

Chase County has received a monetary dividend of \$3,501 from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), the county's property, liability and workers' compensation coverage provider.

The dividend was part of a \$640,156 financial return distributed among 76 Nebraska counties and four regional area agencies on aging during a NIRMA conference Oct. 4-5 in Kearney.

With this dividend, Chase County has now received a total of \$24,566 in financial returns since becoming a member of NIRMA in 1997.

NIRMA issues financial dividends from funds no longer needed for the payment of claims and general operating expenses. This marks the 23rd time since 1991 and the 17th consecutive year that NIRMA has been able to return funds, now totaling nearly \$13.9 million, to its members and their local property taxpayers.

"NIRMA is able to return funds because of a proactive partnership we have with our membership. When members take extra steps to prevent losses, it reduces the potential for claims and the amount that might otherwise have been spent. But when a claim does occur, NIRMA works hard to reach a timely and satisfactory resolution, which again saves local taxpayer dollars," said NIRMA Executive Director Craig Nelson.

NIRMA was created by 32 counties in 1988 as the state's first governmental risk management and self-insurance program. Today it serves 79 counties and six area agencies on aging.