RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES
FEMA accepting applications for $100 million in COVID-19 supplemental assistance for local fire departments
FEMA is offering $100 million in grant funding for fire and rescue services to purchase personal protective equipment.

Fri. May 1 Webinar: How Counties Can Access and Utilize Funds from FEMA’s Public Assistance Program for COVID-19 Response and Recovery 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. MDT

Mon. May 4 Webinar: Accessing the $3 Trillion Recovery Fund for COVID-19: How to Prepare Your County for FEMA Declaration Reimbursement Noon – 1 p.m. MDT

Mon. May 18 Webinar: 2020 Census and Ensuring Access for Your Community Noon – 1 p.m. MDT

Wed. May 20 Webinar: Upcoming FCC’s Rural Opportunity Fund Auction Noon Broadband Noon—1:30 p.m. MDT

and NACo needs your help. We Are Counties campaign is putting faces on frontline services counties provide— including 328,000 hospital workers, 3,000 law enforcement officers, 93,000 first responders, and more. Submit a short (30 sec.) video to NACo, and help demonstrate our talented public servants!

Link to Annual Calendar

All NMC non-essential in-person meetings have been canceled through April 30. All other meetings will be addressed as calls or webinars as the situation unfolds.

NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to

Fri. Apr. 30 12 Leadership During Crisis: Warning Signs That Your Employees Are Suffering Webinar 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. MDT

Fri. May 1 NMC Board of Directors meeting 10:30 a.m. Webinar call

Tues. May 5 12 Public Safety and Triggers from COVID-19 Webinar call 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. MDT

Wed. May 6 NMC Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Teleconference call

Thurs. May 7 12 Webinar: Creating a Resilient Mindset 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Mon. May 18 - 21 NM EDGE Classes online

June 30 NMC Board of Directors meeting 4:30 p.m. Webinar call

Fri. July 24 NMC Annual Conference Orange County, FL

Aug. 7 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. Otero County

Aug. 19 NMC Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NM Santa

ENROLL NOW
NM EDGE Advanced Purchasing Classes LIVE ONLINE May 18-21, 2020

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TrueConnect Loan Benefit Program How to Provide for Employees During Tough Financial Times
In the last few years, offering more desirable benefits has been a top priority for HR departments across the nation to attract and retain talent. Many employees aren’t fully aware of the benefits they have available to them. Use this as an opportunity to remind them of the benefits they can access and how they can help during this time.

Now is not the time to tap into retirement savings! Retirement savings will eventually bounce back, so tapping into retirement early does not help anyone, especially your employees. We would like to keep retirement tucked away without so much as glancing at it.

While your employees remain paid workers, their spouses or partners may not be as fortunate. A financial wellness voluntary benefit can be the solution your employees are looking for.

For more information about TrueConnect, a financial wellness voluntary benefit, please contact Susan Mayes, smayes@nmcounties.org.

To learn more about NACo’s We Are Counties campaign aims to put faces on the many frontline services counties provide, visit www.naco.org/wearecounties

An update from New Mexico Counties Executive Director Steve Kopeelman
We were honored to host an hour phone meeting this week with Governor Lujan Grisham regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. NMC President Eddy County Sheriff Mark Carg serve as the moderator and asked the Governor a set of questions sent in by county managers and members of the NMC Board of Directors. The Governor discussed a slow-paced opening of regions of the State, maintaining appropriate safeguards to prevent community spread of the virus. She talked about a broad spectrum of issues, emphasizing how the effectiveness in controlling the pandemic depends on the residents of NM staying home and maintaining social distancing, and acknowledging the importance of maintaining public health concerns while doing everything within reason to protect our economy. She is working closely with the Economic Recovery Task Force and others in formulating a plan for reopening parts of the State. We would like to give a shout out and express our appreciation to all senior center employees in our counties who are on the front lines in preparing and distributing food and supplies to seniors and those in need throughout the State.

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