

2022
National
County
Government
Month



Celebrate National County Government Month (#NCGM) This April

Each April, National County Government Month (NCGM) is a celebration of counties and an excellent opportunity to showcase how you are serving residents and driving recovery from COVID-19. Join NACo in highlighting effective county programs and raising public awareness of county governments across America. This year the theme is **Counties THRIVE**, focusing on: **T**echnology, **H**ealth, **R**eadiness, **I**nfrastructure, **V**ulnerable communities, and **E**conomic opportunities. So let's spotlight our county's role and educate the public about how counties provide real support. Offer in-person or virtual tours, encourage volunteerism, play the "Counties Work" online educational game in schools. #NCGM #33StrongNMCounties #CountiesMatter. NACo toolkit [HERE](#) or continue to share our recent FB social media posts and/or saved videos [HERE](#).



In an effort to bolster civic education and educate communities on the role of county government, NACo is launching the 2022 "I Love My County Because" art contest in conjunction with

the National County Government Month. NACo and county leaders are spreading the word about county roles and responsibilities, which are often unknown or misunderstood. By inviting children and young adults ages 18 and under to create artwork for the 2023 "Counties Matter" calendar, NACo hopes to raise awareness about programs and services that impact people's lives every day.

Winning artwork will be featured in a NACo calendar, which will be distributed to NACo members nationwide. Winners will also be announced in NACo's flagship publication, County News, and their artwork will be displayed at NACo's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Submitted artwork must present a county activity that shows how "Counties Matter" and inspired by "I love my county because..." Eligibility criteria [HERE](#)



NM Broadband Collective Equity Fund

Managed by NM Foundation, is now accepting applications. The fund awards grants up to \$75,000 to

nonprofits, Tribes, Nations, Pueblos, organizations with a fiscal sponsor, and eligible local government entities to support regional efforts to develop and improve broadband in NM. The **Collective** was formed to support a statewide approach to ensuring broadband services for all New Mexicans, especially in rural communities or hard-to-connect communities impacted by the lack of sustainable digital equity and affordable broadband solutions.

Please visit the [New Mexico Broadband Equity Fund Page](#) on the NM Foundation's website to learn more and apply for funding before Noon on May 13, 2022. For questions about applying or contribute to the fund, please contact Erika Davila, edavila@newmexicofoundation.org.



OSHA 10-Hour general industry training for De Baca County. This class is intended to provide an entry level worker's general awareness on recognizing and preventing hazards in a general industry setting. For more information on OSHA classes targeted for your county, please contact LP Specialist James Chavez, jchavez@nmcounties.org.



Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Lowers Interest Rate

The Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) is lowering the interest

rate to 0.01% for all public entities that do not qualify for 0%. The CWSRF provides low interest loans for eligible wastewater, sewer collection, storm water and other water quality projects. [Apply now for FY2023 funding](#). For more information, contact Rhonda Holderman at 505-469-3365 or email nmenv-cpbinfo@state.nm.us

Special Session Recap

Three bills were introduced and passed:
HB 1 Special Session Legislative Expenses
HB 2 Supplemental 2021 Income Tax Rebate and Relief Payments—To provide tax rebates of \$500 per person in two payments to help families offset the high gas prices
SB 1 (SB 48) Appropriations for State Agencies "Junior Bill" - appropriating \$51.2M
 The session was fast and furious. We are grateful that there were no surprises for local government. https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation_List

NACo Achievement Awards deadline extended to April 15, 2022 Apply [HERE](#)

NMC will be applying for an achievement award for the "A Day Without Counties is a Day Without..." and #33StrongNMCounties video campaign. Our counties are doing amazing things so apply to receive a chance at national recognition!

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)

Link to Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP	
Wed Apr 6-7	OSHA 10-Hour Training 8AM-4:30PM De Baca County
Tue Apr 12-13	12-Hour Suicide Prevention Albuquerque
Wed Apr 20	Advisory Council meeting 11AM Bernalillo County
Wed Apr 20-21	OSHA 10-Hour Training McKinley County
Fri May 6	NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM San Miguel county
Mon May 9-13	Instructor Development Train-the-Trainer Albuquerque
Wed May 11	NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM
Wed May 18-20	WIR Annual conference Anchorage, AK
Wed Jun 1-2	16-Hour Verbal De-escalation Las Cruces
Mon Jun 13-17	NMC Annual Conference Bernalillo County
Mon Jun 13-14	NM EDGE Classes Live Online /TBD
Thu Jun 16	NMC Board of Directors meeting 4PM Bernalillo County
Mon Jul 11-15	40-Hour Crisis Intervention Roswell
Thu Jul 21-24	NACo Annual Conference Adams County, Aurora CO
Mon Jul 25-28	OSHA 30-Hour Training Los Lunas
Fri Aug 5	NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Valencia County
Mon Aug 8-9	12-Hour Suicide Prevention Eddy County
Wed Aug 10	NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Bernalillo County, ABQ
Wed Aug 31-2	NMML Annual Conference Albuquerque
Sep Tue & Thu	NM EDGE Classes Live Online Sep 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
Mon Sep 12-16	Instructor Development T4T Las Cruces
Tue Sep 13-14	16-Hour De-escalation Training Taos
Wed Sep 14	Legislative Initiative Review 11AM NMC office
Sep TBD	Gathering of Counties NM State Fair ABQ

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