven percent of residents living in our counties.



AMERICA'S COUNTIES

Counties are one of America's original forms of government, dating back to 1624 when the first governments (shires) were established in Virginia. The organization and structure of local county governments* are chartered under state constitutions or laws and are tailored to fit the characteristics of the state and local areas.

Counties are governed by locally elected officials, including more than 18,300 county elected and board members responsible for counties' budgets, policies and oversight. Additionally, 18,500 independently elected officers, often known as constitutional or row officers, provide leadership and management of county functions, such as auditors, assessors, clerks, coroners, attorneys, elections, recorders, sheriffs, treasurers and others.

Though organizational structures vary, all county governments are on the front lines of building vibrant and safe communities.

COUNTIES ARE VITAL TO OUR NATION'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

County governments, led by our elected and appointed officials, are instrumental partners in our nation's **intergovernmental system**, which balances, divides and shares power and responsibilities between all levels of government. Counties are uniquely positioned to implement and administer vital intergovernmental systems, facilitate cooperation of all levels of government, and deliver results and impact for our residents and businesses at the community level.

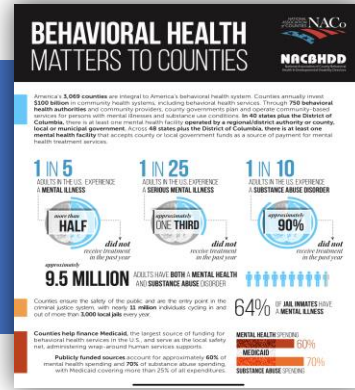
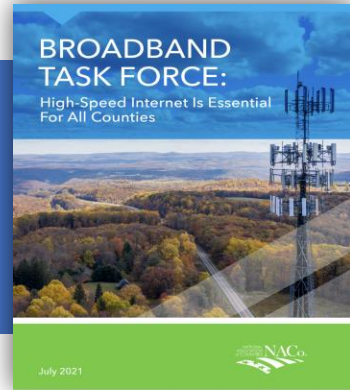
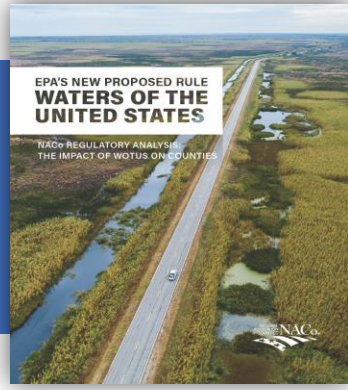
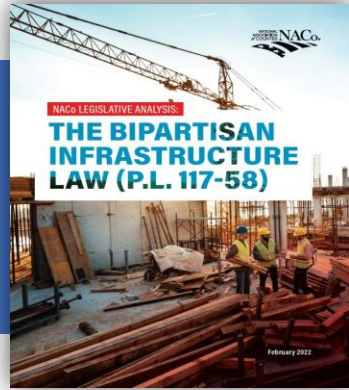
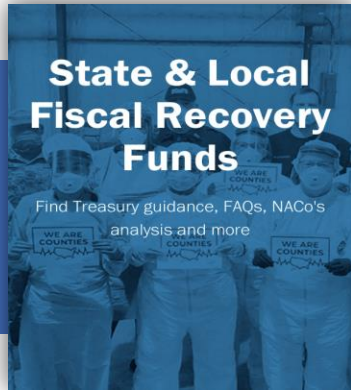
COUNTIES AND LOCAL STATE FEDERAL TRIBAL

\$600 BILLION
Nationally, counties spend over \$600 billion annually on public services.

3.6 MILLION
Counties employ 3.6 million public workers.

*The 1,600 county governments include all counties, parishes and boroughs.

**AMERICA'S 3,069 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS:
NEARLY 40,000 COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS
AND 3.6 MILLION COUNTY EMPLOYEES**



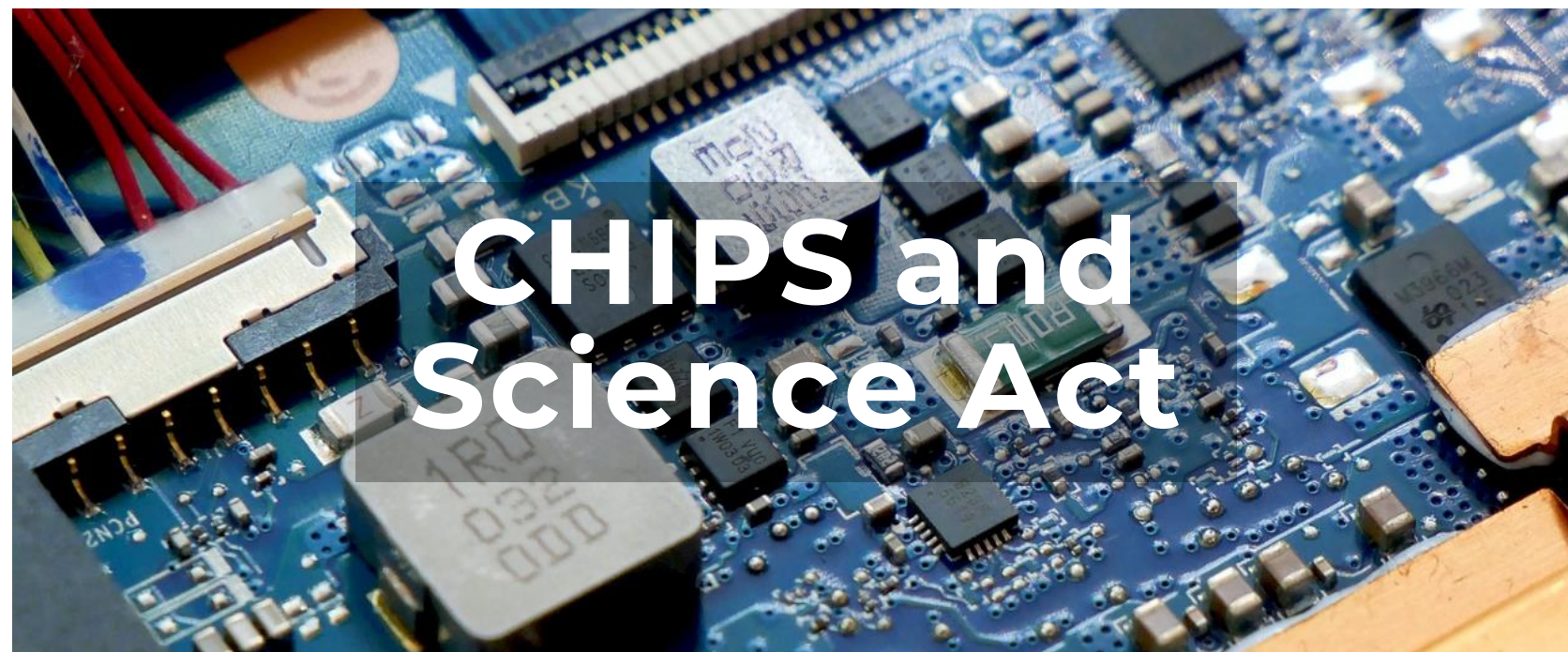
1. Optimize **Intergovernmental Partnerships** of America's Counties, with federal, state, local and tribal counterparts
2. Ensure County stewardship and impact with **American Rescue Plan Act's Fiscal Recovery Funds**
3. Position Counties to leverage the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act & the CHIPS and Science Act**
4. Advance **Federal Behavioral Health Policy Reforms**, including modernize the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion and IMD policies
5. Secure the County priorities in **2023 Farm Bill Reauthorization**
6. Boost **Advanced Broadband Deployment and Accessibility** while preserving local decision-making
7. Support **Full Funding for Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and the Secure Rural Schools (SRS)** program
8. Promote County Priorities in **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** and other federal rulemaking
9. **Maintain Election Integrity** with an emphasis on strengthening election worker safety
10. **Enhance Community Resilience** through regional and local disaster preparedness
11. Promote Economic Recovery including **Workforce and Housing Opportunities**



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



American Rescue Plan Act



CHIPS and Science Act



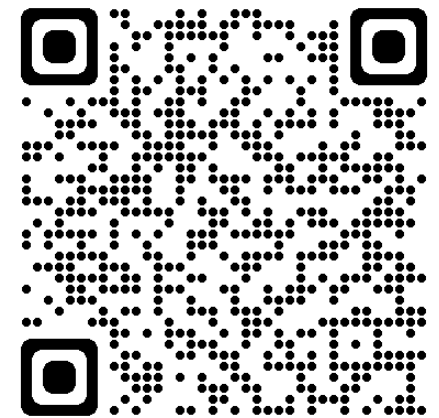
Inflation Reduction Act

「UNTOLD STORIES」

\$1.93 BILLION for MICHIGAN'S COUNTIES

Join NACo's **Untold Stories** campaign to highlight the human impact of county services

Visit [NACo.org/UntoldStories](https://www.naco.org/UntoldStories) to submit your story and access resources to engage local your audience, including a letter to the editor template, a media relations guide, social media templates and more.



U.S. TREASURY UPDATED RULEMAKING *for* CORNYN-PADILLA AMENDMENT

Newly enacted Cornyn-Padilla amendment expands the eligible use of Recovery Funds for natural disaster relief, including COVID-19, that meets the immediate needs of counties.

As part of the pending final rule, **NACo is urging the U.S. Treasury to include:**

- **Debris Cleanup**
Removal of debris from disaster-affected areas
- **Mental Health Services**
Providing mental health services to those affected by a disaster
- **Housing**
Short-term and long-term housing solutions (HUD, CDBG)
- **Economic Resiliency**
Revitalizing the economy following a disaster
- **Emergency Response**
Search and rescue operations in disaster-affected areas
- **Food and Water**
Providing food and water to those affected by a disaster
- **Power Grid Back Online**
Restoring power to disaster-affected areas
- **Hardening of Lifelines**
Strengthening roads, bridges, emergency rooms/hospitals, communications infrastructure before and after a disaster
- **Insurance Deductibles**
Reducing insurance deductibles for those affected by a disaster (e.g. flood insurance deductible)
- **Staff Pay**
Providing regular and overtime pay for staff in disaster-affected areas
- **Secondary Homes Relief**
Providing relief to individuals with secondary homes with no insurance
- **Individual Assistance**
Getting relief to individuals who often fall through the cracks

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Reporting Requirements and Resources



Add new individuals to the portal

Ensure all necessary personnel have access to the portal from your jurisdiction. Add new individuals on portal.treasury.gov/compliance



Update POC information

Confirm that the contact information in the portal is up to date for authorized representative and point of contact



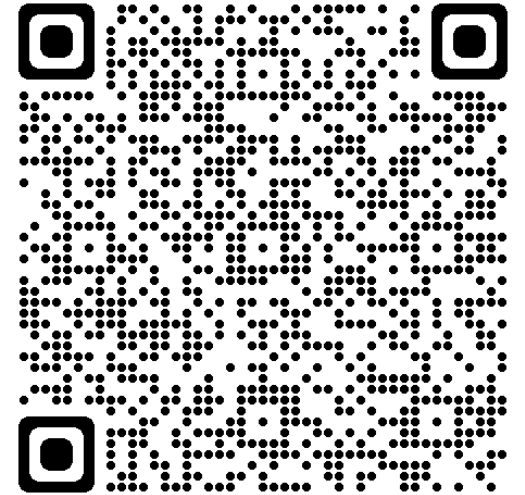
Submit P&E Report by April 30, 2023

All counties must submit a Project and Expenditure (P&E) Report by April 30, 2023 – Portal will open early April

By following these steps, you can ensure a smooth process for submitting your county's P&E Report by April 30, 2023.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

- **Covers 2,086 “eligible revenue sharing counties”**
- **\$1.5 billion in new federal funding** over two-year period (FY2022 and FY2023)
- **Minimum allocation of \$100,000** and maximum amount of \$12 million
- **Funds may be used** “for any governmental purpose other than a lobbying activity
- **Maintain active SAM.gov registration** throughout the duration of the award
- **Funds will remain available** to eligible counties until expended



\$17.5M for

48 Michigan Counties

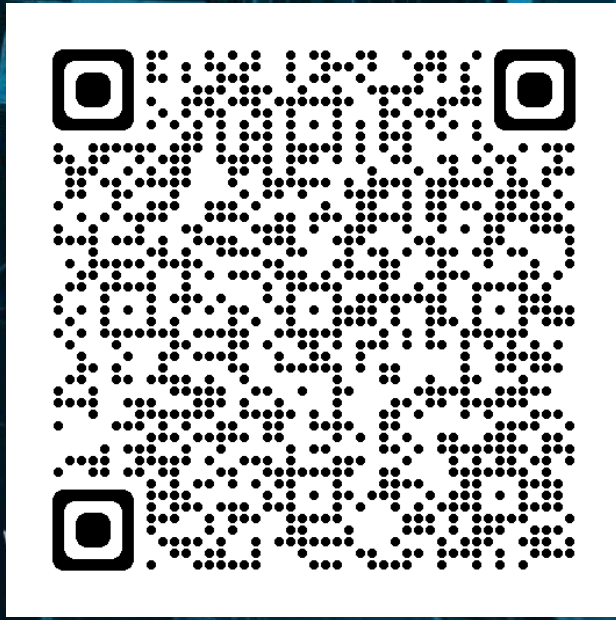
BREAKDOWN OF FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO COUNTIES

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Open Notices of Funding

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<p>Railroad Crossing Elimination...</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$573 million</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Transportation</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Federal Railroad Administration</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Provides funding for projects that improve, relocate and/or close at-grade rail highway crossings</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 10/4/2022</p>	<p>All Stations Accessibility Pro...</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$373 million</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Transportation</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Federal Transit Administration</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Provides federal financing for capital projects to upgrade access for legacy rail fixed guideway public transit systems for people with disabilities</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Only inaccessible legacy stations are eligible for funding</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 10/7/2022</p>	<p>Reconnecting Communities ...</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$50 million</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Transportation</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Federal Highway Administration</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Supports planning activities for projects to restore community connectivity</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 10/13/2022</p>	<p>Reconnecting Communities ...</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$145 million</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Transportation</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Federal Highway Administration</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Provides funding for eligible projects that will restore community connectivity</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Must be the owner of an eligible facility (defined as one that creates barriers to mobility and accessibility or one that is no longer justified by ...</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 10/13/2022</p>	<p>Rural ReConnect Program</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$1.5 billion</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Agriculture</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Rural Utilities Service</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Provides loans, grants and combinations of the two to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS For a proposed funded service area (PFSa) to be eligible, >90% of households in the PFSa must lack sufficient access to broadband ...</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 11/2/2022</p>	<p>State and Local Cybersecurit...</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$185 million</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Homeland Se...</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Cybersecurity and Infrastructure S...</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Supports the strengthening of state and local cybersecurity infrastructure</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 11/15/2022</p>	<p>Strengthening Mobility and ...</p> <p>FY 2022 AVAILABLE AMOUNT \$100 million</p> <p>AGENCY U.S. Department of Transportation</p> <p>SUB-AGENCY Office of the Secretary</p> <p>DESCRIPTION Provides funding for demonstration projects focused on smart community technologies and systems</p> <p>SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY Notice of Funding Opportunity</p> <p>DEADLINE TO APPLY 11/18/2022</p>
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PRIMER FOR COUNTIES: 2023 FARM BILL REAUTHORIZATION

JANUARY 5, 2023



Advocacy

Legislative Presentations, Reports & Toolkits

Agriculture

Transportation & Infrastructure

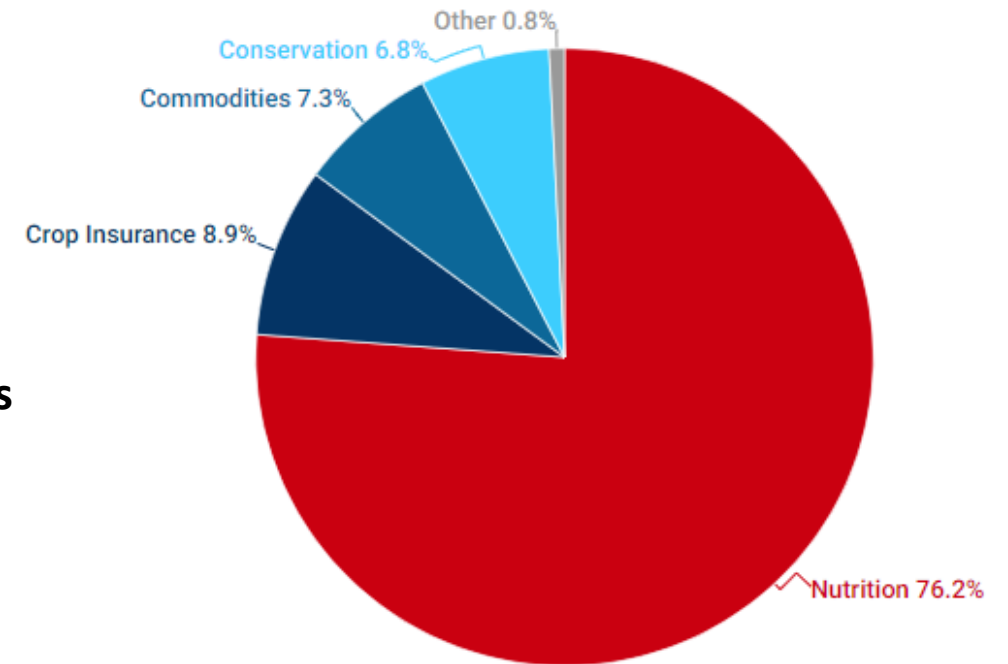
Community & Economic Development

2023 FARM BILL REAUTHORIZATION

NACo PRIORITIES

- Improve **ease of access and flexibility of** Farm Bill programs
- Provide stronger support for **small and mid-size producers**
- Advance comprehensive **farm labor reform**
- Maintain and expand **voluntary conservation programs**
- Bridge the **broadband digital divide**
- Invest in the **rural development capacity of rural counties**
- Close the **water and wastewater access gap**
- Maintain **SNAP** funding levels, structure and eligibility
- Elevate the **county role in federal land management**

Projected outlays under the 2018 Farm Act, 2019-23





NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE: A CASE FOR ACTION

- **Nearly 1 in 4 U.S. adults and 1 in 5 adolescents experienced a mental illness in 2021**, with people aged 18 to 25 having the lowest rate of treatment.
- **Nearly a quarter of adults today take prescription pills for mental health**, up from only 16 percent in 2019.
- **Suicide is now the second leading cause of death for 15-to-24-year-olds**, with teenagers experiencing a 17.3 percent increase in the use of anxiety medications since 2020.
- **One third of the U.S. population lives** in a county designated as a mental health professional shortage area.
- **Serious mental illness causes \$193.2 billion in lost earnings each year** across the U.S. economy, **with substance use disorders resulting in more than \$740 billion annually** in additional lost workplace productivity, healthcare expenses, and crime-related costs.



NACo MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION CHARTER

- 1. Stimulate national sense of urgency, through an intergovernmental partnership framework**, for addressing our nation’s crisis with mental health and wellbeing of residents, *especially our most vulnerable*.
- 2. Elevate the national awareness of the roles, innovations and pain-points** facing county governments in addressing this escalating crisis.
- 3. Achieve NACo’s public policy agenda**, such as the full implementation of Mental Health Parity standards, modernize the unequal coverage of mental health care through the “institutions for mental disease” (IMD) prohibition, repeal the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy for people held in jail pre-trial, and build the mental health workforce and continuum of care for the future.
- 4. Align a cohesive national and intergovernmental strategy** to improve and enhance the mental health and wellbeing of all Americans, with a special focus on our most vulnerable populations.



INTERGOVERNMENTAL FRAMEWORK

FEDERAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES

- **Mental Health Parity** enforcement and incentives
- **Institutes of Mental Disease (IMD)** modernization
- **Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy** repeal
- **Workforce Development** incentives and resources
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic** evaluation & scale

STATE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

- **County-informed state models** for state-county collaboration
- **State innovations**, investments, alignment & empowerment

COUNTY POLICIES AND PRACTICES

- **County policies, practices & innovations**
- **Public-private-nonprofit partnerships** and collaboration
- **Scale NACo peer learning** networks including county policymakers and practitioners



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH: COUNTY PARTICIPATION TOOLKIT



Reports & Toolkits

Behavioral Health

Health

Human Services

Civic Engagement

COUNTY LANDSCAPE: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2023



HOST: Host a congressional representative, state policy lead or other key stakeholders;



POST: Post on your county's social media platforms using NACo's social media toolkit;



VISIT: Go visit your county's behavioral health programs or facilities and invite key stakeholders to observe the work happening at the local level;



LEAD: Pass a resolution declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month, share a press release, op-ed, and other resources with your community;



LISTEN: Invite key stakeholders and those with lived experience to share needs that can inform policy decisions;



ADVOCATE: Speak to state and federal legislative leaders and partners and advocate for key policy priorities; and



LEARN: Access NACo's resources on mental and behavioral health and share them with your connections and partners.

COUNTY LANDSCAPE: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2023

SHARE YOUR EFFORTS WITH US

Explore the resources below and share with NACo how your county plans to participate

[SHARE YOUR STORY](#)

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH FLYER

Download the Mental Health Awareness Month flyer to spread the word and share key information on how to take action.

[DOWNLOAD THE FLYER](#)

SAMPLE LETTER TO CONGRESS

Use this template to ask your congressional delegation to ask your congressional delegation to pass bipartisan behavioral health policies that enhances the ability of localities to provide comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services in all settings, strengthens the behavioral health workforce, bolsters crisis response systems and increases resident access to services.

[DOWNLOAD THE SAMPLE LETTER](#)

POLICY PRIORITIES

Download and share these county policy priorities in behavioral health.

[DOWNLOAD THE PRIORITIES](#)

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

Use this template to spread the word about Mental Health Awareness Month and encourage county governments and partner organizations to participate in highlighting local efforts to address mental health in your community.

[DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE](#)




RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Use this template to pass a resolution recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in your county.

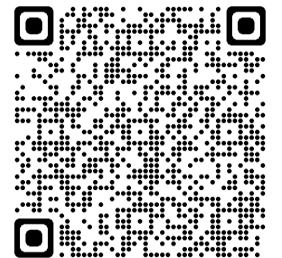
[DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA TEMPLATES

Use our social media templates to share your participation in Mental Health Awareness Month and showcase your county's efforts.

-  We are excited to announce that [COUNTY] is joining our colleagues across the nation in recognizing #MentalHealthAwarenessMonth
-  Join [COUNTY] and recognize May as #MentalHealthAwarenessMonth!
-  Now more than ever, we need to act to address the mental health crisis in the U.S., as 1 in four adults experience a mental illness. Join us in participating in #MentalHealthAwarenessMonth.

[Mental Health Awareness Month: County Participation Toolkit \(naco.org\)](https://naco.org)





MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID AND NACo

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

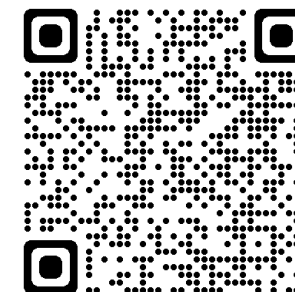
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), a skills-based training administered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges in their peers, friends and colleagues.

To help the National Association of Counties (NACo) realize its vision of creating healthy, safe and vibrant counties across America, the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and NACo are partnering to offer crucial MHFA trainings to county employees and the communities they serve. The National Council-NACo partnership will support elected officials and county staff, who are asking for help with their own mental health and wellbeing. And, by extension, create a framework for counties to destigmatize mental health and substance use issues as they provide community residents with more equitable access to quality mental health and substance use treatment services.

LEARN MORE

To learn more about mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, visit MentalHealthFirstAid.org or email MHFA_NACo@TheNationalCouncil.org.

DOWNLOAD THE ONE-PAGER





OPIOID SOLUTIONS CENTER

Reports & Toolkits Behavioral Health Health Justice & Public Safety Opioid Epidemiology

Through the Opioid Solutions Initiative, NACo empowers local leaders to invest resources in effective treatment, recovery, prevention and other public health practices that save lives and address the underlying causes of substance use disorder.

Brief History of the 2022 Opioid Settlements

Multi-district litigation (MDL) between states and opioid manufacturers and distributors

To resolve their liabilities in 3,000+ lawsuits nationwide, opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (\$5 billion) and the "big three" distributors McKesson, Amerisource Bergen and Cardinal Health (\$21 billion) offer a \$26 billion settlement.

Jul 2021 Aug 2021 Jan 2022 Feb 2022 Jul 2022

Deadline: Participating states are entitled to about half of the offered (base) payout. To unlock the full amount, states must convince counties, cities to surrender individual suits and join their state agreements.

Deadline: 46 states confirm participation in the MDL (Ala., Okla., Wash., and W.Va. elect not to participate).

Deadline: 90% of eligible counties, cities surrender individual suits and join their state agreements, increasing the base payout by about 50%.

First payments expected.

Deadline: Defendants agree MDL has reached critical mass, finalize the \$26 billion settlement.



OPIOID SOLUTIONS

Empowering local leaders to leverage opioid settlement funds and other resources for effective treatment, recovery, prevention and other public health practices that save lives and address the underlying causes of substance use disorder.

NACo's Opioid Solutions Initiative features

Opioid Solutions Center

A web-based resource center for best practices and case examples related to addressing opioid and substance use disorder

Leadership Network

A national network of county officials focused on reducing overdose deaths and addressing substance use disorder in their communities

NACo will begin accepting applications to the Opioid Solutions Leadership Network in September 2022.

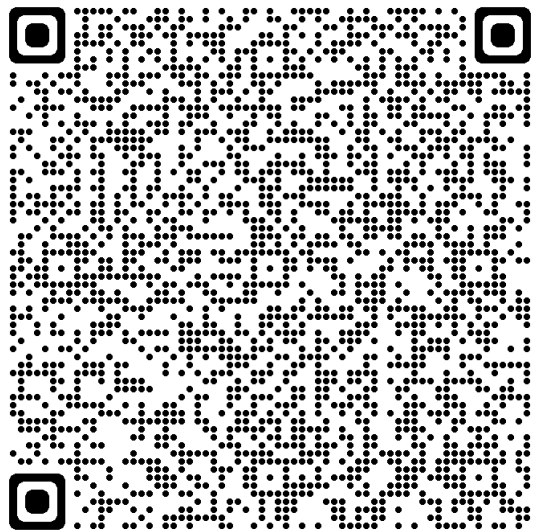


Light it green to welcome America's veterans home



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OPERATION GREEN LIGHT *for* VETERANS POWERED BY NACo



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OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS: COUNTY TOOLKIT

Advocacy Legislative Presentations, Reports & Toolkits Veterans Affairs



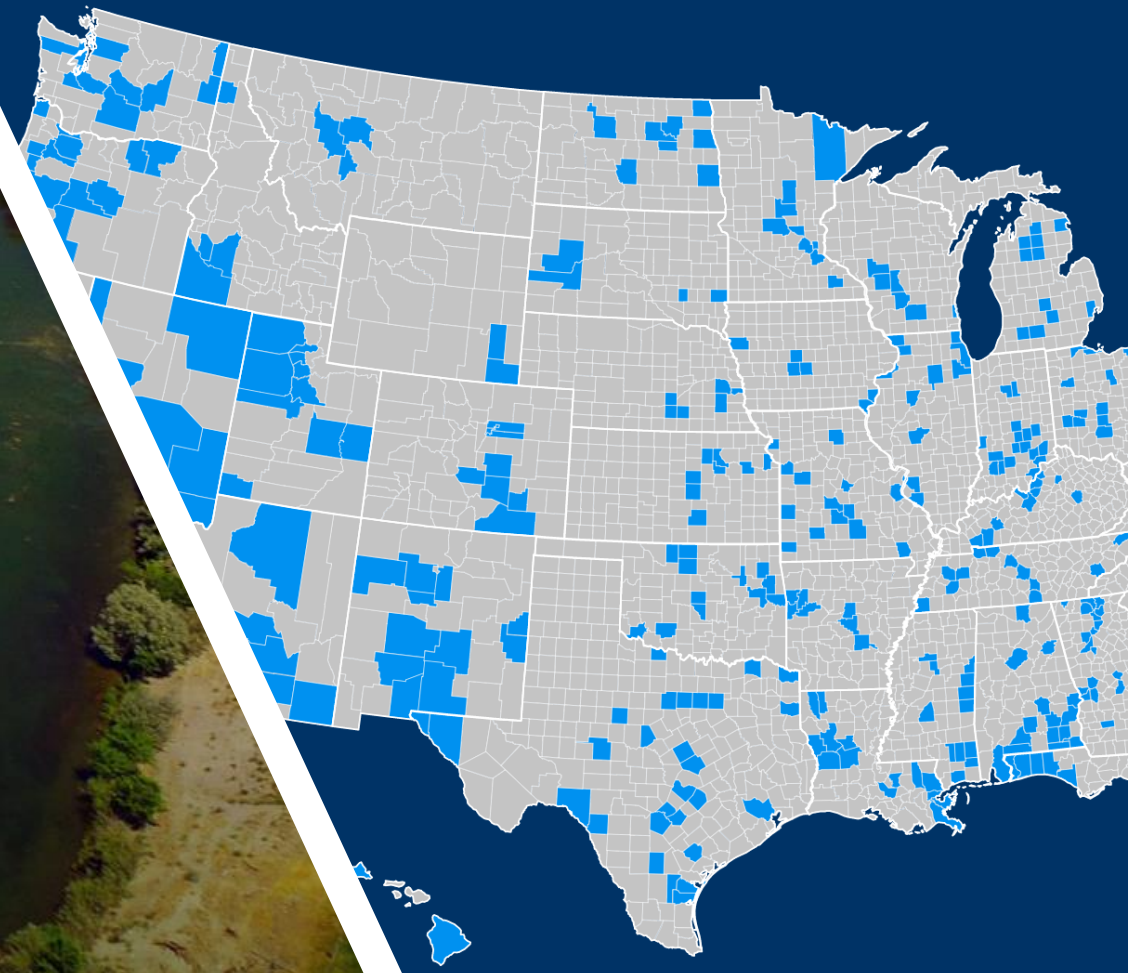
America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in our communities have access to the resources they need to thrive.

COUNTIES MATTER FOR VETERANS

America's counties are home to 17.5 million veterans, and we are deeply invested in veterans' health and well-being, often serving as a veteran's first point of contact in the community for accessing services. Counties support

COUNTIES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS 101

LEVERAGING THE FARM BILL TO PROMOTE COMPATIBLE LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



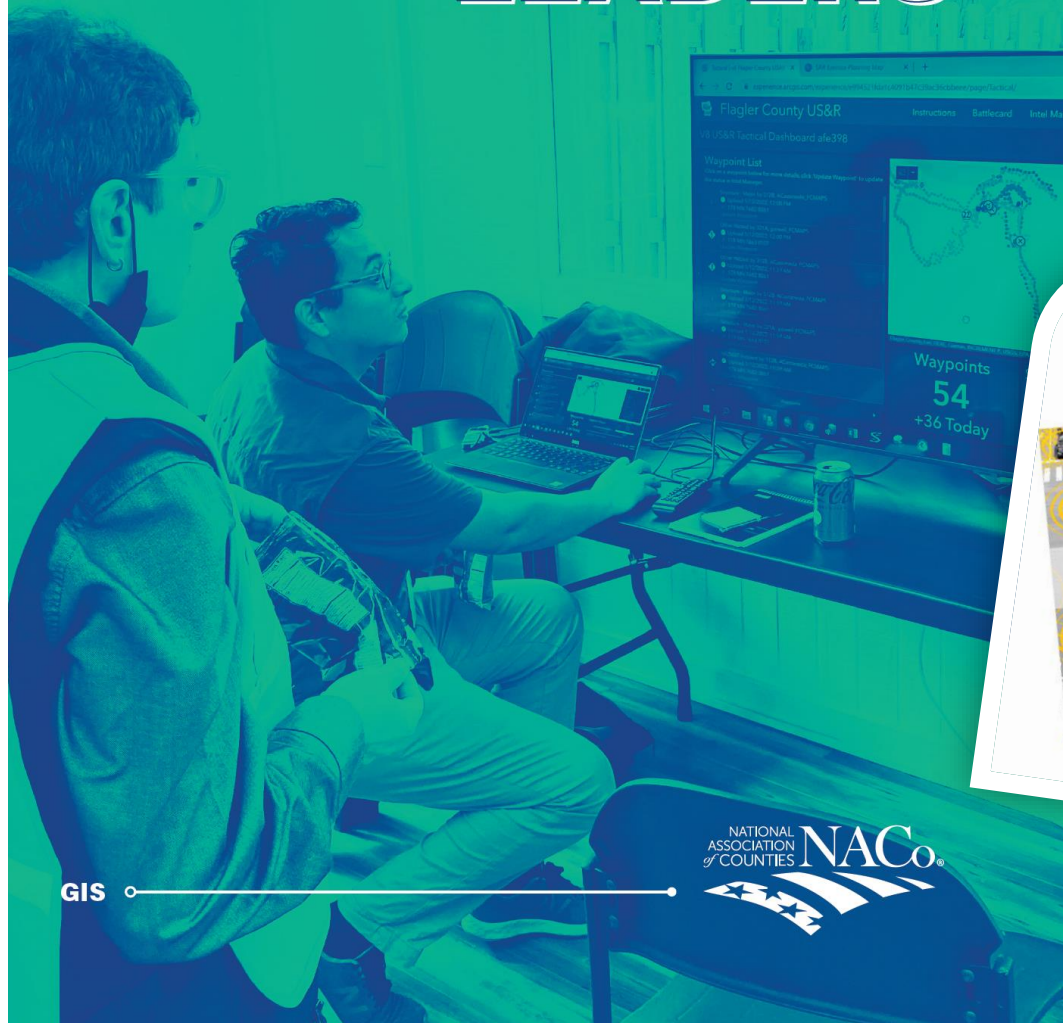
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military installation

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the map on NACo's County Explorer.

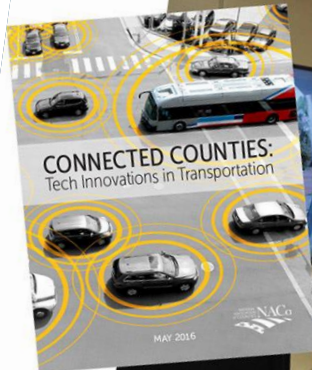
NACo Technology Guides FOR COUNTY LEADERS



GIS

NACo Cyberattack Simulations

A New Quarterly Exercise
in Partnership with the
Professional Development Academy





Familiar Faces Initiative: Improving Outcomes through Coordinated Health & Justice Systems

The Familiar Faces Initiative empowers communities to share data and integrate care options between health and justice systems so they can intervene earlier, improve outcomes and reduce incarceration and hospitalization rates.



Economic Mobility Leadership Network

The Economic Mobility Leadership Network (EMLN) is a NACo cohort of county leaders that facilitates and incubates county-specific discussion and problem-solving on issues of economic mobility and helps county leaders identify and assess their current barriers to mobility and share scalable and transferable programs across the country.



Resilient Counties Initiative

The NACo Resilient Counties Initiative builds leadership capacity to identify and manage risk, and prepare counties to become more flexible and responsive to system shocks and stresses. It has a holistic approach to resilience, examining social and economic resilience, sustainability and disaster management.



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Early Childhood

Counties not only play a pivotal role in building thriving communities for an estimated 16 million children ages birth to three across the United States, but also invest in core policies and services that help to shape early childhood systems.



Opioid Epidemic Resource Center

Counties are on the frontline of ensuring the health and safety of our residents affected by this crisis.

CountyNews

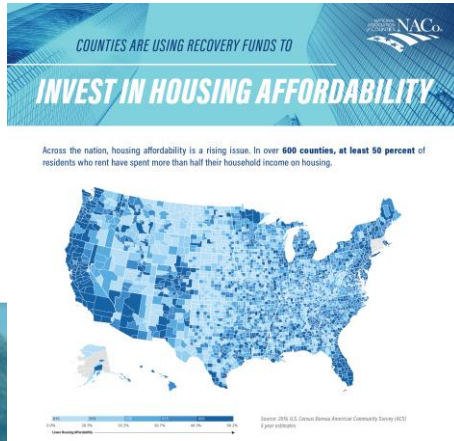
Crisis in West Virginia's Coal Counties

By Gavin A. Kent Oct. 17, 2016



NACo provides technical assistance to counties impacted by the coal industry downturn. The collapse of coal usage and prices has created financial crisis for West Virginia coal counties. The 38 percent decline in West Virginia coal production coupled with a 7.5 percent decline in prices since 2008 has eroded the coffers of counties who have for decades relied on income from coal taxes. The same forces have left state government with its own crisis and unable to aid the counties' dilemma. Following Wyoming, West Virginia is the nation's second largest producer of coal. Most of that coal has fed the boilers of electric power plants. From 1,050 million tons in 2008, production fell to 1,022 tons in 2015. Projections show a further decline in 2016 to 95 million, which would push the decline to 42 percent. Since 2011, prices for West Virginia coal fell from \$130 a ton to \$45. Direct employment on the mines has declined by 35 percent. This double disaster for coal has produced devastating effects on coal counties particularly in those counties where coal accounted for over 20 percent of the counties' total income. Coal is produced in...

Learn More WestDiversityEconomics.org Contact: Jack Mangus



Creative Placemaking Toolkit for Counties

The Creative Counties Placemaking Initiative supports counties as they work to identify and strengthen ways to integrate arts into solutions to local challenges.



Transforming County Human Services Network

Counties Matter in Human Services There are over 257,000 county human services employees across the country delivering vital services to our nation's most vulnerable populations.

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS



NACo members can serve on 31 policy and practice committees, caucuses, task forces and advisory boards to inform national policy and help solve problems impacting counties.

Over 1,500 county officials and staff participate

Committees focus on:

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