



INVEST IN YOUR COUNTY

JOIN COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF AMERICA

Welcome to County Executives of America, the only non-partisan association dedicated specifically to chief elected county officials. Our organization has spent over 40 years helping county leaders reach their goals. Whether you are interested in strong advocacy, economic development, grant and appropriations research, legislative and regulatory analysis, or if you simply want to participate in a working dialogue with your colleagues across the country, County Executives of America can help you.

County Executives of America began as a league formed by county executives who believed that the job as the chief elected officer of a county was too important to overlook. Their initial desire to create an alliance that would assist county officers in executing their duties sparked a dramatic evolution that produced today's association of nearly 700 counties.

OUR MISSION

County Executives of America's mission is two-fold:

- (1) To help county governments serve the American people in the most responsive, most efficient way by acting as a national voice for its leaders and representing its interests on all levels of government.
- (2) To develop, promote, and preserve the core philosophy of federalism and devolution.

Indeed, there is no faster growing government in the nation, nor one with as much potential to truly influence the course of public policy at home and abroad. From coast to coast, from border to border, county executives are abuzz with policy entrepreneurship. In fact, we believe the most ambitious policy experiments, such as regionalism and international economic partnerships, are taking place at the local level first. County Executives of America aims to foster an environment in which such experiments can be nurtured and grown into effective government programs.

WHY COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF AMERICA?

Our members are the top decision-makers in their counties and have sole responsibility for the growth of the local economy and the well-being of county citizens. This esteemed group represents more than 48% of the nation's population and spans over 30 U.S. states. As a member you will be able to meet and work with local government leaders from coast to coast, many of whom are shaping the future of county government on local, national, and global levels. Just consider some of the benefits we offer:

BENEFITS

- ◆ Invitation to all CEA meetings and special events across the country and abroad.
- ◆ National support for legislative issues of importance to you and your county.
- ◆ Access to CEA's public-private partnership and international partnership programs, developed to foster local economic growth in a fast-changing global marketplace.
- ◆ Policy research and grant services as well as advocacy among federal agencies for county funding.
- ◆ Exclusive government programs and products designed to help you manage your county more effectively and efficiently.
- ◆ Full subscription to CEA's monthly publication, *Executive Summary*; currently received and read by nearly 700 elected county officials across the country.
- ◆ Opportunities to engage in an on-going dialogue with county executives and other local government leaders.
- ◆ Various mailings and fax bulletins by CEA, which include comprehensive policy issue developments, legislative tracking, conference schedules and other events.

WHAT ELSE?

- ◆ Learn who's who in federal government, and where you should go to get the funds your county needs.
- ◆ Discover the best practices in areas like energy conservation, waste management, health care, business attraction, intermodalism, and many more.
- ◆ Profit from an organization that caters to your specific needs and provides personal attention *every single time*.

- ◆ Expand your reach by utilizing County Executives of America's offices in Washington D.C. at no cost to you or your county.

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

While County Executives of America is dedicated to serving all counties throughout the United States, those eligible to become members meet the following criteria:

1. The prospective member must be a duly elected officer of a county government within the boundaries of the United States.
2. The prospective member must be elected by the duly represented entirety of the county population.
3. The prospective member must actively participate in the formulation of policy and budgetary execution.
4. The prospective member must act as the chief executive officer of county government.

THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY

County Executives of America believes that all counties, large and small, ought to be represented. So we've made joining County Executives of America easy and affordable through our unique annual dues payment plan based on a formula of **one cent per county resident** as listed in current population figures. For example, a county with a population of 100,000 will pay annual dues of \$1,000 dollars.

We also strive to make our dues structure fair and flexible to best suit your annual county budget. Our billing cycle begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. However, counties that join during the fiscal year will pay only the amount remaining in the billing cycle for that year. In addition, quarterly and bi-annual payment plans are available for those counties who cannot pay in full at the beginning of the billing cycle.

HOW DO I JOIN?

If you would like to become a member of County Executives of America or have any questions regarding our association, do not hesitate to call us at **202-289-4805** or call toll-free at **1-800-296-8438**. Or write us at:

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