

## CCAP UPDATE

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### A Message from CCAP President Sherene Hess



At the start of my presidency, I am eager to carry on that thread of the collective voice through the mission and vision of CCAP. As the recognized leader for Pennsylvania county government, CCAP is the unifying voice of all Pennsylvania counties, providing leadership and support for excellence in county government.

Pennsylvania counties have a nearly 240-year history of partnership with the commonwealth in a wide variety of areas, including public safety, elections, human services, property and taxation, transportation, and many others. As the state and counties continue to face a wide variety of challenges and opportunities – both fiscal and programmatic – the county voice and county experience can be extremely valuable as policy is

made in Harrisburg, but only if it is early enough to appreciate the details and how they fit

into the big picture of service delivery. Counties cannot do it all alone, and we look forward to continuing to build on the many positive relationships with various governors, administrations, agencies, and General Assemblies we have had.

Counties will be announcing their 2025 legislative priorities on January 29. These priorities will reflect the most critical issues that counties across the commonwealth currently face. Achieving these priorities will assure that counties can continue to carry out the important services and functions that serve communities spanning all 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

As we begin 2025, my hope is to carry on and strengthen the trend of intergovernmental partnership, ensuring counties are invited to the table during decision-making processes when seeking to change aspects of the state-county partnership. Counties stand at the ready to continue discussions with the legislature and Governor Shapiro on all issues important to counties, identifying ways to continue building the state-county partnership in these areas of critical service provision.

Sincerely,

Sherene Hess, Indiana County Commissioner, 2025 CCAP President



**2025 CCAP Spring  
Conference  
March 16-18, 2025  
Hilton Harrisburg, Dauphin  
County, PA**

**Registration Now Open!**

[Conference Details →](#)

## **NACo Announces Leadership Academy Graduates**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recently announced the December NACo High Performance Leadership Academy graduates from Pennsylvania. This program equips current and emerging county leaders with the knowledge and skills to excel and better serve their communities. Joining a distinguished network of over 10,000 alumni, these

leaders successfully completed the 12-week online program:

- Elizabeth Hurlock-Bruck, IT Business Manager, Bucks County
- Heather McMullen, Applications Manager, Bucks County
- Kristi Fields, Chief of Probation, Adams County
- Misty Chapman, Fiscal Administrator, Columbia County
- Pamela Seaman, MH/DD Administrator, Berks County
- Timothy Smith, Director of Information Systems, Berks County
- William Smith, Director of Adult Intake and Administrative Services, Adams County

## Funding Opportunities from FEMA

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) has provided the following information on this year's FEMA 2024 Non-Disaster Mitigation Grants that are now open:

Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC); this grant has \$750 Million (down from last year's 2 billion) to be competitively applied for (minus tribal and state set-asides).

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) this grant will have \$600 million available in this year's national application competition.

Information for both grants can be found in the links below:

**[Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities \(BRIC\)](#)**

**[Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#)**

Eligible applicant agents need to send a Non-Contractual/REQUIRED Letter of Interest (LOI) form to PEMA at [RA-Shazmitoff@pa.gov](mailto:RA-Shazmitoff@pa.gov) by February 14, 2025.

Additional questions can be sent to [RA-Shazmitoff@pa.gov](mailto:RA-Shazmitoff@pa.gov) (State Hazard Mitigation Office)

## USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Transportation Systems

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is seeking applicants to provide technical assistance to enhance rural transportation systems connecting people to

additional economic resources in their communities.

The grants are part of the [Rural Business Development Grant](#) program. Eligible applicants should be qualified, experienced national organizations seeking to provide rural communities with training and technical assistance to improve passenger transportation services and facilities.

Organizations receiving funding typically support Tribal, local and regional governments; public transit agencies; and related nonprofit and for-profit organizations in rural areas.

To learn more, read full [Stakeholder Announcement](#).

## Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding Opportunity

The Bureau of Justice Assistance announced the availability of funding for [FY25 Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program](#).

This funding opportunity aims to foster collaboration between criminal and juvenile justice agencies, mental health and substance use organizations, reentry service providers, and community-based behavioral health providers.

The goal is to improve clinical stabilization pretrial, during confinement, and support continuity of care and recovery during community transition for individuals with serious mental illness, substance use, and co-occurring disorders.

Interested applicants should look for a pre-application webinar date at the link above. The anticipated award date is October 1, 2025, for a 36-month period.

The deadline for applications through Grants.gov is February 24, 2025. or through JustGrants is March 3, 2025.

## BEAD Application Deadline Extended

The BEAD Program Application Period One deadline has been extended to **Friday, February 7, 2025, at 11:59 P.M.** Applications submitted after this time, or incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.

Applicants can access updated templates and program FAQs on the [BEAD website](#) to assist with the application process.

To maintain a fair and consistent approach for all participants, the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) is unable to hold individual meetings during the open application period.



## Save the Date! July 11-14, 2025

2025 NACo Annual Conference  
Philadelphia, PA

## CCAP and PA County Career Opportunities

You'll find CCAP and county government career opportunities at the PA County Job Center.

Is a career opportunity available in your county? Submit a request to have your listing on CCAP's PA County Job Center.

[PA County Job Center →](#)



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