

News Brief

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Supreme Court Safeguards the County Role in Federal **Elections Administration**

The Supreme Court's decision to reject the independent State Legislature theory in the landmark *Moore v. Harper* decision will preserve the ability of counties to set rules and make decisions about federal elections. **MORE**

Supreme Court Expands Employers' Obligation to Provide Religious Accommodations for Workers

All employers, including county governments, must now accommodate religious accommodations as long as they do not impose "substantial increased costs." MORE

USDA Rural Development, Business Programs Grant Writing Workshops

For small businesses, solar providers, county and city administrators, nonprofits, tribal entities, and farmers to learn participate in a free grant writing workshop about the:

 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and Rural Business **Development Grant (RBDG)** Program.

Roswell

ENMU Roswell campus OTC 124 Seminar Room

20 W. Mathis St. Roswell, NM 88203

REAP: July 17th, 1:00 - 5:00 RBDG: July 18th, 8:00 - 12:00

Las Cruces

Workforce Center 2345 Nevada Ave., Las Cruces,

NM 88001

REAP: July 19th, 8:00 - 12:00 RBDG: July 19th, 1:00 - 5:00

<u>Albuquerque</u>

USDA - Rural Development 100 Sun Ave. NE, Suite

Albuquerque, NM 87109

REAP: August 8th, 1:00 - 5:00 RBDG: August 9th, 8:00 - 12:00

Las Vegas

Luna Community College 366 Luna Drive Las Vegas, NM 87701 REAP: August 10th, 9:00 -

12:00

RBDG: August 10th, 1:00 - 4:00

Farmington

Quality Center for Business 4601 College

Boulevard

Farmington, NM 87402

REAP: September 12th, 12:00 - 5:00 RBDG: September 13th, 8:00 - 12:00



Operation Green Light for Veterans is Back November 6-12, 2023

Once again this Veterans Day, NACo and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers invite all counties to join Operation Green Light, showing support for veterans by lighting your building green from November 6-12. By shining a green light, county governments and your residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. Visit NACo's county participation toolkit for a resolution template, sample press releases, social media graphics, and more.

Tue Jul 11 Webinar: NACo Supreme Court Review for Local Governments: 2022-2023 Term: <u>Cohosted by the National League of Cities</u> 11am-Noon MDT

Tue Jul 11 Webinar: NACo Making Sense of AI for **Government** 11am-Noon MDT

\$675M in Broadband Funding **Allocated to New Mexico**

Federal money is part of \$45.5B spread out nationally

The money comes from a federal program that was part of a massive infrastructure law thatPresident Joe Biden signed into law in 2021. The law will send \$550 billion across the nation to build roads, bridges, water infrastructure and other projects. like broadband expansion.

When choosing projects, the state will focus on unserved and underserved communities, educational institutions, health care facilities and tribal lands.

There are also stark differences between rural and urban residents in the state. For example, 99% of Los Alamos County residents and 98% of Bernalillo County residents have access to 100 megabits persecond quality service. Conversely, no one in Catron County has access to that level of service and just 1% of Luna County residents, 1.2% of Socorro County residents, and 7% of people in Hidalgo County have access to high-quality broadband, according to Broadband Now. ~ABQJ



Link to NMC 2023 Annual Meetings Calendar Link to Loss Prevention 2023 Trainings Calendar &

Tue Jul 18–19 LP Suicide Prevention Training **Curry County**

Fri Jul 21–24 NACo Annual Conference Travis County, Austin, TX

Thu Aug 3-4 Thu NMC New Board Orientation 10am, Code of Conduct Noon, Legislative Initiatives Review 2pm, Fri Board meeting 8:30am Eddy County, Carlsbad

Wed Aug 9 NMCIA Board meeting Bernalillo County ABQ

Mon Aug 14-18 LP Instructor Development ABQ, SWTC

Wed Aug 30-01 NMML Annual Conference Farmington

Tue, Thu Sep NM EDGE classes Live Online 6/6, 6/7, 6/12, 6/14, 6/19, 6/21, 6/26, 6/28 **Mon Sep 11–15** LP 1st Line Supervisor training

ABQ, SWTC Thu Sep 14 Gathering of Counties, NM State Fair

Tue Sep 19 NMCRe Captive Board meeting 10am Zoom

Fri Sept 29 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30am Socorro County Follow us on FB: https://www.facebook.com/

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