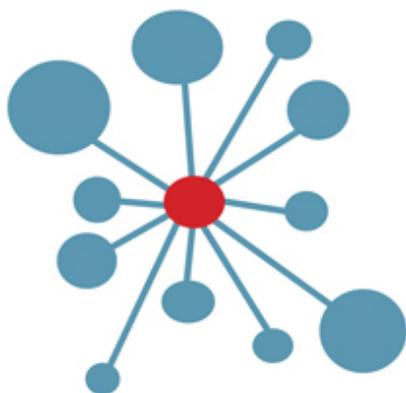




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EXECUTIVE NOTE

Dear NARC Members,

August is a good time to meet with your legislators and talk about local government priorities. Congress will return to face the immediate issue of the federal budget including funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, EDA funds, highway, rail and transit funds and disaster assistance, brownfields programs, Older Americans Act, and water resources programs. Federal programs expire on September 30 and Congress will need to come to an agreement on whether to extend programs at current levels through a continuing resolution. In addition, federal funding to combat the Zika virus is stalled on Congress and lawmakers are facing some pressure on the campaign trail to reach an agreement, particularly now that cases have been identified in Miami. Use the time while lawmakers are home to let them know how critical these programs are your community. If you need any information on the status of legislation or background on issues important to your region, please call NARC and we would be happy to help.

Hope you are enjoying the summer and look forward to seeing you here in DC or at a NARC conference soon.

Best,
Leslie

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Congress is not in session and will return after Labor Day.

NACo's 2016 Advocacy Toolkit

Make the Most of the congressional recess! Between now and the end of the year, federal lawmakers will be back in their home districts and states more days than they are in Washington, D.C. These district or state work periods, particularly the one occurring in August, provide officials with a unique opportunity to visit with members of Congress and showcase your community. This toolkit provides updated information on some of the most pressing federal legislative and

regulatory issues in addition to tips for communicating with members of Congress and the media. Issues addressed in the toolkit include:

- Protecting the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds
- Supporting the *Marketplace Fairness Act*
- Achieving mental health reform
- Improving health services for justice-involved individuals (ease Medicaid inmate exclusion)
- Supporting Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)
- Supporting Secure Rural Schools (SRS) revenue sharing payments
- Withdrawing *Waters of the U.S.* rule

OTHER NEWS

Did You Know That Town Planning Used to Be an Olympic Category?

Did you know that the Olympics weren't always only for sports, but included competitions in fine arts as well? Believe it or not, town planning used to be a competitive category in the Olympics! From 1928-1948, competitors from all over the world **competed in subcategories** of five primary categories: Music, Painting, Literature, Sculpture, and Architecture. It was in this way that **Baron Pierre de Coubertin**, founder of the International Olympic Committee, brought arts onto the international stage with sports, giving people around the world yet another way to come together peacefully instead of violently. In the 1936 Olympic Games, American competitor **Charles Downing Lay** took home a silver medal in the Town Planning subcategory of Architecture for his redesign plan for Marine Park in Brooklyn, NY. **John Russell Pope** in the 1932 Olympic Games was the only other American to win a medal under the Architecture category. His design plans of the Payne Whitney Gymnasium at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut earned him a silver medal.

U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities Tools

The U.S. Department of Energy's **Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy** created **Clean Cities Tools**, a group of resources consumers can use to **calculate** and inform themselves about ways to lower emissions, spend less money, and consume less petroleum. This set of tools allows consumers to compare different eco-friendly vehicles and systems; calculate the amount, cost, and impact of petroleum and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions a fleet produces; locate alternative fueling stations; research how companies, fleets, and agencies are using alternative fuel; and much more. To view apps and mobile tools, please visit cleancities.energy.gov/m and fueleconomy.gov/m.

FEATURED JOBS

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Community Development Planner/Grant Administrator

Indian Nations Council of Governments, Tulsa, OK

Transportation Modeler/Analyst

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Philadelphia, PA

Notice of Solicitation: IT & Telecommunications Svcs (RFP No. 16-03)

Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Fort Lauderdale, FL

FUNDING

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EVENTS

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FEMA Webinar on the Stafford Act, Disaster Grant Closeout Procedures

August 16, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) invites you to an upcoming webinar on *Stafford Act Section 705, Disaster Grant Closeout Procedures Policy*. The webinar will

provide guidelines for how FEMA applies Section 705 of the Stafford Act. This section of the Stafford Act notes FEMA's restrictions to recover payments made to recipients and sub-recipients under its Public Assistance program. The new policy will ensure consistent application of FEMA's requirements and limitations under the law to de-obligate Public Assistance funding.

EPA Grants Award Process Webinar

August 17, 2:00 PM ET

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Grants and Debarment periodically hosts webinars for those interested in applying for or currently managing an EPA grant. The webinars cover grant topics, including: how to find and apply for grant opportunities; EPA's new Grants.gov requirement; and preparing a proper budget detail. In addition, EPA will host a Q&A session during the second half of the webinar. Attendees do not need to register in advance. There is no call in number – audio will be broadcast through your computer speakers or headphones. **Learn more** about the webinar series on EPA's grant award process.

CNA Executive Session on Policing: The Impact of Policing Reforms on Local Government

August 24, 1:00 PM ET

Recognizing that city managers and local government officials are key local partners in policing and public safety, CNA will convene an Executive Session on the impact of policing reforms on local government. The purpose of this Executive Session is to define the reforms under consideration in American policing today, and then to explore, from police chiefs' and city managers' perspectives, what impact these reforms, if implemented, will have on local governments, including budgetary impacts. Panelists and presenters will include keynote speakers representing police and city managers, and panel participants from large and small-sized cities. This session is being broadcasted live for participants unable to attend in person. Please **register** in advance.

NACo Leadership Development Series: Understanding Integrity and Civility

August 24, 2:00 - 3:15 PM ET

This webinar, in part of a series, begins with a discussion of the customary ways in which most people think of integrity and civility. For instance, an innate skill, something you either have or don't have, an act of holding fast to conviction, right vs. wrong, good manners, the "golden rule", and so forth. This session will lead participants toward an understanding of three key leadership qualities—introspection, discernment and communication--as comprising the foundation of public integrity. Participants will begin to develop personal definitions of both integrity and civility, which will be refined each session as new concepts are introduced.

Hotel Block Closes Saturday 8/20! NARC's 2016 Executive Directors Conference and Board Retreat

EDC: September 18-20 – South Bend, IN

Board Retreat: September 20-21 – South Bend, IN

Join NARC and the Michiana Area Council of Governments for the 2016 Executive Directors Conference in South Bend, Indiana. This conference brings executive directors, deputy directors, and senior staff together to network, share best practices, and explore opportunities for strengthening professional capacity and development. *Please plan to arrive on Sunday, September 18. Hotel rooms will not be available on Saturday night at our hotel or any others in the area.*

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