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Senate committee puts major water resources bill on tap; includes funding for Flint, Mich.

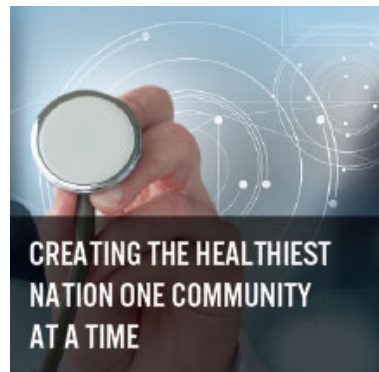
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RURAL COUNTIES TACKLE JAIL DIVERSION AT SUMMIT



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

DOL ANNOUNCES NEW GRANT FUNDING FOR PAID-LEAVE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS—COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE

On May 5, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Secretary Thomas Perez announced new funding for research on how paid-leave programs can be developed and implemented through the Paid Leave Analysis Grants.

NACo TESTIFIES ON IMPACT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Joel Bousman, second vice president, NACo Western Interstate Region, testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on the Interior at a hearing titled, "Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part I."

THE LATEST FROM NACo

APPLY NOW FOR THE HEALTHIEST CITIES AND COUNTIES CHALLENGE!

The Challenge aims to improve measurable health outcomes and promote a broad view of health. All finalists will receive at least \$10,000 and your county may be eligible to win up to \$500,000. The deadline for submitting a proposal is May 31 at 5 p.m. EDT. For more information, [click here](#).

APPLY NOW! JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM GRANTS

The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the FY16 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grants. Awardees will receive up to \$250,000 and direct technical assistance to develop a system-wide coordinated approach to reduce mental illness in local jails. Applications are due May 17. [Learn more here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 16	WEBINAR: NEW Building Broadband Opportunities: How Local Leaders Can Make a Difference <i>1 – 3 p.m. EDT</i>
MAY 17	WEBINAR: NEW An Interactive Virtual Discussion on Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) in County Justice Systems <i>1 – 3 p.m. EDT</i>
MAY 18	WEBINAR: Keeping Counties Moving: Technological Innovations in Transportation <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
MAY 19	WEBINAR: Funding a County-wide Workforce Development Strategy <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
JUNE 2	WEBINAR: Homeland Security and Justice Grants for Counties: Are you Getting All You Can? <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>
JUNE 30	WEBINAR: Saving Lives through Local Road Safety Planning <i>2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT</i>

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