

**NACo Congratulates the September 2022 Leadership Academy graduates from New Mexico!** New Mexico county graduates join over 5,000 graduates and current participants from across the country benefitting from the 12-week online program enabling existing and emerging county leaders to achieve their highest potential. Congratulations NM county graduates!

- **Cara Cooke**, Chief Deputy Clerk, Eddy County
- **Ivan Barry**, Customer Service Program Manager, Santa Fe County
- **Curtis Espinoza**, Lieutenant, Valencia County
- **Kim Martin**, Chief Financial Officer, San Juan County
- **Melissa Washburn**, Chief Deputy Assessor, Eddy County
- **Mike Stark**, County Manager, San Juan County
- **Roxann Brannon**, HR Director, Eddy County

The January cohort kicks off January 9. The next cohorts are April, August, and September with scholarships available. Go [HERE](#) to learn more about the schedule and how to enroll.

**NMC 2023 Legislative Conference—REGISTER TODAY!** Last chance to register online at \$300/person through *Fri. Jan. 6, 2023*. Onsite registration is \$350/person.

**Open to All County Elected Officials**  
Elections will be held for two (2) Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board representatives during the NMC Board meeting **January 17, 2:00pm** at the Eldorado Hotel. Have your voice heard at the national level on western issues.

**NMC** works tirelessly to keep county contacts up-to-date as new county elected officials start their terms and the previous ones leave. Do you have new county staff that should be added to an affiliate or added to the news brief? Please reach out to Eloisa Gonzales and email updated contacts to [info@nmcountries.org](mailto:info@nmcountries.org). NMC will reach out to counties on a monthly basis for updates.

### Final Push FCC Map Challenge

The link to New Mexico FCC map challenge toolkit is updated with new Spanish versions, social media posts, and more! Click here:

<https://www.connectnewmexico.org/map-challenge-toolkit.html>

Have children in school? Ask the school to help by sending one of the flyers from the toolkit home in backpacks. Have a connection with the media? Ask them to post an announcement as a public service. Does your organization produce a newsletter? Please get the information out through your distribution system. Work for an organization that allows group notifications to all employees? Share a post to your coworkers. Have a FB page? Post there, and often. In a FB group? Share to the group. New Mexico stands to gain hundreds of thousands of extra dollars with your help...but time is short. The FCC will use the data reported on their map on January 13 to determine how much support our state gets for broadband infrastructure.

Attend the Commissioners joint affiliate meeting during conference to learn more about State /local cybersecurity grant & broadband expansion **Thur. Jan. 19 8:30am-10:15am SFCCC**

### NMLR Website Training FREE for All NM Counties

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, 10AM-11AM

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82116765110?pwd=MUUtEK2QxOHYvVGJISWVvRaz2lycXpBQT09>

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### Don't forget to enroll in January NM EDGE classes



- ❖ **In Person** classes in Santa Fe January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Live Online** classes January 5, 10, 24, 26 and 31

### NM MainStreet Accepting Applications For Frontier & Native American Communities – Apply by January 20, 2023

To support rural and Native American communities under 15,000 in population that may currently not have the capacity or resources to start or operate a full-fledged MainStreet Program. Through a competitive application process, rural community stakeholders in partnership with their local governing body can identify an economic development project within a town center, village plaza, courthouse square, or historic/traditional commercial corridor with support from NMMS. More information here: <https://www.nmmainstreet.org/nmms/programs/frontier-community-initiative/>

### NACo Achievement Awards Apply Today and Celebrate Your County's Most Innovative Programs

- Receive awards in 18 categories that cover a vast range of county responsibilities
- Eighteen “best of category” winners will receive special recognition locally and nationally
- Early Bird Application Deadline: March 3, 2023 \$75, then \$100 until April 7, 2023
- Application [online guide](#)

### NACo Insights for Counties From the Midterm Elections

NACo has released a comprehensive analysis of the 2022 midterm elections. The analysis breaks down the results of federal and state elections and the key trends that influenced them. Interested NACo members can also find a list of current and newly elected members of congress who previously served in county government. The analysis also provides a forecast of the major challenges and opportunities facing a divided 118th Congress.

[Download Analysis Here](#)

**Wed Jan 11 NACo County Roles in Shaping the Future of Digital Equity** 11am- Noon MT

**Jan 26-27 NMSU/Southwest Hay & Forage Conference** Ruidoso Convention Center

### Link to NMC Meetings 2022 [Annual Calendar](#)

### Link to Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

### [2023 NMC Calendar of Events](#)

- Mon Jan 16-18** NM EDGE Classes Santa Fe County
  - Mon Jan 17-19** NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe Community Convention Center (SFCCC)
  - Tue Jan 17** 60-Day Legislative Session begins
  - Tue Jan 17** NMCIA membership meeting 9AM Eldorado Hotel
  - Tue Jan 17** NMC Board of Directors meeting 2PM Eldorado Hotel
  - Thu Jan 26** NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM via Zoom
  - Thu Feb 2** NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM via Zoom
  - Thu Feb 9** NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM via Zoom
  - Sat Feb 11-14** NACo Legislative Conference Washington D.C.
  - Thu Feb 16** Bill introduction deadline
  - Sat Feb 18** NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County
  - Thu Feb 23** NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM via Zoom
  - Thu Mar 2** NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM via Zoom
  - Tue/Thu Mar** NM EDGE classes Live online 3/7, 3/9, 3/14, 3/16, 3/21, 3/23, 3/28
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