

## National Association of Counties Economic Mobility Leadership Network 2022 Participant Application

**Application Deadline: March 25, 2022 at 11:59 pm ET**

### Project Overview

The Economic Mobility Leadership Network (EMLN) is a NACo cohort of county leaders that examines the range of complicated issues that comprise [economic mobility](#), including housing, job creation, food insecurity and an overall lack of opportunity. With the EMLN, NACo county leaders build capacity to identify and assess their current barriers to opportunity and share scalable and transferable programs with peers across the country. The EMLN is structured around a model of in-person convenings in which members participate in interactive, on-site and multi-day convenings in diverse counties across the country.

NACo is seeking new members for the EMLN to join the cohort starting in Spring 2022.

For more information about the EMLN program, please see our webpage:

<https://www.naco.org/resources/signature-projects/economic-mobility-leadership-network>

### Ideal Candidates Are...

- County elected officials who are committed to improving economic outcomes for residents
- Interested in exploring a wide range of themes related to economic mobility such as housing, workforce, education and addressing intergenerational poverty
- Enthusiastic about exploring other communities and learning from peers

### Commitment

**Participants should have the capacity to participate in monthly one-hour virtual cohort calls and 3 in-person convenings per year.** The convenings will vary in geographic location but are typically located in an EMLN member county.

New members that are accepted will be invited to participate in the first in-person convening of 2022 in **Mercer County, W.Va. on April 24-27, 2022.**

### Expenses

EMLN travel costs are covered by the National Association of Counties Research Foundation (NACoRF) with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



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NACo's selection criteria for the EMLN includes participant capacity, engagement and projected impact of participation. Other factors taken into account include geographic, demographic and economic diversity within the group of selected participant counties.

**Instructions:** Email your completed application to Katie Sullivan ([ksullivan@naco.org](mailto:ksullivan@naco.org)) by Friday, **March 25, 2022 at 11:59 pm ET**. You may type on this document, provide a supplement or submit a copy of a handwritten version.

**Name of applicant:**

**Title:**

**County:**

**Email address:**

**Telephone number:**

**1. Please briefly describe your interest in and current engagement with improving economic mobility in your county. (Response not to exceed 300 words.)**

**2. What are your residents' current challenges and/or opportunities for economic mobility, or movement up the income ladder over a lifetime? (Response not to exceed 300 words.)**

**3. What do you most hope to gain from participation in the EMLN program? (Response not to exceed 300 words.)**

**4. Has your county experienced any successes in economic mobility that you would be interested in sharing with other county leaders? If so, please explain. (Response not to exceed 300 words.)**

**5. Which issues related to economic mobility are you most interested in learning more about? (Response not to exceed 300 words.)**