



NACA News Update – September 2017

“Local government had its chance to shine and it did.”

These words, shared by ICMA President Lee Feldman in the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma, articulate the tireless efforts of local government officials, many of whom are NACA members, who were demonstrative of strong and comforting leadership in a time of crisis and uncertainty. They worked around the clock to prepare and inform their communities and continue to work to heal their communities in the aftermath of these natural disasters.

Local governments from around the country have been sending assistance, many sending first responders and crews to help restore power to the areas struggling to reconnect their electricity. Please, reach out to your colleagues to see what you can do to help.

Sign Up for a New NACA Service

NACA is partnering with eCivis to develop a new professional development service, the NACA Registry. This service will make it possible for NACA members to easily network and ask for assistance from fellow members. The service is on track to launch by late October.

If you would like to get in on the ground floor and be one of the first users of this program, please contact NACA@icma.org with your contact information and eCivis will provide further information.

Top Three Upcoming Grants for Local Governments, Plus the Importance of Planning Ahead

NACA partnered with The Ferguson Group and eCivis to host a webinar on how to prepare for three federal grant opportunities expected to be released in the coming months. The webinar also covered the importance of annually preparing a calendar of priority grants for your community and how planning ahead can boost your community's grants success.

The featured top three grants were:

- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grants (TIGER)
- Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)
- Brownfields Assessment Grants

[Click here to access the materials from this event](#) and the recording, in case you were unable to participate.

2017 ICMA Annual Conference: What's Happening in Your County?

Share topics you would like to discuss during the Idea Exchange in Bexar County/San Antonio, Texas by email at NACA@icma.org or tweet us [@NACA_ICMA](#). Below is the current of schedule of NACA events. [Check here](#) for full session details [Register here](#) and [see the full schedule of events](#) for the ICMA Annual Conference.

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Board Meeting | Sunday, October 22 | 8:30am to 11am | 214 C |
| County Administrators' Idea Exchange | Monday, October 23 | 12:45pm to 2:45pm | 224 |
| SESSIONS LED BY NACA MEMBERS | | | |
| ICMA University Workshops: Process Mapping: A Hands-On Class to Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness | Saturday, October 21 | 8:30am to 12noon | 225 C |
| Special Event: Assistants' Luncheon - There Is No One Way to the Top: A Look into the Career Jungle Gym | Monday, October 23 | 11:15am to 12:30pm | 301 ABC |
| Educational Session: Manager- Proofing Your Relationship | Monday, October 23 | 12:45pm to 2pm | 304 ABC |
| Educational Session: Preventing a Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Crisis through Integrated Treatment | Monday, October 23 | 2:30pm to 3:40pm | Hemisfair C3 |
| Educational Session: Long-Term Forecasts for Counties and Cities: They Work! | Tuesday, October 24 | 11am to 12:15pm | 302 ABC |
| Educational Session: Your Town's Not Too Small to Plan | Tuesday, October 24 | 3:30pm to 4:40pm | 217 ABC |

Coming Soon: SLGE's Retirement (In)Security Summit

The Center for State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE) will host a free summit on Monday, October 2, from 12 noon to 4:30 pm at 660 North Capitol Street, NW, in Washington, D.C. As the population ages, retirement security issues have become a growing concern for state and local governments. Join SLGE for a free Retirement (In)Security Summit to explore the implications of changing

demographics, pension and health benefit trends and issues, and strategies for boosting retirement savings. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

NACo Counties Futures Lab Releases Citizen Buy-In Report

The new NACo [Counties Futures Lab](#) report, "[How to Gain Citizen Buy-In](#)," examines how counties can better engage their citizens on bond proposals, budgets and other key initiatives through messaging, social media and other outreach strategies.

The Opportunity Project, from our Friends at eCivis

The White House Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Commerce, along with various Federal agencies is collaborating with eCivis to develop digital tools to help local leaders maximize Federal financial assistance for their communities. Your input in this is critical to the process and will help us develop the best tool we can. [Click here to learn more](#).

Call for Nominations for ICMA Executive Board Service

If you are interested in serving the profession and ICMA as a Regional Vice President, please visit the [Nominations & Elections page](#). The deadline for statements of interest and candidate materials is December 1, 2017.

Counties Offer Fellowships to Veterans

Sponsored by ICMA, the Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship (VLGMF) is a program that offers veterans the opportunity to gain public sector experience, certifications, and professional support. Pueblo County and El Paso County, both in Colorado, are now sponsoring fellows from this program. [Read more here](#).