

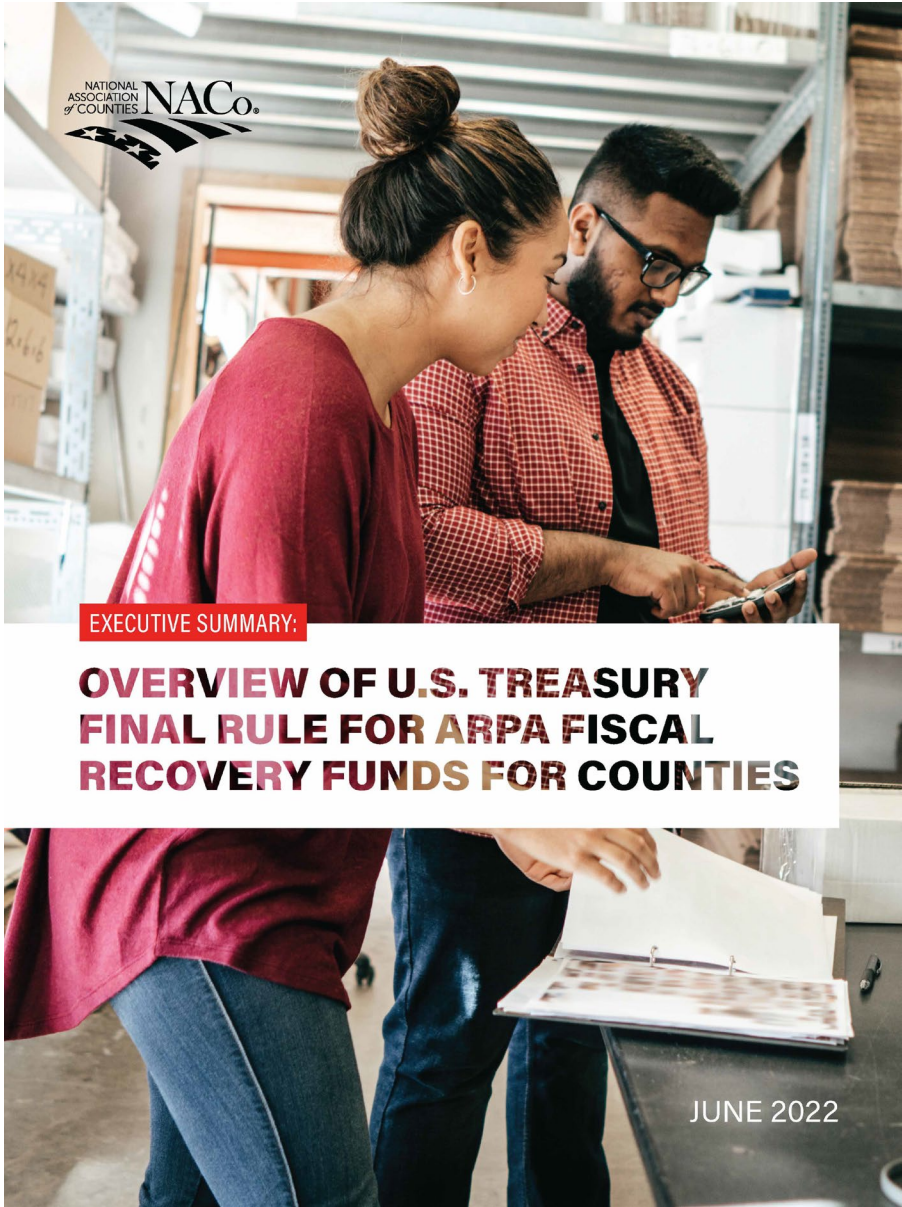
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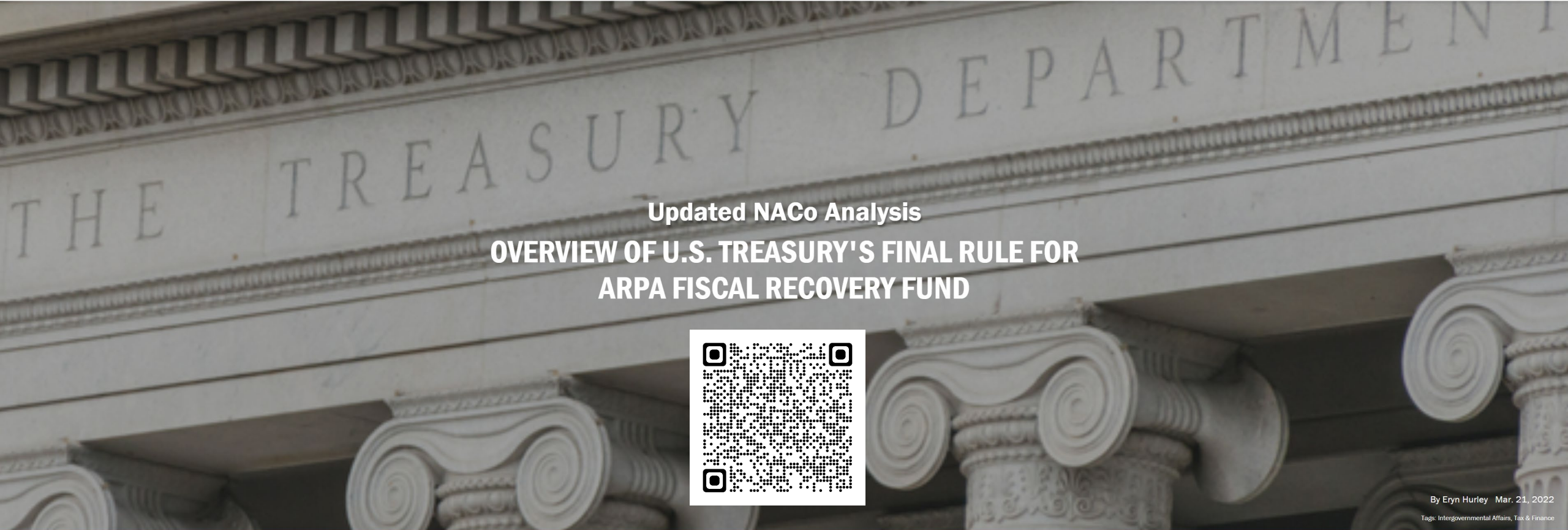
**OVERVIEW OF U.S. TREASURY
FINAL RULE FOR ARPA FISCAL
RECOVERY FUNDS FOR COUNTIES**

JUNE 2022

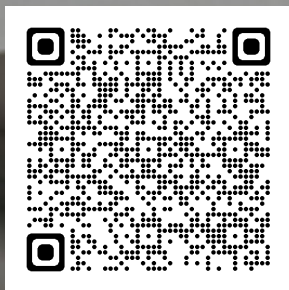


AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT:

**CORONAVIRUS
STATE & LOCAL FISCAL
RECOVERY FUND
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Updated NACo Analysis OVERVIEW OF U.S. TREASURY'S FINAL RULE FOR ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUND



By Eryn Hurley Mar. 21, 2022
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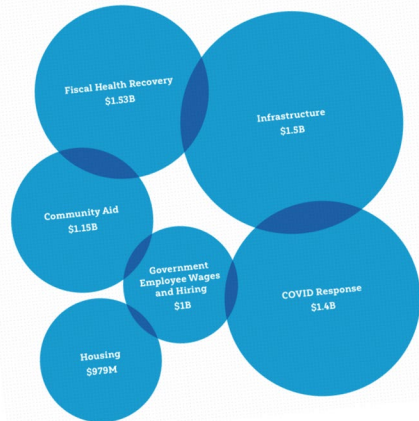
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ARPA Impact Report:

AN ANALYSIS OF HOW COUNTIES ARE ADDRESSING NATIONAL ISSUES WITH LOCAL INVESTMENTS

TOP SPENDING CATEGORIES FOR COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS 250,000 AND ABOVE



SMALL COUNTIES

2,137 counties received \$30 million or less from the Recovery Fund, totaling approximately **\$7.8 BILLION.**

DISTRIBUTION

All counties received \$85.1 billion in direct funding. Individual counties were allocated between **\$32,800 AND \$1.95 BILLION** from the Recovery Fund.*

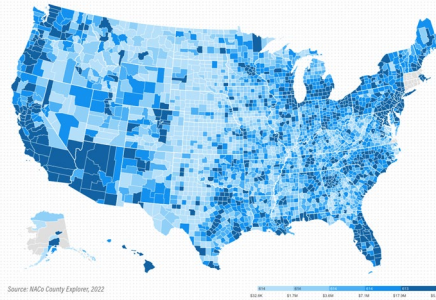
LARGE COUNTIES

Counties with populations greater than 1 million have a combined total allocation of approximately **\$23.7 BILLION.**

*This allocation excludes New York City

CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Total County Allocation (includes consolidated funds)



Source: NACo County Explorer, 2022

Impact Summary

Through county investment, Recovery Funds, are impacting resident's lives across the nation. Counties are tackling national issues through local investments across health and human services, workforce training and apprenticeship programs, infrastructure and housing affordability initiatives. To address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, counties are responding to critical resident needs and investing in foundational initiatives that will strengthen localities for generations.

THROUGH THE RECOVERY FUND, COUNTIES ARE:



Strengthening America's Workforce

- Expanding high-quality child care in regional child care deserts
- Multiplying the number of trainees in infrastructure apprenticeships
- Providing career training for those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic

Addressing the Nation's Behavioral Health Crisis

- Adding specialized units to support pretrial individuals with mental illnesses/substance use disorders
- Bridging the gap between urban and rural mental health services
- Establishing behavioral health crisis centers and assessing current gaps in service

Reinforcing Public Health Preparedness

- Hiring community health workers to support the ongoing COVID response
- Increasing public health nurse capacity in public schools
- Upgrading county filtration systems to support a safe return to work

Veterans' Support

Counties are assisting our nation's veterans and their families by providing housing placement services, employment training and expanded health support, ensuring that those who have served in the military have access to assistance and providing COVID-19 impact mitigation.



- Population: 20K
- Census Region: West

Deschutes County, Ore. is developing a "Veterans' Village" to provide 15 transitional housing units for veterans experiencing hardship and homelessness.

The Veterans' Village is a community for veteran residents, alongside behavioral and physical health services, social services, employment training, skill building and housing placement. There is a central building with a kitchen, case management offices, laundry and more. The project is a result of public-private and intergovernmental partnerships and has already had veterans "graduate" from the village to move into more permanent housing.

- Population: 75K
- Census Region: West

San Joaquin County, Calif. is incentivizing landlords to provide 30+ veterans experiencing homelessness with housing.

On any given night, there are approximately 140 veterans living in shelters and on the streets of San Joaquin County. The county is allocating over \$200,000 in Recovery Funds to provide support for veteran residents such as security deposit assistance for new renters, unit repairs, utility assistance, application fees, vacancy loss payments and a one-time leasing bonus. The county is also financing a landlord liaison, a dedicated phone line and two housing navigators. Although financial incentives are an important strategy to help mitigate the risks of leasing to unsheltered clients, the nonfinancial incentives (such as expanded staff support) are equally important to promote landlord participation and help veterans find stable housing.

- Population: 125K
- Census Region: West

Missoula County, Mont. is constructing new apartments for the Housing Montana Heroes program to provide housing for 20+ veterans experiencing homelessness.

The Poverello Center in Missoula County has provided low-cost and transitional housing for years. The demand for these facilities is high and space is often full. To support these efforts, the county is allocating \$600,000 in Recovery Funds for the Poverello Center Housing Montana Heroes program to both rehabilitate and build new apartments for unsheltered veterans. The apartments will serve as non-congregate transitional housing and provide veterans with more wraparound supports.

ADDRESSING THE NATION'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS

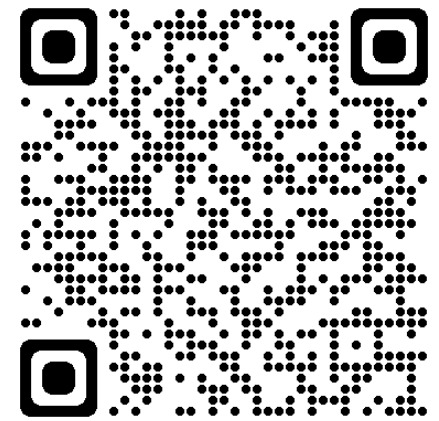


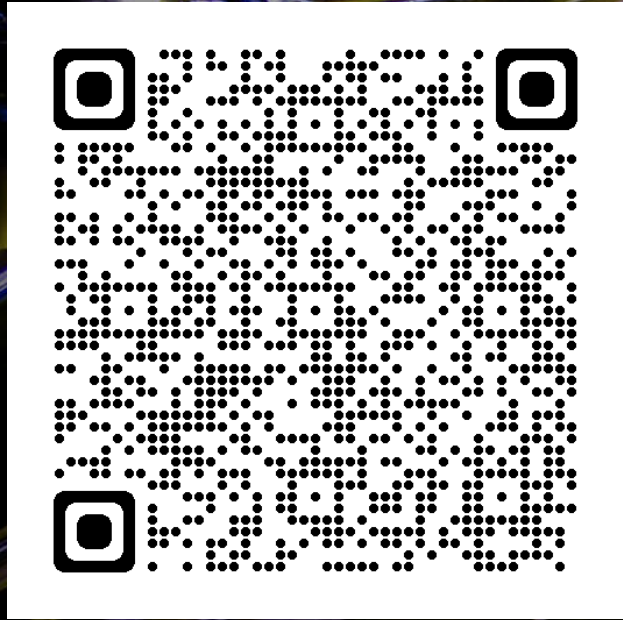
Counties are utilizing Recovery Funds to improve the lives of Americans, expand mental health services and meet the moment in the national need for local crisis centers. America's 3,069 counties are integral to the nation's behavioral health system. Through behavioral health authorities and community providers, county governments plan and operate community-based services for persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders. In 40 states plus the District of Columbia, there is at least one mental health facility operated by a regional/district authority or county, local or municipal government.

「UNTOLD STORIES」

Join NACo's **Untold Stories** campaign to highlight the human impact of county services

Visit [NACo.org/UntoldStories](https://www.naco.org/UntoldStories) to submit your story and access resources to engage local your audience, including a letter to the editor template, a media relations guide, social media templates and more.

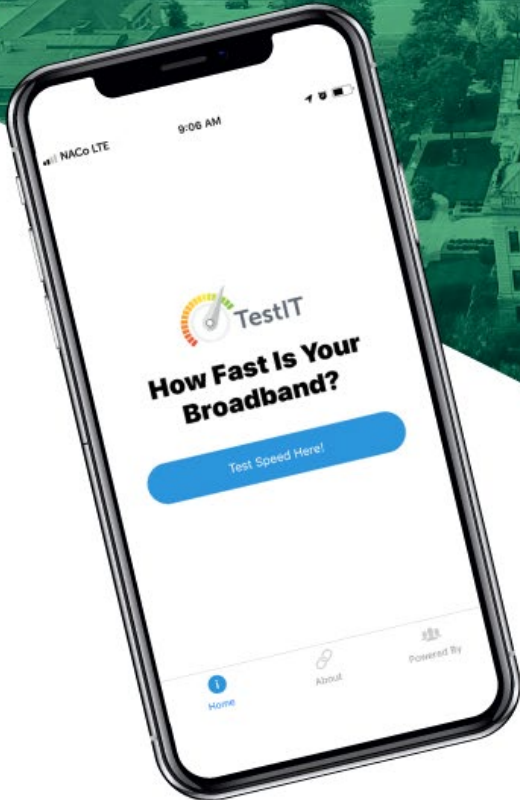




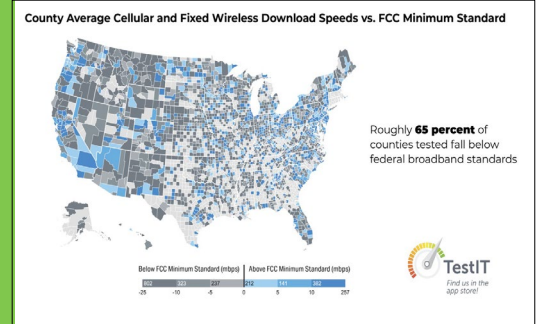
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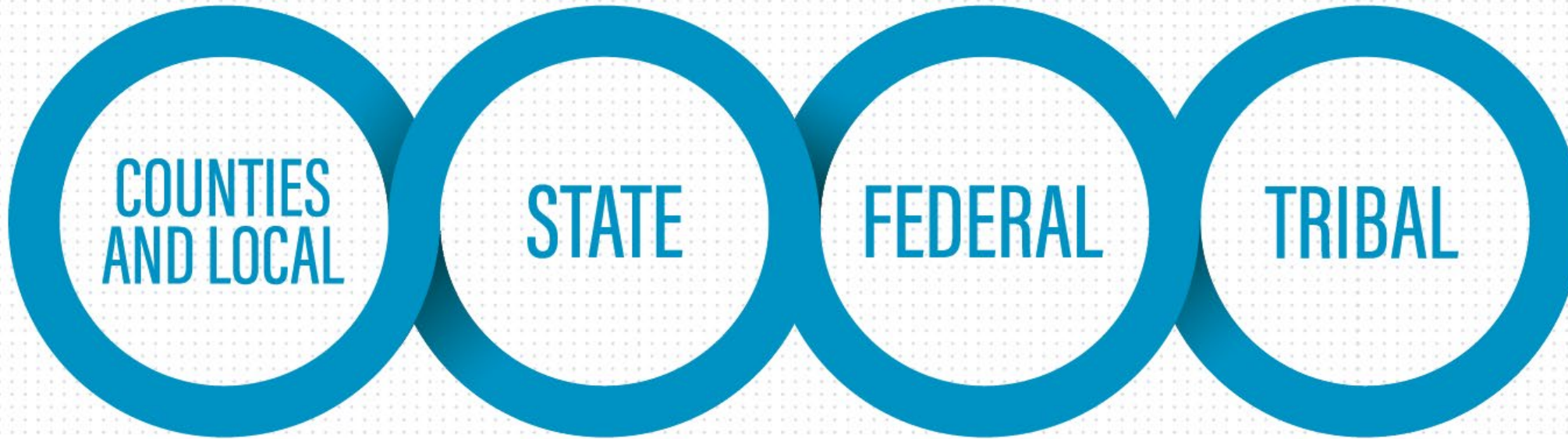


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ROLE OF NACo & AMERICA'S COUNTIES IN OUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

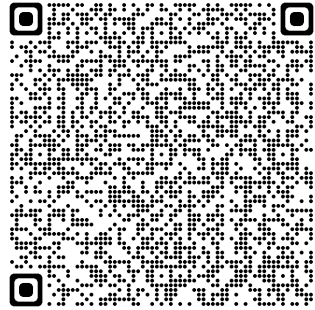


Under America's form of federalism, the **intergovernmental system is about the balance, division and sharing of power and responsibilities** between levels of government.

Light it green to welcome America's veterans home



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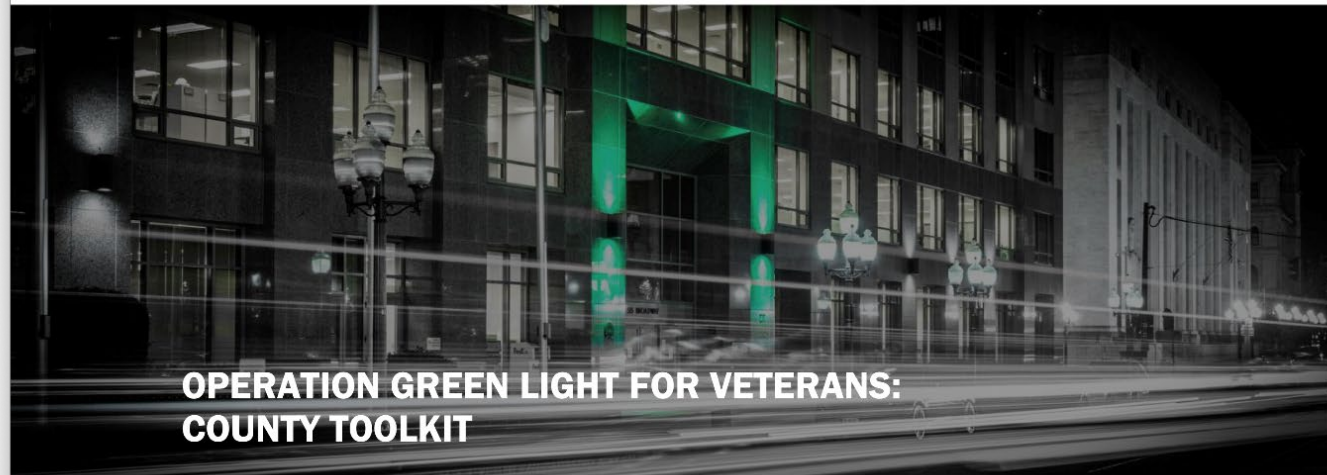


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America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in our communities have access to the resources they need to thrive.

COUNTIES MATTER FOR VETERANS

America's counties are home to 17.5 million veterans, and we are deeply invested in veterans' health and well-being, often serving as a veteran's first point of contact in the community for accessing services. Counties support



OPIOID SOLUTIONS CENTER

Reports & Toolkits Behavioral Health Health Justice & Public Safety Opioid Epidemic

Through the Opioid Solutions Initiative, NACo empowers local leaders to invest resources in effective treatment, recovery, prevention and other public health practices that save lives and address the underlying causes of substance use disorder.

Brief History of the 2022 Opioid Settlements

Multi-district litigation (MDL) between states and opioid manufacturers and distributors

To resolve their liabilities in 3,000+ lawsuits nationwide, opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (\$5 billion) and the "big three" distributors McKesson, Amerisource Bergen and Cardinal Health (\$21 billion) offer a \$26 billion settlement.

Deadline: 90% of eligible counties, cities surrender individual suits and join their state agreements, increasing the base payout by about 50%.

First payments expected.

Jul 2021 Aug 2021 Jan 2022 Feb 2022 Jul 2022

Jul 2021: Participating states are entitled to about half of the offered (base) payout. To unlock the full amount, states must convince counties, cities to surrender individual suits and join their state agreements.

Aug 2021: **Deadline:** 46 states confirm participation in the MDL (Ala., Okla., Wash., and W.Va. elect not to participate).

Feb 2022: **Deadline:** Defendants agree MDL has reached critical mass, finalize the \$26 billion settlement.



OPIOID SOLUTIONS

Empowering local leaders to leverage opioid settlement funds and other resources for effective treatment, recovery, prevention and other public health practices that save lives and address the underlying causes of substance use disorder.

NACo's Opioid Solutions Initiative features

Opioid Solutions Center

A web-based resource center for best practices and case examples related to addressing opioid and substance use disorder

Leadership Network

A national network of county officials focused on reducing overdose deaths and addressing substance use disorder in their communities

NACo will begin accepting applications to the Opioid Solutions Leadership Network in September 2022.





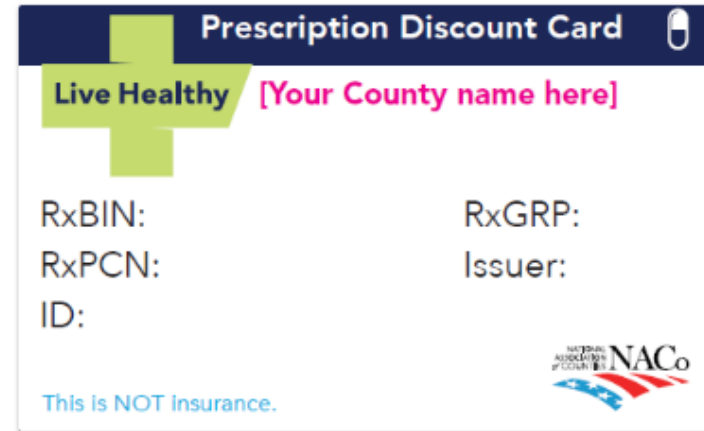
The new and improved Live Healthy Discount Program

More than savings – it's helping build healthier lives.

WITH NACo, SAVING FEELS BETTER

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Live Healthy Prescription, Health & Dental Discount Program is a NO-COST program available to all member counties. It provides relief to uninsured and underinsured Americans who face growing health costs offering three ways to save:

- **Prescription Drug Discount Card** - Provides savings up to 80%* on generics and up to 40%* on brand-name prescription medications for residents and their pets
- **Health Discount Program** - Includes a 24/7 telemedicine service and access to discounts on vision care, LASIK & PRK vision procedures, hearing aids & screenings, prepaid lab work, prepaid diagnostic imaging and diabetic supplies*
- **Dental Discount Program** - Discounts on most dental procedures, including check-ups, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, root canals, extractions and dentures*
- **MinuteClinic Savings** - Save 15% at the medical walk-in clinic located in select CVS Pharmacy and Target Stores using the Live Healthy Prescription Discount Card*



Since 2004, nearly 1,300 counties, parishes and boroughs joined, saving residents over \$713 million over 51 million prescriptions. The Live Healthy Program is NOT insurance.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID AND NACo

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

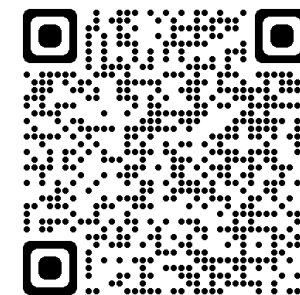
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), a skills-based training administered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges in their peers, friends and colleagues.

To help the National Association of Counties (NACo) realize its vision of creating healthy, safe and vibrant counties across America, the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and NACo are partnering to offer crucial MHFA trainings to county employees and the communities they serve. The National Council-NACo partnership will support elected officials and county staff, who are asking for help with their own mental health and wellbeing. And, by extension, create a framework for counties to destigmatize mental health and substance use issues as they provide community residents with more equitable access to quality mental health and substance use treatment services.

LEARN MORE

To learn more about mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, visit MentalHealthFirstAid.org or email MHFA_NACo@TheNationalCouncil.org.

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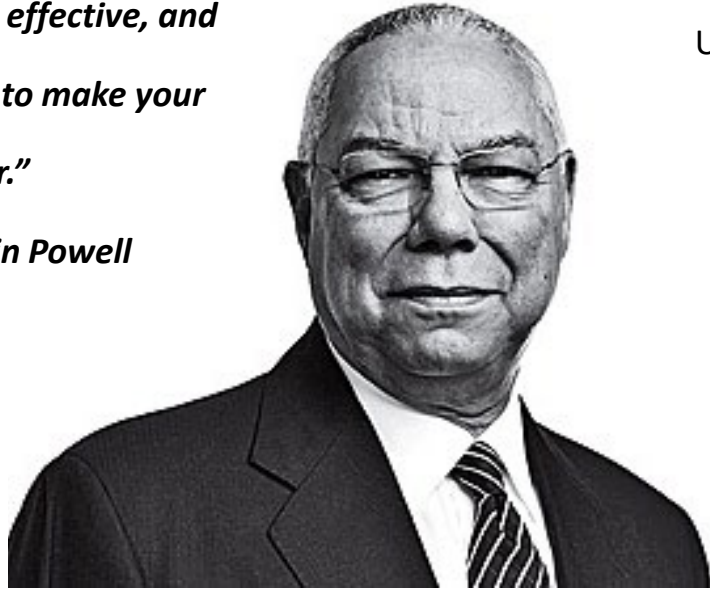


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- General Colin Powell



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ACTION LEARNING

Develops tomorrow’s leaders through structured combination of proven theory, action learning and practical application.

“This is not your typical leadership course where the same theories and doctrines are being repeated over and over. This course bridges the gap between the public and private sector in a way that I've not seen before when it comes to molding a leader. And the networking and collaboration with fellow peers in the public sector is invaluable!” – County Emergency Manager

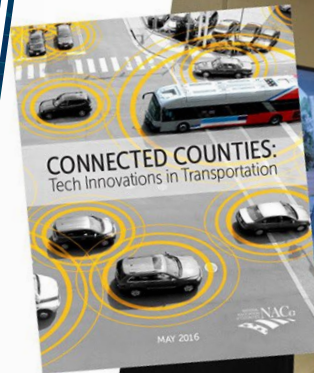


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NACo Technology Guides FOR COUNTY LEADERS

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A New Quarterly Exercise
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Familiar Faces Initiative: Improving Outcomes through Coordinated Health & Justice Systems

The Familiar Faces Initiative empowers communities to share data and integrate care options between health and justice systems so they can intervene earlier, improve outcomes and reduce incarceration and hospitalization rates.



The Stepping Up Initiative

In May 2015, NACo and partners at the CSG Justice Center and APA Foundation launched Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails.



Resilient Counties Initiative

The NACo Resilient Counties Initiative builds leadership capacity to identify and manage risk, and prepare counties to become more flexible and responsive to system shocks and stresses. It has a holistic approach to resilience, examining social and economic resilience, sustainability and disaster management.



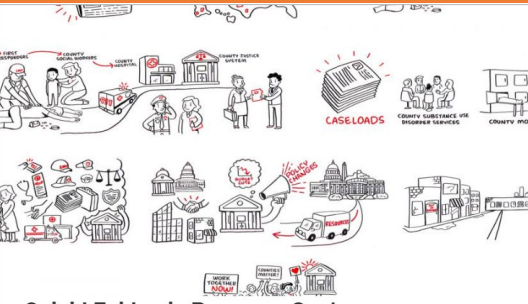
Economic Mobility Leadership Network

The Economic Mobility Leadership Network (EMLN) is a NACo cohort of county leaders that facilitates and incubates county-specific discussion and problem-solving on issues of economic mobility and helps county leaders identify and assess their current barriers to mobility and share scalable and transferable programs across the country.



Early Childhood

Counties not only play a pivotal role in building thriving communities for an estimated 16 million children ages birth to three across the United States, but also invest in core policies and services that help to shape early childhood systems.



Opioid Epidemic Resource Center

Counties are on the frontline of ensuring the health and safety of our residents affected by this crisis.

CountyNews

Crisis in West Virginia's Coal Counties

By Gavin A. Hart Oct. 17, 2016



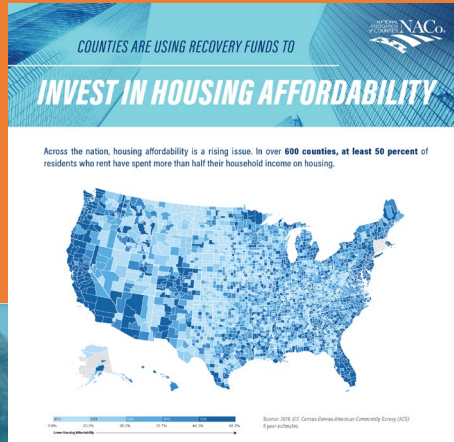
NACo provides technical assistance to counties impacted by the coal industry downturn

The collapse of coal usage and prices has created financial crisis for West Virginia coal counties. The 38 percent decline in West Virginia coal production coupled with a 71 percent decline in prices since 2008 has emptied the coffers of counties who have for decades relied on income from coal taxes. The same forces have left state government with its own crisis and unable to aid the counties' distress.

Following Wyoming, West Virginia is the nation's second largest producer of coal. Most of that coal has fed the boilers of electric power plants. From 1.96 million tons in 2008, production fell to 102 million in 2015. Projections show a further decline in 2016 to 95 million, which would push the decline to 42 percent. Since 2011, prices for West Virginia coal fell from \$139 a ton to \$40. Direct employment in the mines has declined by 35 percent.

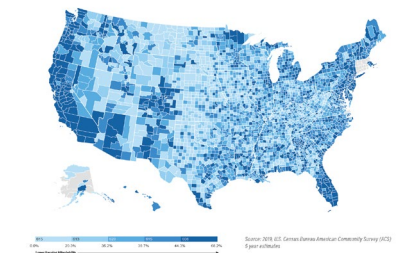
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COUNTIES ARE USING RECOVERY FUNDS TO INVEST IN HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Across the nation, housing affordability is a rising issue. In over 600 counties, at least 50 percent of residents who rent have spent more than half their household income on housing.



Creative Placemaking Toolkit for Counties

The Creative Counties Placemaking Initiative supports counties as they work to identify and strengthen ways to integrate arts into solutions to local challenges.



Transforming County Human Services Network

Counties Matter in Human Services There are over 257,000 county human services employees across the country delivering vital services to our nation's most vulnerable populations.

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