

From our office to yours, New Mexico Counties wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year 2019!



NMC Offices closed Mon. Dec. 24, Tues. Dec. 25, and Tues. Jan. 1.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Pre-Legislative Conference Workshops

- Behavioral Health
- Legislative Process & Updates
- Finance & Audits

Wednesday, January 16th

8:30-9:45 a.m. & 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Santa Fe Community Convention Center

ATTENTION ALL COUNTIES!

There will be a Joint Pool Membership Meeting with the Multi-Line Pool membership and Workers' Compensation Pool membership:

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.
Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe, Eldorado Room A**

There will be discussion and an important vote on amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement and By-laws that govern both Pools.

Please be sure that your County has current membership representatives designated by your Commission for each pool so that your County has a voice during this meeting. Questions? Contact Kiki Arellano, Risk Management Specialist, karellano@nmcounties.org, 505-820-8115.

Lea County commission nominated Greg Fulfer to fill the District 41 Senate seat left vacant by the retirement of Sen. Carroll Leavell. The governor will make the final appointment.

[Five-year farm bill ready for president's signature](#)

Five-year farm bill reauthorization nullifies threats to county governments, promotes key county priorities.

[Chao touts TIFIA loans for financing rural infrastructure needs](#)

County officials in rural area should take full advantage of TIFIA loans.

[County criminal justice priorities pass during closing days of 115th Congress](#)

The lame-duck Congress reauthorized the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and included the Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Act in the five-year reauthorization of the Farm Bill.

[U.S. Department of Transportation awards \\$1.5 billion in BUILD grant funding](#)

A total of \$1.5 billion was awarded to 91 projects infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impacts in 49 states and the District of Columbia through the U.S. Department of Transportation's through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development discretionary grant program.

NACo is Now Accepting Policy Resolutions!

In preparation for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., March 2-6, NACo members are invited to submit interim policy resolutions. **All resolutions must be submitted electronically (preferably as a Word document) via email to resolutions@naco.org by Feb. 1, 2019. For complete details on NACo's policy process, [click here](#).**

Register by Dec. 20 for Early Bird \$490

2019 NACo Legislative Conference

March 2-6, 2019 | Washington Hilton | Washington, D.C.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[VIEW SCHEDULE](#)

Webinars

Jan. 10 [Evidence-Based Policymaking Part 2: Using Evidence in Budgeting & Contracting](#) 12 p.m.—1:15 p.m. MT

Feb. 7 [Evidence-Based Policymaking Part 3: Delivering Effective Programs & Monitoring Outcomes](#) 12 p.m.—1:15 p.m. MT

Link to County [Employment Opportunities](#)

New Employee at the County? Email Clarissa Baca at cbaca@nmcounties.org with their contact information and affiliate interest.

Job Posting? Email info@nmcounties.org for posting on our website for up to 30 days.

Did someone forward you this email? [Sign up](#) here.



2019 Legislative Conference - Registration NOW OPEN! Online registration ends Jan. 4 @\$225 rate; Onsite registration \$250 rate

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NMLR Alert: Legislation May Be Pre-filed December 17, 2018 - January 11, 2019

December

Mon. Dec. 24-25 NMC Closed Christmas Holiday

January

Tues. Jan. 1 NMC Closed New Year Holiday

Mon. Jan. 14-17 NMC Legislative Conference, Santa Fe Community Convention Center, Eldorado Hotel

Mon. Jan. 14-16 NM EDGE Classes Drury Inn

Tues. Jan. 15 2019 Legislative 60-day Session begins 12 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 15 Multi-Line Membership meeting, 8 a.m. Eldorado Hotel

Tues. Jan. 15 NMC Board of Directors meeting, 2 p.m. Eldorado Hotel

Thurs. Jan. 24 NMC Executive Committee teleconference 1 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 31 NMC Executive Committee teleconference 1 p.m.

February

Thurs. Feb. 7 NMC Executive Committee teleconference 1 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 14 Bill introduction deadline

Fri. Feb. 15 New Mexico County Day at the State Legislature

Sat. Feb. 16 NMC Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 am Santa Fe

Thurs. Feb. 21 NMC Executive Committee teleconference 1 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 28 NMC Executive Committee teleconference 1 p.m.

March

Sat. Mar. 2-6 NACo Legislative Conference, Washington DC

January NM EDGE Enrollment Closes on Thursday, January 3, 2019

For a list of classes offered click

[January 2019 Road Map to Certification link.](#)

Classes at the Drury Plaza Hotel

828 Paseo De Peralta Santa Fe, NM

NM EDGE Graduation at Convention Center

January 17, 2019

USDA ReConnect Program Webinars

Funding available for rural communities with fewer than 20,000 residents that are lacking in high-speed internet connectivity. Webinars to discuss the types of funding available, eligibility provisions, etc. To join the webinar **TODAY Dec. 20, 12 p.m. MT**, [click here](#)

Upcoming Webinar Dates:

Jan. 8, Jan. 10, Jan. 15, Jan. 17, Jan. 23, and Jan. 30

SAVE THE DATE: County Day at the Roundhouse February 15, 2019!

- Only 12 spaces available; 2 counties/table
- Counties without a designated day considered first
- West Halls of History and a block of time in the rotunda from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact Aelysea Webb, awebb@nmcounties.org to reserve your space!

Grants Training Comes to Albuquerque March 4-8, 2019

Class title: *Grantsmanship Training Program*®

Dates: March 4-8, 2019

Location: UNM Foundation, The Rotunda, UNM Science & Technology Park, 801 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque

Tuition: \$1,095, with special discount code **NEWYEAR50** to save an extra \$50 if you register and pay by January 2. A limited number of half-scholarships are available for qualified organizations. Please email for details.

Contact: Gail at (213) 482-9860 or gail@tgci.com

Register or for more information: [Here's](#) a link to register or call (213) 482-9860

TrueConnect Loan Benefit Program

Need to secure a small loan quickly when unexpected emergencies arise? Have poor credit or no credit? NMC has partnered with TrueConnect

- safe, affordable alternative to payday loans
 - works through payroll deduction
 - paid off in 12 months (\$1,000 to \$3,000 loans)
 - helps employee establish good credit
 - includes free financial education and credit counseling
- Find out if your county has this offer or have a presentation to your Commission. Contact Susan Mayes, smayes@nmcounties.org