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# Executive Director's Report 2023 Annual Report

By: Joe McCoy, Executive Director

ISACo's Bylaws require the preparation of an annual report to provide a record of the work conducted by the Association during the previous year. We view this report as a positive opportunity to transparently communicate information about ISACo's programs, events, financial status and growth. Each annual report is available on ISACo's website at [www.isacoil.org](http://www.isacoil.org). With deep appreciation, we thank our member counties for their support of our mission and look forward to building relationships with all Illinois counties.

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) completed its fifth full year of operation in 2023.

The Association witnessed its first presidential succession with Kendall County Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska being elected by the Board of Directors to replace retired Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims for the 2023-2024 term. A new Vice President was elected by the Board, with Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer getting the nod for the leadership post. Secretary David Meyer (Washington County Chairman) and Treasurer Bill Crowley (Winnebago County Auditor) were re-elected by the Board to continue their leadership roles in 2023-2024.

ISACo began the process of reviewing its by-laws during 2023 and will consider amendments intended to ensure the by-laws are drafted in a manner that best serves our membership and mission. The membership will have an opportunity to review any proposed changes in 2024.

Speaking of membership, ISACo added two new member counties in 2023 (Carroll and Monroe) and now has 31 members. The Association is also pleased to have reached an affiliation agreement with the Illinois Association of Court Clerks (IACC) to work together on issues of mutual interest.

ISACo's financial condition remains strong and positions the Association for a period of growth in personnel and services.

## Legislative Program

The General Assembly held a full session in 2023 (January-May) and adjourned on May 27 after initially scheduling adjournment for May 19.

During the 2023 spring legislative session, almost 6,700 bills were filed. ISACo tracked almost 1,000 bills. This excludes resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments. ISACo took official positions of support or opposition on legislation 125 times during the 2023 spring session.

ISACo joined a coalition of organizations representing municipalities to advocate for an increase in Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue. While the coalition has not yet achieved restoring the county and municipal share of state income tax collections to the full 10 percent received back in January 2011, we did influence a modest increase. The local share was increased from 6.16 percent to 6.47 percent for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024. This generated an additional estimated \$112 million to be distributed to counties and municipalities on a per capita basis.

ISACo will continue to benefit from this collaborative model on issues that are significant to counties and municipalities. Another issue that saw similar collaboration in 2023 involved advocacy

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in support of exemptions for counties, municipalities and townships from the "Paid Leave for All Workers Act." Changes to this law will be pursued in 2024.

The legislative session resulted in the passage of several ISACo-supported bills that included, but were not limited to, bid exemptions for patrol vehicles, increased coroner and medical examiner fees and expanded local deflection programs.

In October, ISACo sent a letter to Governor JB Pritzker, House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Senate President Don Harmon requesting state funding for offsetting costs to counties resulting from the SAFE-T Act. ISACo will continue to advocate for this funding in 2024.

The ISACo Board of Directors authorized the creation of several policy committees to assist with policy development and advocacy. These committees are as follows:

- ✔ Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
- ✔ Community, Economic and Workforce Development Committee
- ✔ Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee
- ✔ Public Health Committee
- ✔ Justice and Public Safety Committee
- ✔ Transportation Policy Committee
- ✔ Arts and Culture Committee

In response to concerns following the enactment of an ISACo-opposed law preempting county zoning authority over the siting of wind and solar facilities, ISACo created a Wind and Solar Facility Task Force to identify and discuss policies to make the law more palatable for counties and their residents.

As with previous years, ISACo published a complete report with all new Public Acts that either affect or are of interest to counties. And for the fifth consecutive year, ISACo published a report on new Public Acts that imposed unfunded mandates on counties. Both reports are available on ISACo's website.

In preparation for 2024, ISACo's Legislative Committee held meetings to develop the Association's 2024 *Illinois County Action Program* (ICAP) and consider amendments to the 2024 *ISACo County Platform*. The Board of Directors approved the 2024 ICAP and County Platform in December.

## Events and Meetings

ISACo held four meetings of the Board of Directors in 2023. Three were held remotely and one offered a hybrid participation option.

ISACo's Legislative Committee met twice during the fall to consider and formally recommend issues to the Board of Directors for inclusion within the 2024 *Illinois County Action Program* (ICAP). ISACo will pursue introduction of Board-approved issues during the General Assembly's 2024 legislative session.

Executive Director Joe McCoy was invited to provide presentations to the Will County Legislative Committee in 2023.

ISACo and the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) co-hosted a dinner during the spring National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. We also co-hosted a dinner with UCCI during the NACo Annual Conference held during July in Travis County, Texas. Both dinners were attended by Illinois county officials and staff in attendance at the NACo conferences. ISACo is appreciative of our corporate partners PMA-IPRIME and Nationwide for their generous sponsorship of these dinners. The Association will also benefit from the growing partnership with UCCI on other events and issues beginning in 2024.

ISACo held our Annual Luncheon in Cook County on December 8, 2023, at the Union League Club of Chicago. We were pleased with the attendance and appreciate the assistance of former Kendall County Board Chair Scott Gryder in making the venue available to us.

## ISACo Communications and Information

ISACo published more than 40 *News and Views* e-newsletters in 2023. Each of these e-newsletters are available on ISACo's website.

We also published four *County Quarterly* newsletters in 2023. The *County Quarterly* is mailed to county officials and interested parties throughout Illinois. It is also available on ISACo's website.

In 2023, ISACo launched the *Counties Count! Podcast* to provide another medium by which county officials and interested parties can stay up to date on what's happening in the General Assembly, Washington, D.C. and Illinois counties.

ISACo continued its commitment to making resources available to Illinois counties. In 2022 we added resource pages on the wind and solar facility siting law, the SAFE-T Act and the Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

ISACo dedicated a webpage to make available information and data about Illinois counties. This information includes, but is not limited to, infrastructure and bridges, housing affordability, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

## Staff Expansion

ISACo expanded its staff with the hiring of Nekya Hall as Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager and Tiffani Homer as Member Services and Communications Manager. Both positions were necessary to provide additional services, capabilities and expertise for the benefit of member counties.

## Partnerships

ISACo added two new corporate partners in 2023 (United Health-Care and Public Surplus). ISACo had seven corporate partners at the conclusion of 2023 and appreciates their generosity and support of our mission.

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# Veto Session Update

The 2023 Veto Session was held on October 24-26 and November 7-9. Six vetoes were before the General Assembly but only one was acted upon. Both chambers will convene for the 2024 Spring Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The House is scheduled to be in session 51 days while the Senate is scheduled to be in session 46 days.

Issues most relevant to counties are included below. Key dates for the upcoming 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly follow the issue summaries.

## PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

The Legislature accepted the Governor's amendatory veto of HB 2878 (Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville and Senator Castro, D-Elgin). The underlying bill is a procurement omnibus. The Governor objected to language to authorize public-private partnerships for local transportation projects because of a lack of ethics and transparency provisions. He consequently used his amendatory veto authority to remove that provision from the bill. The law does include limitations on the amount of funds local governments can withhold from contracts in retainage. HB 2878 now became (P.A. 103-570) law without the local public-private partnership authority.

## TASK FORCE ON ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE

HB 351 (Representative Tarver, D-Chicago and Senator Harmon, D-Oak Park) creates a task force to review eligibility to hold public office and make recommendations as to what criminal conduct should disqualify an individual from holding public office. The bill includes a provision prohibiting some individuals from holding local office if convicted of certain crimes while serving in office. The bill also clarifies what information notaries must retain for the purpose of petitions.

The House concurred with Senate Floor Amendment (SFA) 1 to HB 351 with a vote of 86-18-2. The bill was enacted into law as P.A. 103-0562.

## GOVERNMENT ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE ACT

SB 1769 (Senator Ventura, D-Springfield, and Representative Hoffman, D-Belleville) requires all vehicles purchased or leased by "government entities" (defined as the state or a state agency), except law enforcement and Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) vehicles, to be zero-emission by 2030. The bill exempts vehicles purchased by the Department of Transportation (IDOT) as part of their consolidated vehicle procurement program.

The Senate concurred with House Floor Amendment (HFA) 2 to SB1769 with a vote of 37-18. The bill was enacted into law as P.A. 103-0581.

## COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

SB 1988 (Senator Castro, D-Elgin and Representative Burke, D-Oak Lawn) deals with Cook County assessments. It provides that when the Cook County Assessor makes revisions that increase a property owner's assessment, the Assessor must continue to accept appeals from the property taxpayer for at least 30 business days from the latter of when the assessment notice was mailed or was published on the Assessor's website.

The Senate concurred with HFA 1 to SB 1988 with a vote of 48-6. The bill was enacted into law as P.A. 103-0583.

## NUCLEAR MORATORIUM

HB 2473 (Representative Yednock, D-Ottawa and Senator Rezin, R-Morris) was amended to repeal the moratorium for construction of nuclear reactors of fewer than 300 megawatts – defined as small nuclear reactors – beginning January 1, 2026. The bill also directs the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to establish rules for decommissioning, environmental monitoring, and emergency preparedness by January 1, 2026. Furthermore, the bill authorizes the Governor to commission a study researching the state’s role in guiding the development of small module nuclear reactors. HB 2473 is a compromise in response to the Governor’s veto of SB 76 that would have lifted a moratorium on all new nuclear power plant construction in the state.

The bill was passed by the Senate with a vote of 44-7, and in the House with a vote of 98-8. The Governor enacted the bill into law as P.A. 103-0569.

## PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT

On November 3, 2023, the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) filed proposed rules concerning the effectuation of the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. The proposed rules are available at [www.isacoil.org](http://www.isacoil.org) under the “Hot Topics” tab.

ISACo supports HB 4190 (Representative Ness, D-Crystal Lake) which would change the effective date of the Act from January 1, 2024, to July 1, 2024. This bill was introduced to delay the implementation date and allow for additional time to review the proposed rules and further amend the law to exempt counties, municipalities and townships. The bill did not advance during the Veto Session.

Please feel welcome to email any questions to [nhall@isacoil.org](mailto:nhall@isacoil.org).

# 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

## 2024 KEY DATES AND SESSION DEADLINES:

The 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly convene on January 16, 2024.

The General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on May 24, 2024, although legislators blocked off the remainder of May in the event additional work is required for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 budget.

**January 19:** House and Senate LRB Bill Drafting Request Deadline

**February 9:** Senate and House Bill Filing Deadline and LRB Amendment Drafting Begins

**February 21:** Governor’s Budget and State of the State Address

**March 15:** Senate Committee Deadline for Consideration of Senate Bills

**March 19:** Primary Election

**April 5:** House Committee Deadline for Consideration of House Bills

**April 12:** Senate Third Reading Deadline for Consideration of Senate Bills

**April 19:** House Third Reading Deadline for Consideration of House Bills

**May 3:** Committee Deadline for Consideration of Bills in the Opposite Chamber

**May 17:** House and Senate Third Reading Deadline for Consideration of Bills in the Opposite Chamber

**May 24:** Adjournment

**May 25–31:** Contingent Session Days (If Needed)

# 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Calendar

## IL House - January 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY  | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY     | THURSDAY      | FRIDAY                         | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------|
|        | 1<br>New Years Day<br>STATE HOLIDAY               | 2             | 3             | 4             | 5                              | 6        |
| 7      | 8   | 9             | 10            | 11            | 12                             | 13       |
| 14     | 15<br>Martin Luther King Jr. Day<br>STATE HOLIDAY | 16<br>SESSION | 17<br>SESSION | 18<br>SESSION | 19<br>DEADLINE<br>LBB-Requests | 20       |
| 21     | 22  | 23            | 24            | 25            | 26                             | 27       |
| 28     | 29  | 30            | 31            |               |                                |          |

## IL House - February 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                    | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY      | FRIDAY                                 | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---------------|---|---------------|--|----------|
|        |   |               |   | 1             | 2                                      | 3        |
| 4      | 5   | 6<br>SESSION  | 7<br>SESSION                                      | 8<br>SESSION  | 9<br>DEADLINE<br>Intro. of House Bills | 10       |
| 11     | 12<br>Lincoln's Birthday<br>STATE HOLIDAY | 13            | 14<br>Ash Wednesday<br>Valentine's Day            | 15            | 16                                     | 17       |
| 18     | 19<br>Presidents' Day<br>STATE HOLIDAY    | 20<br>SESSION | 21<br>Gov. Budget<br>Address & State of the State | 22<br>SESSION | 23                                     | 24       |
| 25     | 26  | 27            | 28  | 29            |  |          |

## IL House - March 2024

| SUNDAY              | MONDAY               | TUESDAY                | WEDNESDAY     | THURSDAY      | FRIDAY            | SATURDAY |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
|                     |                      |                        |               |               | 1                 | 2        |
| 3                   | 4                    | 5<br>SESSION           | 6<br>SESSION  | 7<br>SESSION  | 8                 | 9        |
| 10                  | 11<br>Ramadan Begins | 12<br>SESSION          | 13<br>SESSION | 14<br>SESSION | 15                | 16       |
| 17                  | 18                   | 19<br>Primary Election | 20<br>SESSION | 21<br>SESSION | 22<br>SESSION     | 23       |
| 24                  | 25                   | 26                     | 27            | 28            | 29<br>Good Friday | 30       |
| 31<br>Easter Sunday |                      |                        |               |               |                   |          |

## IL House - April 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                | TUESDAY           | WEDNESDAY     | THURSDAY      | FRIDAY        | SATURDAY                                     |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|        | 1                     | 2<br>SESSION      | 3<br>SESSION  | 4<br>SESSION  | 5<br>SESSION  | 6<br>DEADLINE<br>Committee Substantive Bills |
| 7      | 8                     | 9<br>Ramadan Ends | 10<br>SESSION | 11<br>SESSION | 12<br>SESSION | 13   |
| 14     | 15<br>SESSION         | 16<br>SESSION     | 17<br>SESSION | 18<br>SESSION | 19<br>SESSION | 20<br>DEADLINE<br>Bills 1st Reading          |
| 21     | 22<br>Passover Begins | 23                | 24            | 25            | 26            | 27   |
| 28     | 29                    | 30<br>SESSION     |               |               |               |  |

## IL House - May 2024

| SUNDAY           | MONDAY                              | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY        | THURSDAY         | FRIDAY           | SATURDAY                          |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                  |                                     |                  | 1<br>SESSION     | 2<br>SESSION     | 3<br>SESSION     | 4<br>DEADLINE<br>Committee Sbs    |
| 5                | 6<br>SESSION                        | 7<br>SESSION     | 8<br>SESSION     | 9<br>SESSION     | 10<br>SESSION    | 11                                |
| 12               | 13<br>Mother's Day                  | 14<br>SESSION    | 15<br>SESSION    | 16<br>SESSION    | 17<br>SESSION    | 18<br>DEADLINE<br>1st Reading Sbs |
| 19               | 20<br>SESSION                       | 21<br>SESSION    | 22<br>SESSION    | 23<br>SESSION    | 24<br>SESSION    | 25<br>SESSION                     |
| 26               | 27<br>STATE HOLIDAY<br>Memorial Day | 28               | 29               | 30               | 31               |                                   |
| BUDGET HOLD DATE | BUDGET HOLD DATE                    | BUDGET HOLD DATE | BUDGET HOLD DATE | BUDGET HOLD DATE | BUDGET HOLD DATE | BUDGET HOLD DATE                  |

## IL Senate - January 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY  | TUESDAY    | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|------------|------------|------------|---|----------|
|        | 1<br>NEW YEAR'S DAY<br>STATE HOLIDAY              | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5   | 6        |
| 7      | 8   | 9          | 10         | 11         | 12  | 13       |
| 14     | 15<br>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY<br>STATE HOLIDAY | 16 SESSION | 17 SESSION | 18 SESSION | 19<br>DEADLINE<br>House & Senate LBB Requests<br>LBB Back Out Period Begins | 20       |
| 21     | 22  | 23         | 24         | 25         | 26  | 27       |
| 28     | 29  | 30         | 31         |            |   |          |

## IL Senate - February 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                    | TUESDAY    | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|------------|--|------------|--|----------|
|        |   |            |  | 1          | 2  | 3        |
| 4      | 5   | 6 SESSION  | 7 SESSION  | 8 SESSION  | 9<br>DEADLINE<br>Introduction of Senate and House Bills<br>LBB Committee Report Begins | 10       |
| 11     | 12<br>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY<br>STATE HOLIDAY | 13         | 14<br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>VALENTINE'S DAY               | 15         | 16   | 17       |
| 18     | 19<br>PRESIDENTS DAY<br>STATE HOLIDAY     | 20 SESSION | 21 SESSION   | 22 SESSION | 23   | 24       |
| 25     | 26  | 27         | 28<br>GOVERNOR'S BUDGET & STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS | 29         |  |          |

## IL Senate - March 2024

| SUNDAY                                 | MONDAY   | TUESDAY    | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY      | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|
|  |  |            |            |            | 1           | 2  |
| 3                                      | 4  | 5 SESSION  | 6 SESSION  | 7 SESSION  | 8 SESSION   | 9  |
| 10                                     | 11<br>DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS<br>RAMADAN BEGINS | 12 SESSION | 13 SESSION | 14 SESSION | 15 SESSION  | 16<br>DEADLINE<br>Substantive Senate Bills<br>Out of Committee |
| 17                                     | 18   | 19         | 20 SESSION | 21 SESSION | 22 SESSION  | 23   |
| 24<br>ST. PATRICK'S DAY<br>PALE SUNDAY | 25   | 26         | 27         | 28         | 29          | 30   |
| 31<br>EASTER SUNDAY                    |  |            |            |            | GOOD FRIDAY |  |

## IL Senate - April 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY     | SATURDAY   |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------|--|------------|------------|--|
|        | 1                     | 2             | 3                                      | 4          | 5          | 6  |
| 7      | 8                     | 9 SESSION     | 10 SESSION                             | 11 SESSION | 12 SESSION | 13<br>DEADLINE<br>1st Reading Substantive Senate Bills |
| 14     | 15                    | 16 SESSION    | 17 SESSION                             | 18 SESSION | 19 SESSION | 20   |
| 21     | 22<br>PASSOVER BEGINS | 23            | 24<br>ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY | 25         | 26         | 27   |
| 28     | 29                    | 30 SESSION    |  |            |            |  |
|        |                       | PASSOVER ENDS |  |            |            |  |

## IL Senate - May 2024

| SUNDAY                   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                  | WEDNESDAY                | THURSDAY                 | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY   |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                          |   |                          | 1 SESSION                | 2 SESSION                | 3 SESSION                | 4<br>DEADLINE<br>Substantive House Bills<br>Out of Committee |
| 5                        | 6<br>PM SESSION   | 7 SESSION                | 8 SESSION                | 9 SESSION                | 10                       | 11   |
| 12<br>CINCO DE MAYO      | 13<br>PM SESSION  | 14 SESSION               | 15 SESSION               | 16 SESSION               | 17 SESSION               | 18<br>DEADLINE<br>1st Reading Substantive House Bills        |
| 19<br>MOTHER'S DAY       | 20 SESSION  | 21 SESSION               | 22 SESSION               | 23 SESSION               | 24 SESSION               | 25<br>ADJOURNMENT<br>CONTINGENT SESSION                      |
| 26<br>CONTINGENT SESSION | 27<br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>STATE HOLIDAY<br>CONTINGENT SESSION | 28<br>CONTINGENT SESSION | 29<br>CONTINGENT SESSION | 30<br>CONTINGENT SESSION | 31<br>CONTINGENT SESSION |  |

Join an

# ISACo Policy Committee

Help shape state policy affecting counties by joining an Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) Policy Committee! Participation is virtual and occurs four times per year unless the members of a committee desire to meet more frequently. These committees play a vital role in shaping the policies that impact our counties. As we navigate the complex landscape of governance and policy, it's crucial to ensure the voices of our county officials and staff are heard and actively shaping decisions that affect counties.

## Why Join?

1. **Community Empowerment:** Your county's needs and concerns deserve attention. Joining a Policy Committee allows you to actively contribute to the creation and improvement of policies that impact your operations.
2. **Informed Decision-Making:** Stay at the forefront of policy discussions and decisions. Your participation ensures that policies are crafted with a comprehensive understanding of local realities.
3. **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for positive change. The committees offer a platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas.
4. **Educational Resources:** Stay informed and educated on crucial issues affecting counties. The committees provide access to valuable resources and educational materials to enhance your understanding of policy matters.

## Committees Overview:

1. **Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee:** Addresses issues related to justice, law enforcement and public safety within local governments.
2. **Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Committee:** Addresses and promote initiatives and policies that contribute to the well-being and growth of counties and local economies.

3. **Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Committee:** Addresses and oversee matters related to environmental protection, energy policy and land use planning within local governments.
4. **Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Committee:** Addresses and formulates policies related to agriculture and rural development. This includes examining issues such as farming practices, agricultural sustainability, rural infrastructure and the overall well-being of rural communities.
5. **Public Health Policy Committee:** Addresses various health issues that promote and safeguard the health and well-being of residents through the development, evaluation and advocacy of policies.
6. **Transportation Policy Committee:** Focuses on formulating and overseeing transportation policies within counties. This committee addresses aspects such as infrastructure development, traffic management, public transit and sustainability.
7. **Arts and Culture Policy Committee:** Recommends policies related to arts and culture within counties. Its purpose is to provide a platform for discussing, developing and implementing policies that support and promote the arts and cultural activities.

## How to Get Involved:

**Joining is easy!** Visit our website [www.isacoil.org](http://www.isacoil.org) and explore the Policy Committees section. Choose the committee that aligns with your interests and expertise and fill out an application form. Return the form to Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager, Nekya Hall at [nhall@isacoil.org](mailto:nhall@isacoil.org).

Your participation matters. Together, we can build a future where policies are reflective of the diverse needs and aspirations of counties. Join an ISACo Policy Committee and be a catalyst for positive change!

# NACo Achievement Awards 2023



The Achievement Awards program is a non-competitive awards program recognizing innovative county government programs in 18 categories covering a wide spectrum of county responsibilities. One outstanding program from each category will be selected as the “Best of Category.” The following programs in Illinois won awards.

|                 |  |   |            |
|-----------------|--|---|------------|
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>PROHIBITION ON SINGLE USE PLASTICS IN LAKE COUNTY OPERATIONS</b>            |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Lake   | CATEGORY: County Resiliency                           | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS</b>  |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: County Resiliency                           | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>CLIMATE GOAL ACHIEVEMENT</b>  |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: County Resiliency                           | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>STIC WITH IT ENERGY CHALLENGE FOR BUILDING ENGINEERS</b>                    |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: County Resiliency                           | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY REDI COMMITTEE</b>                          |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: Personnel Management, Employment & Training | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>FACILITIES MANAGEMENT ENGINEER APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM</b>          |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: Personnel Management, Employment & Training | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>POSITIONING COOK COUNTY AS AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE</b>                        |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Lake   | CATEGORY: Personnel Management, Employment & Training | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS - COUNTYCARE'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM</b>    |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: Health                                      | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>UN PUERTO EN LA TORMENTA: HEALTH CARE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS IN CHICAGO</b>     |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Lake   | CATEGORY: Health                                      | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION &amp; CCH BLOOD PRESSURE REMOTE MONITORING</b> |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: Health                                      | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>FOOD AS MEDICINE</b>  |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Lake   | CATEGORY: Health                                      | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>FAMILIES IN IT TOGETHER (FIT) GRAM</b>                                      |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Cook   | CATEGORY: Health                                      | YEAR: 2023 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>MEDICAL EXAMINER'S ONLINE PORTAL</b>  |   |            |
|                 | COUNTY: Lake   | CATEGORY: Health                                      | YEAR: 2023 |



|                 |  |           |                                  |
|-----------------|--|-----------|----------------------------------|
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>COVID-19 ANALYTICS RESPONSE</b>   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Health                           |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>DATA-DRIVEN, COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE BUILDING</b>             |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Risk & Emergency Management      |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>SHERIFF'S MEAL DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP</b>   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Risk & Emergency Management      |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>COOK COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</b>                                   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>EQUITY FUND</b>   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>AUTOMATION OF BUILDING AND ZONING OPERATIONS</b>                                      |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>REINVEST DUPAGE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM</b>                                      |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | DuPage   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>PTAXSIM: A TOOL FOR POLICYMAKERS TO ENACT PROPERTY TAX REFORM BASED ON DATA</b>       |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>COOK COUNTY MANUFACTURING REINVENTED</b>  |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE</b>   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Community & Economic Development |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>DUPAGE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP</b>                                       |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | DuPage   | CATEGORY: | Human Services                   |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT (DUPAGE COUNTY) EVICTION MEDIATION PROGRAM</b> |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | DuPage   | CATEGORY: | Human Services                   |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>REMOTE AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO COURT HEARINGS (REACH)</b>                             |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Libraries                        |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>DIGITAL EQUITY ENGAGEMENT</b>   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Libraries                        |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX DISCOVERY PROCESS</b>                                       |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Financial Management             |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>COOK COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIDGE FUNDING PROGRAM</b>                               |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Financial Management             |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>FURNITURE COST ESTIMATION TOOL</b>  |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Financial Management             |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>RACIAL EQUITY COHORT FELLOWSHIP</b>   |           |                                  |
| COUNTY:         | Cook   | CATEGORY: | Criminal Justice & Public Safety |
|                 |  | YEAR:     | 2023                             |

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| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>COVID-19 ATTESTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CAMS)</b>                |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Cook  | CATEGORY: | Criminal Justice & Public Safety     |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>SHERIFF'S VEHICLE LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM</b>                  |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Cook  | CATEGORY: | Criminal Justice & Public Safety     |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>CONNECTION TO THE COURTS (ACCESS TO JUSTICE) PROGRAM</b>         |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Kendall   | CATEGORY: | Criminal Justice & Public Safety     |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>JUST HOUSING AMENDMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM</b>                      |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Cook  | CATEGORY: | Civic Education & Public Information |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>LAND RECORDS FREE LEGAL HELP DESK</b>                            |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Cook  | CATEGORY: | Civic Education & Public Information |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>SHERIFF'S MENTORING PROGRAM</b>                                  |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Cook  | CATEGORY: | Children & Youth                     |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |
| <b>PROGRAM:</b> | <b>LINKJA - A PRIVACY-PRESERVING RECORD LINKAGE SOFTWARE SYSTEM</b> |           |                                      |
| COUNTY:         | Cook  | CATEGORY: | Information Technology               |
| CATEGORY:       |   | YEAR:     | 2023                                 |

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