



RURAL PROSPERITY NEBRASKA

1st Quarter 2022

BY THE NUMBERS

The American Rescue Plan Act offers communities funds to help their economic recovery after the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nebraska communities are among those recipients. Here are the ARPA numbers:

- 111** \$Millions given to Nebraska
- 93** Counties able to receive funds
- 72** RPN Educators ready to help
- 2** Clicks needed to contact RPN

Visit RPN's website to contact the Educator nearest you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 23

COOL Network series begins. Register at nacone.org

FEB 4-5

Nebraska Regional Food Systems Summit

FEB 15

Community applications due for Rural Fellowship program

FEB 24-25

Women in Agriculture Conference, Kearney

APR 27-28

Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference, Columbus

FEATURED PROGRAM

Leading Locally

This program helps locals strengthen leadership skills and discover their leadership capacity. Currently Wayne and Schuyler both have cohorts who have already had an impact on their community development and are poised to graduate in April.



MARY EMERY
NEW DIRECTOR OF RPN

We're kicking off 2022 by welcoming Dr. Mary Emery as the inaugural director of Rural Prosperity Nebraska. She'll start as director on Feb. 15. With a background in community and economic development, Mary will also serve as a professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication on UNL's East Campus in Lincoln.

" I think we are all interested in building capacity...to think outside the box on reinventing rural.



\$100,000

Communities that host students as part of the 2022 Rural Fellowship program are eligible for financial support. A total of \$100,000 will be given to communities.



HOPE

Lindsay Hastings conducted a study about leadership transfers in rural communities and found an interesting phenomenon—hope helps communities thrive.

FEATURED PHOTOGRAPH



At the Launching Nebraskonauts event hosted by 4-H and Extension in Grand Island in Oct., students talk to astronauts living and working in the International Space Station.

HOW HAS RPN HELPED YOUR COMMUNITY?

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