



NACA News Update – May 2017

2017 NACo Achievement Awards Announced

For this year's awards, NACo recognized 605 entries from 108 counties in 29 states. 18 counties and organizations won 2017 NACo Best in Category Achievement Awards. 13 of these Best in Category Awards went to counties with NACA members! Congratulations to the all the award-winning counties and NACA members for your achievements! Your leadership contributes to the quality of life in the communities you manage. [Read more here.](#)

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

- The [schedule of events](#) is now developing for the [2017 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition](#) being held in Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio, from **July 21 - 24, 2017**. [Register here.](#)
- The 2017 ICMA Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio/Bexar County, Texas, from **October 22-25**. [Click here to learn more and stay up to date with developments.](#) With the generous support of ICMA-RC, **NACA is pleased to offer the Tom Lundy Scholarship** to a NACA member attending the ICMA Annual Conference for the first time. The scholarship will include complimentary registration and a \$1,500 travel stipend. **Deadline to apply: June 30, 2017.** [Find more scholarship opportunities here.](#)

NACA Member in the News

Last month, we featured Hannes Zacharias, NACA Vice President and County Manager, Johnson County, Kansas, who was named the 2017 Outstanding Public Administrator by the Kansas chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. [Click here to read more about this featured member.](#)

If you or another NACA member have been featured in the news, whether locally or nationally, in print or online, let us know at NACA@icma.org so that we can share your accomplishments and stories with your colleagues.

Apply for NACo Presidential Committee Appointments

NACo welcomes county administrators and managers to join committees! The application period for the 2017-2018 NACo presidential committee appointments is now open. If you are interested in joining a NACo policy steering committee, or being appointed as Chair or Vice Chair of any NACo committee, a member of the NACo standing committees, ad-hoc committees, or task forces, please apply **by June 2, 2017**. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

The Latest Research from SLGE

The latest research from our friends at the Center for State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE), “Public Pension Reporting and Disclosure: The Current State of Practice and Examples of What Works Well,” examines the reporting practices of eighty-three of the largest statewide pension plans and offers case studies of five pension systems that provide lessons learned for how to effectively communicate relevant information. [Access the full report here.](#)

Public Safety: There are Apps for That

State and local governments across the country are increasingly utilizing smartphone technologies to improve public safety. A few examples recently highlighted in the news include apps that help first responders locate callers, alert CPR certified individuals of a nearby medical emergency, and help residents prepare for and monitor wildfires. [Read more here.](#)

Cybersecurity: New Data and Resources

ICMA, in partnership with the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) surveyed CIOs about cybersecurity practices, related issues, and barriers. [Check out their findings and access additional resources here.](#)

Help NACo Develop Performance Indicator Research

What are the key performance indicators that your county uses to benchmark its performance over time and against its peers? NACo is interested in collecting performance indicators that county managers use for benchmarking. Please, send any materials or links you have available to research@naco.org. This will help NACo to identify a core group of performance indicators that most counties use for benchmarking.

ICMA Seeks Help to Save Community Development Block Grants

A federal budget proposal would cut the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Join ICMA in the [#SaveCDBG](#) Campaign and help preserve community block grants for the communities that need it most. Here's how you can help:

- Share photos on social media demonstrating how your local government has used CDBG funds with the hashtag [#SaveCDBG](#).
- Reach out to your local representative urging them to preserve the CDBG program.
- Tag [@ICMA](#) on social media! They want to share your stories with their community of followers, and Congress directly.

They hope that leveraging the local government community will help put a stop to CDBG's elimination. [Learn more here.](#)