



NORTHWEST NEWSFLASH

NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

April 2021

Asking All Residents to Complete a Project Prioritization Survey

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, provides unprecedented direct relief to every town, city, village and county in America. The Department of the Treasury is working to develop allocations and guidance. While this happens, we wanted to reach out to get some public input on how you think those funds should be used in your jurisdiction. Please check your jurisdiction and respond with that area's specific needs in mind. For example, if you live in Burlington Jct., complete one survey speaking to Burlington Jct. needs then complete another survey speaking to the needs of Nodaway County. If you have any questions, please contact Amy via email at amy@nwmorcog.org.

Please click the following link to take the survey <https://forms.gle/JwiFt7ev1dDcB1MD8>.

Regional Council Title VI Plan Update Open for Comments

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments has completed the 3-year update to the agency's Title VI Plan. The draft of the Plan is currently posted for a 30-day comment period on the Regional Council's website. To view the plan draft please visit <https://nwmorcog.org/home/recent-announcement/>. Comments may be submitted via email to amy@nwmorcog.org.

Crisis Communication Workshop Scheduled for April 27

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments and Northwest Missouri State University are teaming up to offer a Crisis Communication workshop designed to help local entities that have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop is being held virtually, via ZOOM and is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Those planning to attend should register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crisis-communication-workshop-tickets-147632192863>. In this session we will talk about what crisis communication is, best practices for businesses, and how to create a crisis communications plan. The session will review several case studies examples, as well as include time for questions at the end of the presentation.

John Carr, Program Coordinator and Instructor for the Emergency and Disaster Management program at Northwest Missouri State University, will facilitate the Crisis Communication Workshop. Organizations face crises of different sizes on a regular basis- negative feedback on review sites, rumors spreading on social media, and most recently the possibility of a positive COVID-19 case at a business. When businesses must respond to events like these, a timely and tactful response is critical. The Crisis Communication Workshop is being funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds that were awarded to the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The Workshop flyer is attached.

HHW Site Open May 1

The next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection site will be open next on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at 1516 E. Halsey Street in Maryville. Examples of HHW include: household chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, brake fluid, transmission fluid, Ni-cad, lithium, and lead acid batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, florescent tubes, mercury, antifreeze, oil-based paint, varnish and household waxes. For a brochure, please visit the Regional Council website at <https://nwmorcog.org/programs/solid-waste/>. The summer collection is scheduled for July 10, 2021. HHW collection site is open to residents of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties and an ID is required to drop off items. For more information, please contact Robin Davidson at 660-582-5121, ext. 4.

HOLT AND WORTH COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC SURVEYS ARE OPEN

The Federal government requires all states and local governments to have Hazard Mitigation Plans approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that are consistent with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Approved plans are required to maintain eligibility for certain types of federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants. The Regional Council is currently in the process of updating the Holt County and Worth County Hazard Mitigation Plans. One of the key components of a hazard mitigation plan is public input during the planning process. The respective planning committee will be evaluating information on the hazards that impact each jurisdiction within Holt County and Worth County. The committees are seeking your input on the hazards that will be evaluated as well as your opinions on the types of activities that should be considered to reduce future impacts.

Your comments will be considered by your community's representatives on the respective County's planning committee as the plan is developed. We are asking all residents of Holt County and Worth County to please take a few moments to answer the following questions on their respective survey. Thank you for your participation. If you have questions, please contact Amy via email at amy@nwmorcog.org or call 660-582-5121, ext. 3.

The Holt County Public Survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/3RsyCQXTqYSKujSPA>.

The Worth County Public Survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/sCzT1VSSjshLkHLT7>.

SURPLUS ITEMS Still Available

We still have a credenza and desk available that we would really like to find a new home for and you get first dibs. See the attached picture for more details. If you're interested in either of these items or have more questions, please contact Alice at alices@nwmorcog.org or call 660-582-5121, ext. 5.

STATE OF MISSOURI HOSTING VIRTUAL JOB FAIRS

The State of Missouri will continue to host Virtual Job Fairs on Tuesdays through June. All upcoming Job Fairs will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 4: Statewide Fair

May 18: IT Fair

June 8: Remote Job Fair & Part-Time Fair

June 22: Healthcare Fair

To register as an employer and have a Virtual Booth, please visit

https://returnstrongmo.getyourbooth.com/?fbclid=IwAR02dD1MZG35t29ct_W-oXUXTGiM2rYob9-ib0fxnmlTjSlilo2rlyvXJYor. Individuals wishing to attend the Virtual Job Fairs need to register via the Return

Strong website at [https://returnstrongmo.easyvirtualfair.com/prefair/?fbclid=IwAR2a3g-](https://returnstrongmo.easyvirtualfair.com/prefair/?fbclid=IwAR2a3g-LkNVEb7A3EjK_6WiUYfVsPZ9gSMZNRVfUb4tnYj5uq0PycWv7ABo#)

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Solid WASTE FY22 GRANT CALL & PLAYGROUND SCRAP TIRE MATERIAL GRANT

Grant Call FY22 has been completed. There were eight grant project submissions. The grants were scored at the April 14 Executive Board meeting. Those approved will be submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) for final approval.

The Playground Scrap Tire Material Grant applications are due to MoDNR by 5 p.m., April 30, 2021. Copies of the application packages may be downloaded from MoDNR's website at

<https://dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirefinassistance.htm> or by calling the department toll-free at 800-361-4827.

MIDWEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOSTING UTILITY BOARD AND CLERK TRAINING

We wanted to pass along information on an online Utility Board and Clerk Training event that is being sponsored by the Midwest Assistance Program (MAP). This online training, which is offered free of charge, is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, and will cover a wide range of topics intended to assist local officials in conducting their operations in a more efficient, professional manner while protecting public health and the environment. Please note that the flier, which is attached to this email, also includes a "hot" link for direct registration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22: Earth Day

April 27: Crisis Communication Workshop, 4:30 p.m., via Zoom

May 1: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site OPEN, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1516 E. Halsey, Maryville

May 12: Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., RCOG Office and via ZOOM

May 18: FY21 4Q TAC Meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM

May 24: Worth County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-year update meeting #2, 5 p.m., via ZOOM

May 24: Holt County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-year update meeting #2, 7 p.m., via ZOOM

May 31: Regional Council and Job Center CLOSED

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Tuesday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m.

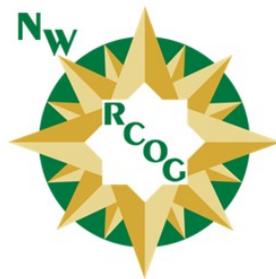
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RCOG Surplus Items—FREE



CREDENZA

62"W x 18"D x 29.75"T



DESK

72"W x 36"D x 29.5"T

BOARD AND CLERK TRAINING FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

An online workshop offering financial and managerial information for water and sewer systems, focused on the responsibilities of appointed and elected officials in a team-oriented approach.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

1:00--4:00 PM

Registration: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2338714423024778497>

Agenda Topics

**General Board Responsibilities
What's Required to Conduct Legal Meetings
Operating Under Robert's Rules of Order
Tips and Tricks for Taking Good Minutes
Budgeting, Financial Reporting, Audit Requirements
Developing Sustainable Utility Rates
Asset Management Considerations
Emergency Response Plans and Vulnerability Assessments
When USDA-RD Funds Your Project**

Following registration, attendees will receive a confirmation E-mail containing information about joining the training. Contact Jeff Kormann at (573)680-0682, or jkormann@map-inc.org for more information.

MAP (www.map-inc.org) provides assistance to small communities through grants from USDA Rural Development. If you are having a problem with your system MAP can help with technical, managerial, and financial concerns at no cost.

