

News Brief

October 20, 2022



America's county government leaders have a unique opportunity to review and inform the Federal Communication Commission's broadband mapping data for your county. This process, known as the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) process, will be instrumental in the distribution of more than \$40 billion in federal broadband grants to states next year. Counties can take action now by registering to receive the location data the FCC is providing to counties and make comments by December 1st, as well as prepare to review the broadband availability data set to be

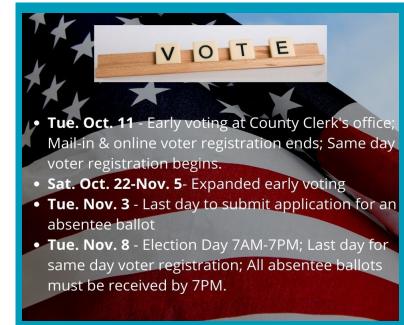
released in November and make any challenges to the accuracy of the data within your jurisdiction. By participating in this process, you are ensuring New Mexico will receive the highest possible allocation of funds for broadband deployment across the state. For questions, please reach out to our colleague at NACo, Seamus Dowdall, sdowdall@naco.org or call 202.942.4212.

NACo: Not your typical phishing expedition

You are confronted daily with emails that appear to be valid, but are in fact phishing emails. By falling prey to a phishing email, it can infest your computer and network with a destructive virus or worse, a ransomware request. Here are some signs to look for:

- Does it contain an offer that's too good to be true?
- Does it include language that's urgent, alarming, or threatening?
- Is it poorly crafted wording that contains misspellings and bad grammar?
- Is the greeting ambiguous or very generic?
- Does it include requests to send personal information?
- Does it stress an urgency to click on an unfamiliar hyperlink or attachment?
- Is it a strange or abrupt business request?
- Does the sender's email address match the company it coming from? Look for little misspellings like pavpal.com or anazon.com. These can be very subtle.

<u>Best Practice:</u> Don't click on links, just delete; Think before you click; Recognize and report phishing; Looks a little off, probably phishing.



Election workers across the country have found themselves spending time and resources addressing record requests regarding the 2020 election. Trying to keep up can be very time consuming and costly for counties. Federal law requires governments to keep election records for 22 months. Combating election security misinformation is another cost on counties. Counties want to be as transparent as possible especially with the upcoming midterm election. Same goes for New Mexico.





October 26-28, 2022

Embassy Suites 1000 Woodward Place NE Albuquerque

- Local entities/communities, individuals, businesses, and state agencies
- Network, ask questions, provide guidance, and move capital projects to reality

<u>Learn more here, view prices, and register.</u>



Registration is now open for the 2023 NACo Legislative Conference
February 11-14, 2023 | Washington Hilton | Washington, D.C.

New NACo Resource: County guide for reducing jail populations and costs

NACo launched its County Guide for Reducing Jail Populations and Costs, a web-based toolkit with key policies and practices for addressing jail population drivers, such as bookings and arrest, pretrial length of stay, technical violations of community supervision and recidivism. The guide also features county examples to help support local decision making, as well as research from national thought leaders on these topics. Access the guide here.

Wed Oct 26 Webinar: Ensuring Clean Water
Access: How Recovery Funds Can Be Leveraged
to Strengthen Resilient Communities
1PM-2PM MDT

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Thu Oct 27 Webinar: How Will Upcoming
Supreme Court Action Impact Local Elections

Administration? 1PM-2PM MDT

Link to NMC Meetings 2022 Annual Calendar
Link to Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP
2023 NMC Calendar of Events

Thu Oct 20 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM, Cloudcroft The Lodge

Fri Oct 21 NMCIA Board Retreat 8AM, Cloudcroft **Wed Oct 26–28** Infrastructure Finance Conference ABQ, Bernalillo County

Thu Nov 3 NMC Executive Committee 10AM Santa Fe County

Fri Nov 4 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Santa Fe County

Mon Nov 14-18 40-Hour First Line Supervisor training, Albuquerque, FREE to county members Register: lbarela@nmcounties.org

Wed Nov 16-18 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit Santa Fe County, The Lodge

Tue Dec 6-8 NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Embassy Suites **Thu Dec 8** Advisory Council meeting 2PM ABQ
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Wed Dec 14 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County

Mon Jan 16–19 NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe County

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