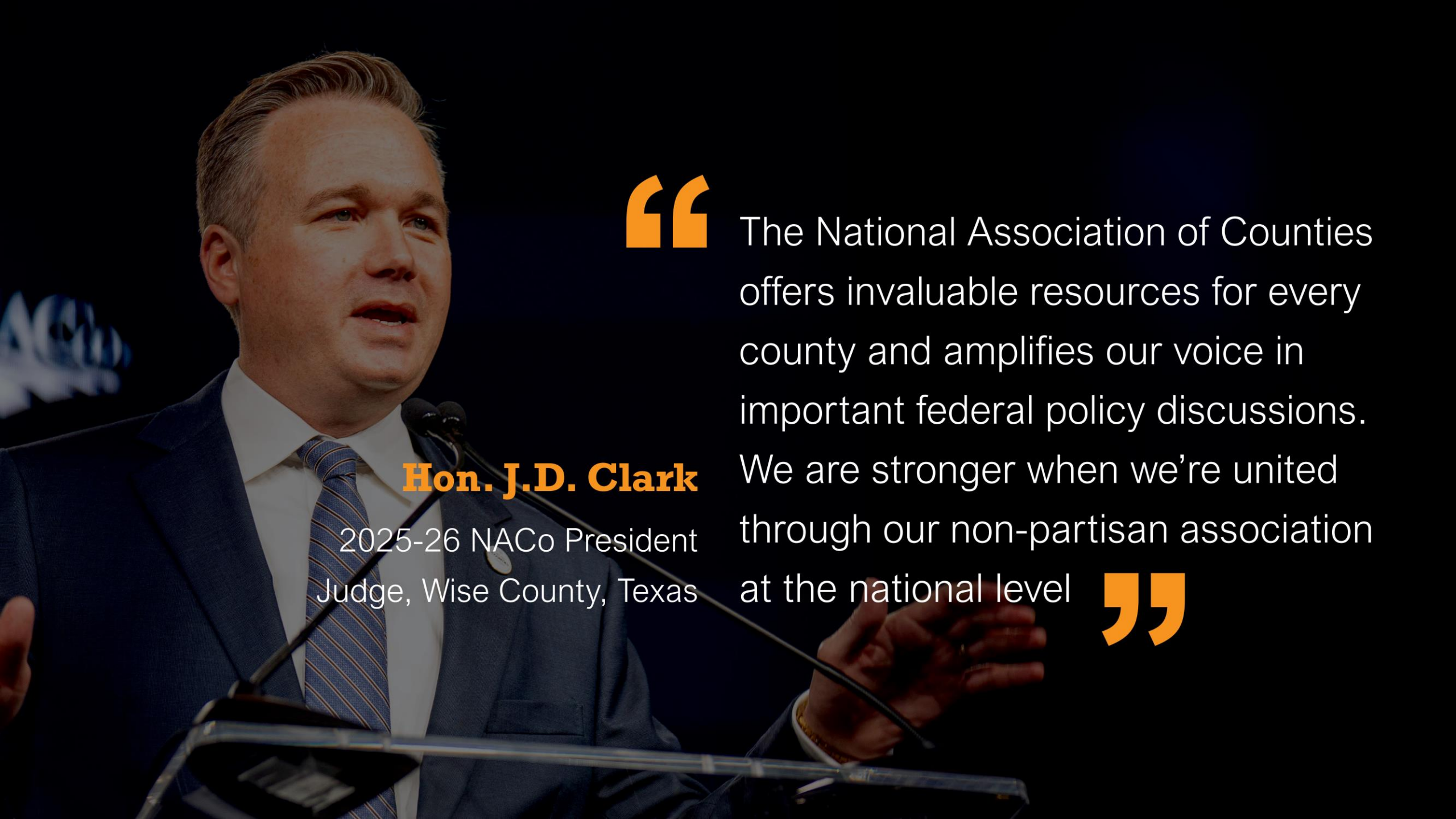




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Judge, Wise County, Texas

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NACo and Iowa Counties: 2026 Highlights

23 Members on NACo's Rural Action Caucus

25 Policy Steering Committee Members

- Transportation (7)
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs (6)
- Justice & Public Safety (3)
- Human Services (3)
- Community, Economic & Workforce Dev. (2)
- Finance (2)
- Energy, Environment & Land Use (1)
- Telecommunications (1)

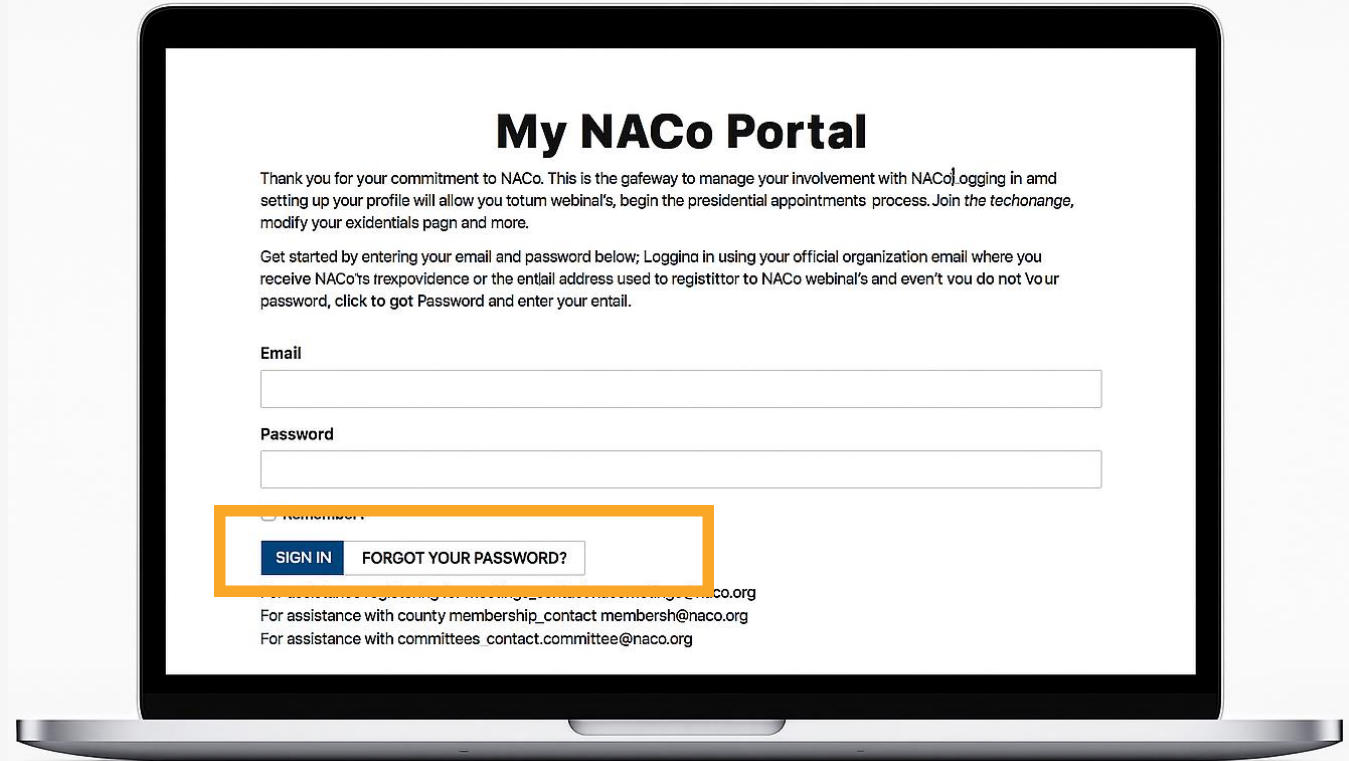
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- **Knowledge:** NACo members receive more information relevant to your county and role serving your community.
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- **County Employee Benefits:** NACo members receive more benefits and resources to strengthen the county workforce and foster civic engagement.
- **Connections:** NACo members are more connected and have strong networks to collaborate, share solutions and exchange resources with.

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feature county best practices, share information on complex topics and enhance coordination with the federal government.



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arrive directly to your county office and inbox, providing policy updates, county-focused resources and local case studies.



County Explorer Displays Over 8,000 Data Points

including economic, transportation and a disaster response profiles for your county.

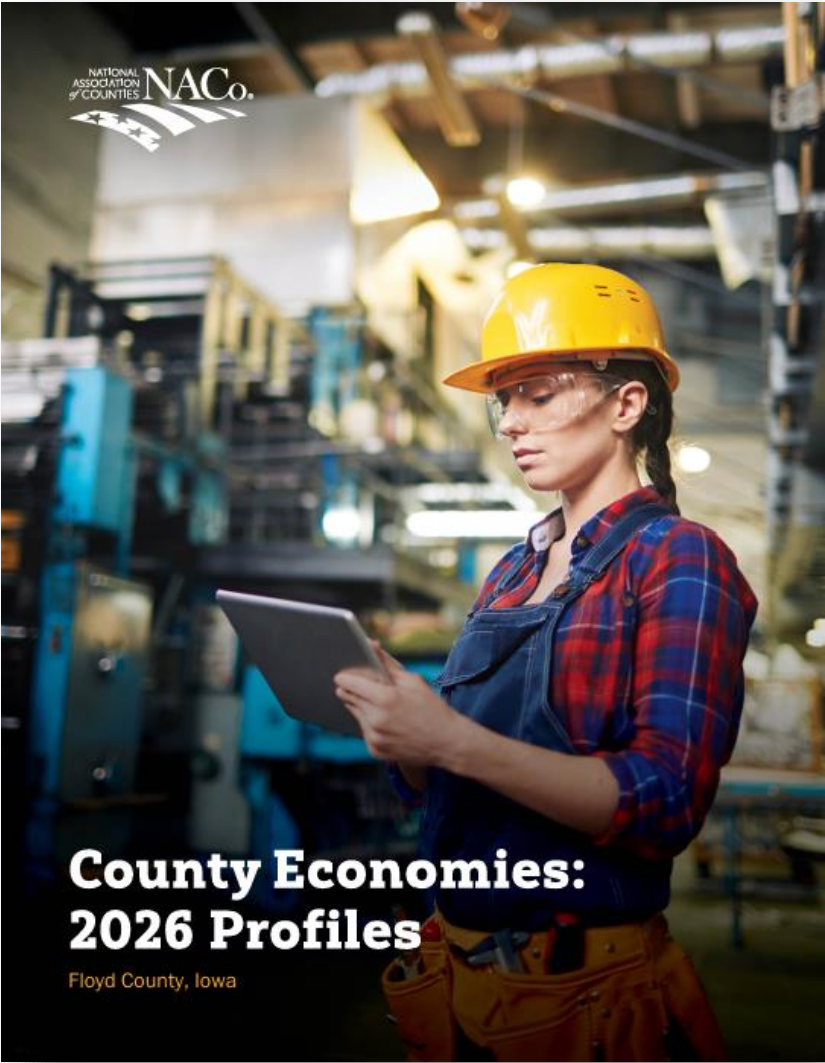
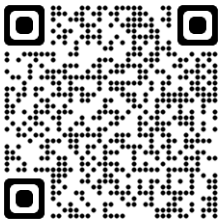


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NACo's County Explorer

Custom Profiles:

- Economic Landscape
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Disaster Declarations



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Commissioner Paul Heimel of Potter County, Pa. represents NACo before the U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on Rural Development

FEDERAL ADVOCACY:

Enhance Intergovernmental Partnerships

Congressional testimonies, advocacy fly-ins, NACo federal agency expo

Shape Federal Policy

Ten policy steering committees create the American County Platform

Protect Local Revenue Sources

Dedicated staff protect revenue sources critical to providing county services, including Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding



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NACo's Policy Platform is Member Driven

Ten Policy Steering Committees

1. Agriculture & Rural Affairs
2. Community, Economic & Workforce Development
3. Environment, Energy & Land Use
4. Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs
5. Health
6. Human Services & Education
7. Justice & Public Safety
8. Public Lands
9. Telecommunications & Technology
10. Transportation



Iowans Involved in NACo's Ten Policy Steering Committees:

Agriculture and Rural Affairs

- Kyle Stecker, Kossuth County; Jack Sayers, Mills County; Barry Anderson, Clay County; Carl Vande Weerd, Sioux County; Richard Crouch, Mills County; Ty Rosburg, Crawford County

Community, Economic and Workforce Development

- Doug Bishop, Jasper County; Lisa Heddens, Story County

Environment, Energy and Land Use

- Carissa Sisson, Franklin County

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs

- Jill Ozuna, Montgomery County; Heidi Goebel, Emmet County

Human Services and Education

- Lynette Jacoby, Johnson County; Jack Seward, Washington County; David Thielen, Linn County

Justice and Public Safety

- Darin Raymond, Plymouth County; Brian Gardner, Linn County; Latifah Faisal, Story County

Telecommunications and Technology

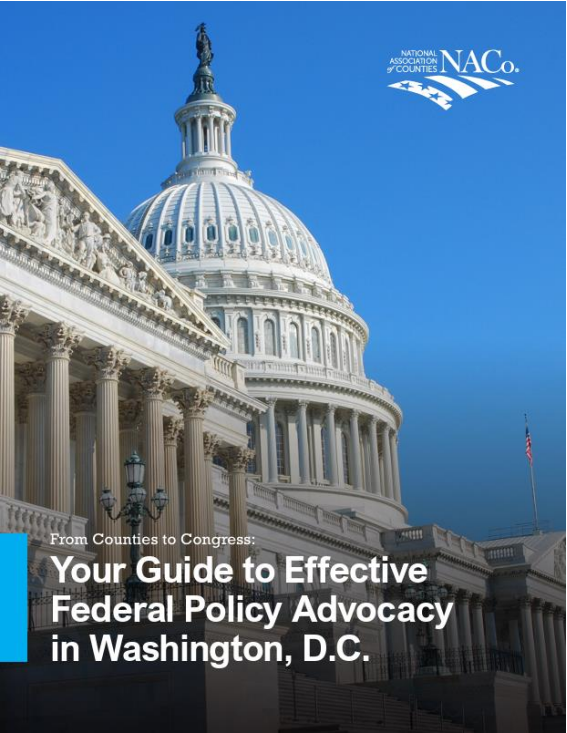
- Al Yu, Black Hawk County

Transportation:

- John Riherd, Butler County; Brian Moore, ICEASB; Andrew McGuire, Keokuk County; Wade Weiss, Greene County; Todd Kinney, Clinton County; Jacob Thorius, Washington County; Jamie Johll, Webster County

Policy Advancement

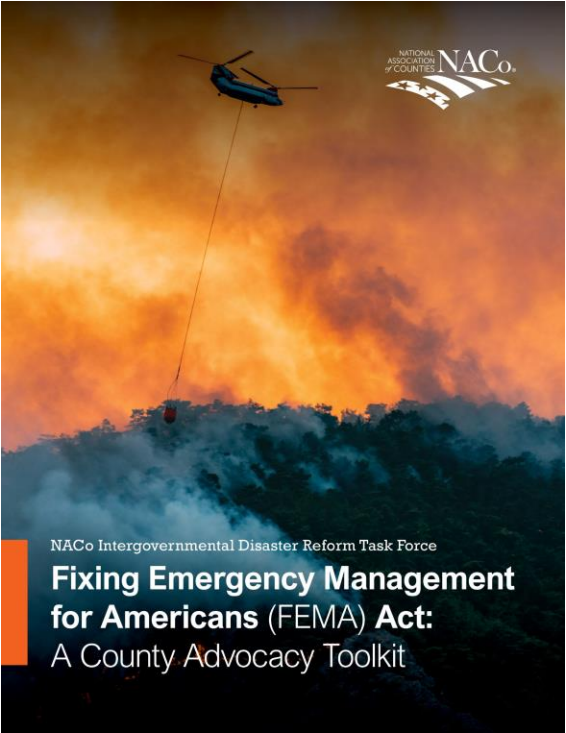
New Advocacy Resources



From Counties to Congress:

Your Guide to Effective Federal Policy Advocacy in Washington, D.C.

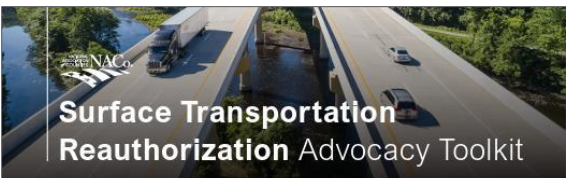




NACo Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force

Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act: A County Advocacy Toolkit





Surface Transportation Reauthorization Advocacy Toolkit

NACo's Surface Transportation Reauthorization Advocacy Toolkit provides county officials with a roadmap to advocate for their county's transportation and infrastructure needs for the next surface transportation reauthorization package. The toolkit highlights successful strategies and best practices to engage with Congress, the Administration and the public on the importance of county infrastructure and the need for direct federal support.

Counties play a major role in our nation's infrastructure network, owning and maintaining 44 percent of our nation's roads and 38 percent of bridges. Understanding this responsibility, county governments invest over \$146 billion into our nation's infrastructure and over \$60 billion into transportation annually. Counties also rely on federal funding to support these vast networks. Under the current surface transportation law, counties and other local governments receive a disproportionately small portion of federal funds. This has left critical infrastructure in continued need of support. The next surface transportation reauthorization provides Congress with the opportunity to balance federal infrastructure spending to ensure that our infrastructure and transportation systems can run smoothly and efficiently.

Our Advocacy Toolkit includes information on how to:

-  **Schedule a Meeting with Your Member of Congress:** How to schedule a meeting and talking points are included in this toolkit.
-  **Write Your Members of Congress:** A sample letter to Congress is included in this toolkit.
-  **Publish a Letter to the Editor or Op-Ed:** A sample Op-Ed along with talking points on the importance of the county infrastructure to help you write your own.
-  **Engage Congress Members on Social Media:** Demonstrate how counties play a key role in owning and maintaining our nation's infrastructure through pictures and stories to encourage Congress to support county priorities in the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. Remember to tag your members of Congress in your social media posts. Sample tweets are provided in this toolkit.



Counties own and maintain **44%** of America's roads. In total, **1.8 million miles** are county owned roads, where the majority of trips both start and end.



Counties own and maintain **38%** of bridges.



Counties invest more than **\$146 billion** into our nation's infrastructure.





Federal Permitting Reform:

What County Leaders Need to Know





Policy Insider

A weekly briefing on federal and
intergovernmental policy.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



Voluntary Health & Retirement Benefits

Public Promise Insurance and Nationwide’s Deferred Compensation Program support county employees, helping counties recruit and retain top talent.



Professional Development & Leadership Networks

foster skill development and topic expertise among county cohorts.



Civic Engagement Resources

educate the greater public on the critical services counties provide and champion the meaningful work of county employees.



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CONNECTIONS:



Regional Forums and Population Caucuses enhance collaboration across counties facing similar challenges



National initiatives, including We Are Counties and Operation Greenlight, bring counties across the country together and uplift the critical role counties play in serving our communities



Innovation councils place members at the front lines of problem solving, engaging technical experts related to community health, disaster resiliency, energy, housing and technology

NACo Initiatives & Cohorts



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Health and Human Services



NACo Guide:
Building Sustainable Childcare Solutions

Counties are uniquely positioned to strengthen local childcare systems by aligning economic development, workforce financing and community partnerships. This guide highlights successful projects developed by counties participating in NACo's Childcare Supply Initiative. It offers practical, field-tested strategies and actionable steps to build sustainable, community-responsive childcare systems.

Five Washington Techniques:

- Establishing governance and a team unity for childcare supply building
- Building cross-sector and employer partnerships
- Blending and leading financing from multiple sources
- Removing regulatory barriers and expediting processes
- Developing the early childhood workforce
- Building accountability and sustainability into programs and policies

Explore the Guide:

- Key strategies to increase childcare supply
- Childcare supply funding mechanisms
- County case profiles
- Scenarios and sample documents

Scan the QR code to access the full NACo Guide on Building Sustainable Childcare Solutions.

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NACo Brief:
Funding Mechanisms for Childcare Supply Building

Counties can strengthen childcare supply by combining funding mechanisms that support long-term infrastructure and periodic and funding changes. Developed as part of NACo's Childcare Supply Initiative, this brief examines options for near- and long-term funding needs.

Federal Programs:

Federal programs can advance child care supply building when aligned with infrastructure, workforce and economic development goals. The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), administered by states, funds childcare assistance and quality improvement. Although not a facilities program, CCDBG can complement local strategies through workforce, quality and system supports.

State Programs and Matching Funds:

Many states offer initiatives of infrastructure and workforce funds through contracts, grants or performance-based incentives. Counties can partner with state agencies or pilots that expand supply or strengthen the childcare workforce.

Strategy in Action:

Warren County, Ohio used workforce development dollars flowing through federal American Job Center to bolster its Child Care and Development Fund system. By redirecting unused workforce funds, the county piloted a Workforce Replenishment Subvention Program with 100 earned scholarships of up to \$10,000 each, effectively addressing childcare access as a workforce barrier through federal dollars.



The Principles Quick Guide to Creating a Competitive RFP Process for Opioid Settlement Funds

The Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Settlement are nationally recognized guidance for states, counties, and cities receiving money from the benefits, agreed entities that contributed to the opioid epidemic. These planning Principles, coordinated by faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, can help jurisdictions create a foundation for effective spending of the money to save lives from overdoses. This guide was adapted from numerous templates, tools, and guidance documents developed by the [Urban Association of Locations](http://TheUrbanAssociation.org/Locations).

Why is an RFP process important to use?

RFP processes promote transparency and fairness by allowing for a variety of applicants from across the substance use continuum of care (prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery) and encouraging innovation and rigor through its competitive nature. Competitive bid processes encourage applicants to include data-driven solutions to address specific local needs. They also allow local governments to outline clear and specific expectations associated with priorities, expected outcomes, and impacts, and reporting requirements. Creating a formalized structure through an RFP can support long-term planning and assist in building public trust.

What is an RFP process?

A competitive RFP is a formal process used by local governments to invite qualified organizations, such as nonprofits, service providers, or community-based agencies, to apply for funding to carry out specific programs or projects. The RFP outlines key details, including the purpose of the funding, eligibility requirements, funding priorities, evaluation criteria, reporting expectations, and submission timelines.

Strategy in Action:

Savannah County, Idaho and the City of McCammon allocated one-time award funding from their FQHC budgets to launch the RFP-led Coalition, a Tri-Blaine pilot that splits childcare costs equally among employers, employees and public funding.

Scan the QR code to access a digital version of this resource.



NACo Brief:
Counties Supporting Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use

Overview:

In the United States, one in five pregnant and postpartum people experience mental health and substance use conditions. As a result, many counties face elevated risks for poor maternal mental health outcomes. "Maternal mental health conditions have significant social implications, reducing the quality of life for both parent and child."

County Route to Maternal Mental Health:

- Deliver public health and behavioral health services for pregnant and postpartum people
- Integrate mental health and substance use treatment within broader health systems
- Lead outreach, education and early identification efforts
- Coordinate cross-agency and support services across agencies
- Address social and structural determinants that affect maternal health outcomes

Key Strategies for Creation:

- Implement coordinated screening processes to identify needs early through healthcare and community touchpoints
- Develop individualized treatment that reflects clinical needs and social circumstances
- Create cross-agency coalitions to align providers, stakeholders and community resources
- Expand access to home-based and mobile services outside traditional settings where they are

Health and Human Services

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Second Cohort:

Public Health Leadership Academy

Virtual and In-person Engagement

Event: January 2027, Washington, D.C.

Applications open Aug. 17 (Deadline Sept. 21)



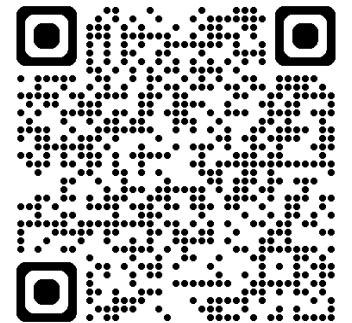
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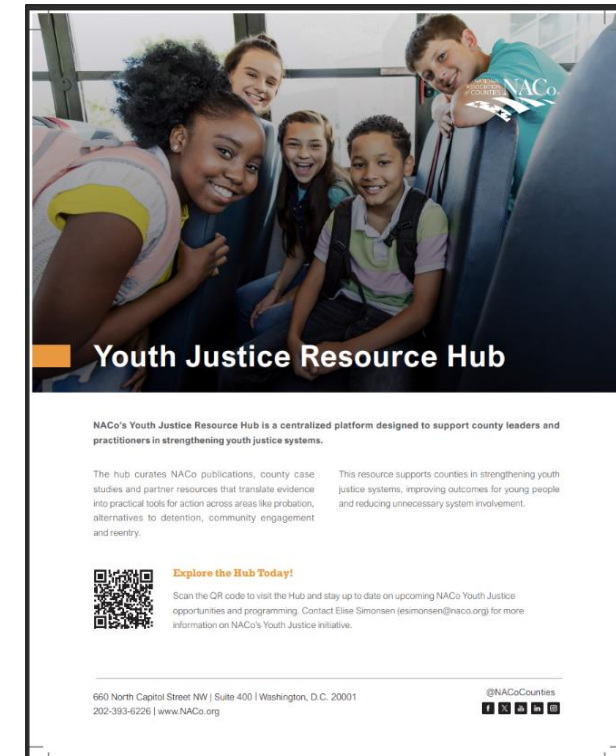
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Behavioral Health and Justice



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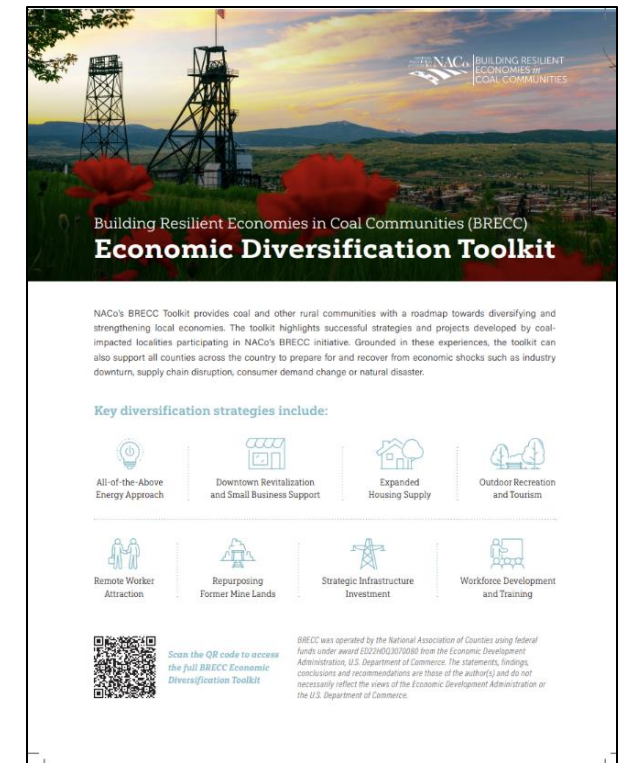
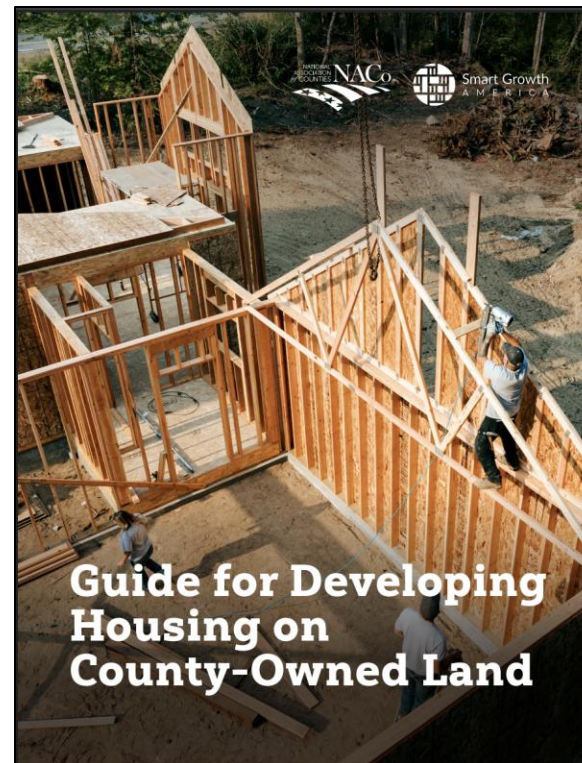
County Law Enforcement Advancing
Recruitment and Retention Cohort

Virtual Engagement

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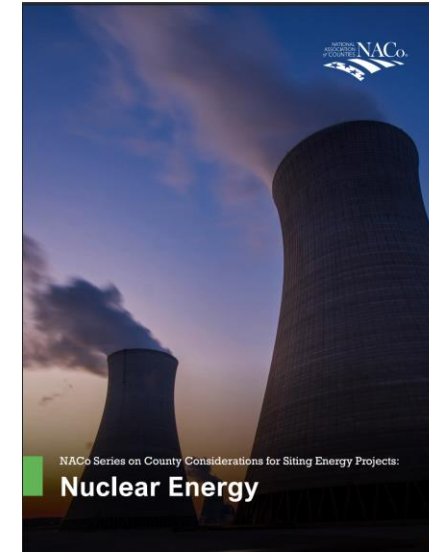
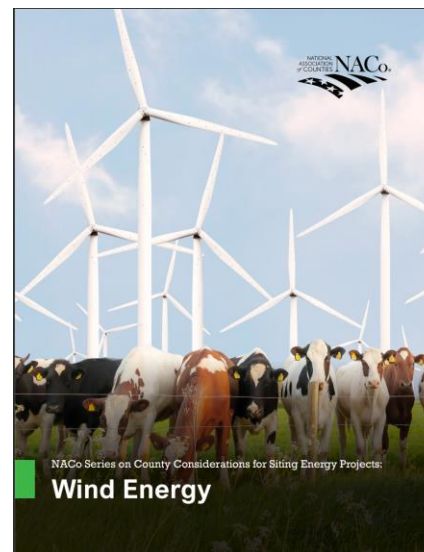
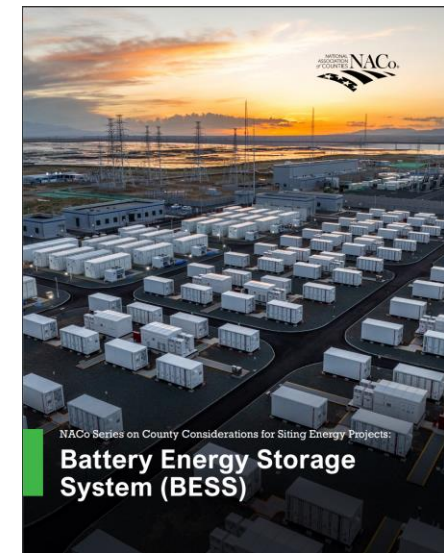
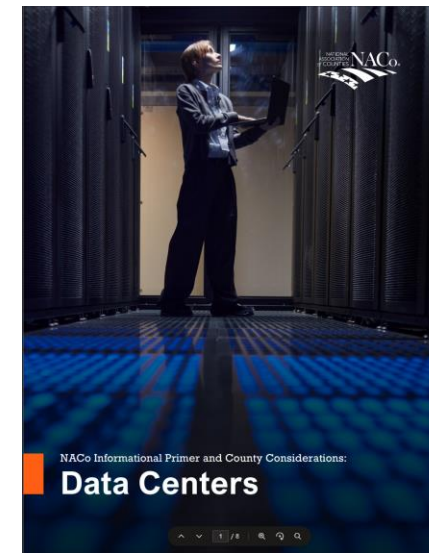
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Small Business Support

Resources and In-Person events
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Environment and Land Use

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Military Communities Network

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Energy Counties Exchange

Online community, repository of local plans, data center ordinances

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NACo Energy Symposium

September 23-25

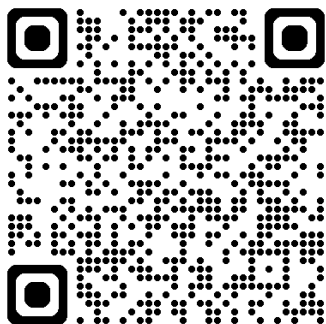
Armstrong, Carson and Potter Counties, Texas

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Peer Exchange: Data Centers

December 2026 in Dorchester County, S.C.

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