



Recovery Speaker Series: A Local Perspective on Disasters and Recovery

Webinar
July 27, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM-12:00 PM ET

The old saying of “all politics is local” is even truer after a disaster. The aftermath of a disaster leaves cities and counties shaken, bewildered, and lost; they are looking to get back to normal as soon as possible. Ultimately it is the local official who takes the call when things don’t move fast enough or problems occur with state and federal partners. Understanding the local perspective can be a bonus so the folks who suffered through the disaster see a united partnership of local, state and federal resources trying to help people.

Stories from the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, floods in 2008 paint a picture of the devastation, pain, and loss; and show how assistance in being responsive at the human level of a crisis is needed as a community recovers. Building partnerships at the local, state, and federal level also assures that rebuilding allows a city or county to experience a successful recovery. This presentation will offer tips for effectively working with local officials, understanding a local perspective, and what can be done to help people in the aftermath of a disaster so they can get on a real road to recovery.

About the Presenter: Linda Langston is the Director of Strategic Relations for the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C. Ms. Langston previously served as an elected official on the Linn County Board of Supervisors from 2003-2016. During her tenure she also served as President of the National Association of Counties, Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the East Central Iowa Council of Governments, and the Linn County Board of Health. Her leadership in arts and culture earned her the 2009 Americans for the Arts’ Public Official of the Year Award. Ms. Langston was also named Iowa Public Health Official of the Year and inducted into the Hall of Fame for International Women in Emergency Management.

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The webinar will take place **Thursday, July 27, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM ET.**

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