THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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Before adjourning for the August recess, the House approved a package of four fiscal year (FY) 2018 spending bills (Defense, Energy and Water Development, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs). When the House returns September 5, the remaining eight spending bills will head to the House floor as an omnibus package combined with the four bills already passed. The omnibus package would violate the 2011 Budget Control Act by exceeding the cap on defense spending for FY2018. Lifting the cap to fund defense programs at the House-passed level would require negotiation of a bipartisan budget deal.
Legislation Introduced on Immigration and Border Security, CDBG and EDA Funding Targeted

Last week, the Building America’s Trust Act was introduced in the Senate. The bill provides $15 billion over four years for security measures along the U.S.-Mexico border. Section 308 of the bill contains legislative language introduced in 2016 as the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act. This language withholds U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to cities and states or political subdivision with laws restricting information sharing on citizenship and immigration status as well as those government entities opposing federal detainer requests (commonly known as Sanctuary Cities).

NADO NEWS AND NOTES

Register Today for Part 2 of Webinar Series on OMB’s Procurement Guidelines

Join the NADO Research Foundation on August 16 for the second in a series of webinars on how to handle grant-related purchases under OMB’s Super Circular. Bob Lloyd, a respected authority on policies and practices affecting the award, administration and oversight of federal grants, contracts, and sub awards, will share his expertise about OMB’s procurement requirements.

*Purchasing with Federal Grant Funds under OMB's Super Circular, Part 2* is scheduled for **August 16 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ET**. The webinar will address acquisition planning, competition, developing solicitations, offer evaluations, contractor selection, contract administration and required provisions, procurement records, specific requirements (such as audit services, architect and engineering services), and practical considerations for procurement of social services (pertains to OAA and WIOA funds). Click [here](#) to register.

The webinar is offered to NADO members at a special rate of $79; the rate for non-NADO members will be $99. Logistical and access information will be emailed to you prior to the webinar.

NADO Research Foundation and National Association of Regional Councils to Host Webinar on Green Infrastructure and Resilience

Traditional ‘gray’ infrastructure systems – like roads, utilities, and water/wastewater networks – have long supported our cities and towns as they grow and develop. However, as leaders grapple with shrinking budgets and deteriorating local infrastructure, the resilience and multifunctionality of green infrastructure and trees continues to have broad appeal as a fiscally-responsible investment for the long-term health and vibrancy of an area. A new interactive tool developed by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Council of Governments in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), Davey Resource Group, and Centerline Strategies, LLC will enable community planners, engineers, stormwater managers, community foresters, and policymakers to better capitalize on trees when investing or reinvesting in their stormwater systems. This resource can help you unleash new and innovative approaches for realizing the full capacity of trees as a component of your community’s infrastructure systems. Join NARC, the NADO Research Foundation, and the Trees and Stormwater project team for a webinar on **September 20 at 2:00 p.m. E.T.** to discuss regional resilience planning and how this new tool can assist you in maximizing the benefits of trees and green infrastructure in your community and region. Click [here](#) to register.

Recording Available for Recent NADO Research Foundation and NACo Webinar on Regional Food Systems
The recording is now available for the webinar “Harvesting Opportunity: The Power of Regional Food System Investments to Transform Communities” hosted by the National Association of Counties and the NADO Research Foundation. The webinar featured practical tools and strategies for incorporating regional food systems into economic development and diversification planning and highlighted current examples of coal-reliant communities of Colorado as case study examples. Click here to access the recording.

Anchorage, Alaska and the 2017 NADO Annual Training Conference Awaits!

The 2017 NADO Annual Training Conference is fast approaching! Join your regional development colleagues from across the country in Anchorage, Alaska from September 9 – 12, with special pre-conference tours scheduled for September 8. Don’t miss this incredible opportunity to take part in training workshops, best practice panels, and networking sessions in “The City of Lights and Flowers.” The NADO Annual Training Conference is the premier event for professionals working on regional planning and economic development. This conference is a must-attend event for RDO executive directors and senior staff, along with board chairs and other board members. Sessions will cover topics of importance to your organization and region, including measuring organizational success, professional development, economic resilience, the CEDS, workforce development, infrastructure, broadband, health care, and much, much more.

Plan your Annual Training Conference experience by:
- Visiting the conference website
- Reviewing the preliminary agenda (PDF)
- Registering for the conference
- Booking your hotel room at the Hilton or the Marriott

Contact Vicki Glass about hotel rooms, Ian Schramm for help with registration, or Laurie Thompson for questions about conference content. See you in Anchorage!

FEDERAL NEWS AND NOTES

Institute of Museum and Library Services Offering Two Grant Programs for Communities

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced two new grant opportunities for communities. The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports developing a diverse workforce of librarians to better meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public by: enhancing the training and professional development of librarians, developing faculty and
library leaders, and recruiting and educating the next generation of librarians. Click here for more information. National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-L) support projects that address significant challenges and opportunities facing the library and archives fields and that have the potential to advance theory and practice. Successful proposals will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that will be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment. Click here for more information. IMLS staff will be presenting on the connection between libraries and museums and community development at NADO’s 2017 Annual Training Conference in Anchorage, AK.

County Migration Data Available from Census Bureau
The U.S. Census Bureau is sharing information on county-by-county migration flows through its Census Flows Mapper. The tool provides downloadable maps by dataset, type of migration flow, colors and range of movers. Information is available from 2011-2015 American Community Survey data. County-by-county migration flows table sets are available here.

Application Reviewers Needed for Capital Magnet Fund
The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) seeks qualified affordable housing finance practitioners to serve as application reviewers for the fiscal year (FY) 2017 Capital Magnet Fund (CMF). Reviewers should have considerable experience in affordable housing finance or development including assessing, underwriting, and/or evaluating affordable housing or economic development projects financed by CDFIs and non-profits; and structuring and underwriting complex multifamily affordable housing transactions. Application review will occur between October and mid-November. Recruitment will be conducted until 5:00 p.m. on August 18. If interested, send inquiries to CMFReview@F2Solutions.com.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Issues Worse Case Housing Report
A new report is available regarding housing needs for low-income renting families. The report focuses on households with worse case needs or those that do not receive government housing assistance and who paid more than one-half of their income for rent, lived in severely inadequate conditions, or both. The Worse Case Housing Needs report is the sixteenth report released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on serious issues impacting very low-income renting families. Click here to read the report.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Provides Guidance on Disaster Recovery Homelessness Toolkit
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued its third report of the Disaster Recovery Homelessness Toolkit addressing homelessness in disaster recovery efforts. The Recovery Guide for Local Jurisdictions contributes information on partnerships between local governments and service providers for at-risk populations during and following disasters. Click here for the toolkit.

BroadbandUSA Releases Resource on Successful Broadband Partnerships
A new toolkit is available offering guidance for local and tribal governments in attaining broadband service. The Power of Broadband Partnership: A Toolkit for Local and Tribal Governments showcases broadband partnership models and suggestions for communities seeking broadband connection. Click here for the toolkit.

Nominations Open: National Medal for Museum and Library Service
The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting nominations to the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Nominations may be submitted by anyone interested in recognizing
outstanding museum and library projects. IMLS is especially interested in projects which bring people together and promotes community change, particularly helping veterans and military families, at-risk children and families, un- and underemployed persons, and youth confronting obstacles to STEM-related employment. Thirty finalists are selected with ten awarded and honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Nominations are due October 2. For more details on how to apply, click here.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Economic Development Officer, Durham County, NC
Durham County, NC is seeking an experienced, energetic and creative Economic Development Officer to come to a thriving Southern community where opportunities abound. Strong candidates have a portfolio of successful economic development initiatives, are entrepreneurial, tech savvy and creative in using strategies that promote the County’s assets while looking for ways to overcome challenges. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s in business, economics, planning, or related field from an accredited University or College with five years of professional and progressive leadership experience in economic development. A master's degree and/or CEcD certification is desirable. Salary commensurate with experience, qualifications, and achieved outcomes. To view full posting visit https://www.developmentalassociates.com/client-openings/, click on “View Client Positions” button, then the Economic Development Officer-Durham County link. Send emails to durhamcountyhiring@developmentalassociates.com. Closing date is September 1, 2017. Semi-finalists will be invited to participate in interviews and skill evaluation in Durham in Mid-October. Durham County EOE.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Report Available on Clusters and Inner-City Economies
JPMorgan Chase & Co, and the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) have partnered in developing a new report on the impact of industry clusters in urban development. Building Strong Clusters for Strong Urban Economies discusses cluster theory and practices and highlights successful cluster developments throughout the U.S. The report is available here.

Applications Now Being Accepting for the 2018 Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards
The Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation has announced an exciting grant opportunity serving small to mid-sized towns and cities across the country. Up to 15 grantees will be awarded $25K each in matching funds to produce their own Levitt AMP [Your City] Music Series—an outdoor, free concert series featuring a diverse line up of high caliber entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy. Online public voting determines the Top 25 finalists. The deadline to apply is October 2. For more information, visit www.levittamp.org. Levitt Foundation staff will be presenting on their programming and the economic development impact of creative placemaking at NADO’s 2017 Annual Training Conference in Anchorage, AK.

NADO CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2017 NADO Annual Training Conference | NADO’s 50th Anniversary
September 9 – 12, 2017
Dena’ina Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage, AK

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