FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

- **EDA Public Works Program**: Provides funds to state, local, and Tribal governments in order to develop public and private infrastructure in economically-distressed areas. Eligible projects can include construction of modern infrastructure such as distance learning networks, multitenant manufactories, and fiber optic facilities. Traditional public works projects are also eligible, including water system improvements, skill-training facilities, and brownfields redevelopment. [https://www.eda.gov/pdf/about/Public-Works-Program-1-Pager.pdf](https://www.eda.gov/pdf/about/Public-Works-Program-1-Pager.pdf)

- **Economic Adjustment Assistant (EAA) Program**: Provides a range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance to regions experiencing adverse economic changes due to events such as a plant closure, changing trade patterns, catastrophic natural disasters, or a military base closure. The EAA program can provide state and local entities with two types of grant:
  - **Strategy Grants**: Supports the creation or refinement of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the affected area.
  - **Implementation Grants**: Supports the execution of projects identified in a CEDS, such as infrastructure improvements, site acquisition, and site rehabilitation. Specific activities may be funded as separate investments or as multiple elements of a single investment. [https://eda.gov/pdf/about/Economic-Adjustment-Assistance-Program-1-Pager.pdf](https://eda.gov/pdf/about/Economic-Adjustment-Assistance-Program-1-Pager.pdf)

- **EDA Disaster Supplemental Grants**: Provides funds to nonprofits and state, local, and Tribal governments to implement long-term plans to recover from declared disasters and increase community resiliency. [https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/](https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/)

- **Regional Innovation Strategies Program**: EDA provides two types of grants to support plans to enhance startup accelerators and technology commercialization services on a regional scale.
  - **i6 Challenge**: A competitive grant designed to support entrepreneurial programs related to technology commercialization that result in the creation of new businesses, exports, and jobs across a given region. Funding may be used for purposes including personnel recruitment, program development, and equipment procurement, among others.
  - **Seed Fund Support (SFS) Grant Competition**: A competitive grant that supports the formation or expansion of cluster-focused seed funds that invest their capital in innovation-based startups with high growth and job creation potential. Funds can be used for technical assistance, such as conducting feasibility studies or engaging in planning activities relevant to the establishment of a viable fund. [https://www.eda.gov/oie/ris/](https://www.eda.gov/oie/ris/)

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EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs: A competitive grant that provides assistance to state, local, and Tribal governments and their community partners in creating economic development plans. These plans are to guide the creation and retention of high-quality jobs for unemployed and underemployed workers in economically-distressed regions.
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301959

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms: EDA also sponsors a number of Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers, which can provide assistance to firms facing declining revenues due to foreign commercial competition. Examples of such assistance include marketing, manufacturing, finance, employee training, and new product development. Visit the Southwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center website for further information.
http://www.taacenters.org/locations.html
https://swtaac.org/

Additional EDA contacts to support your community can be found here.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT
BROADBAND

Community Connect Grants: helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for the private sector to deliver service, including most local government entities. Rural areas that lack broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream are eligible.
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants

The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee program may also be available to benefit construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at minimum speeds in eligible rural areas.
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-broadband-access-loan-and-loan-guarantee

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees program, available to those communities with a population of 5,000 or less, provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program: provides a combination of low-interest loans and grants to develop essential community facilities, such as town halls, public safety services, community centers, dental and medical clinics, or food pantries, in rural areas. Federally-
• recognized Tribes, local governments, and non-profits from communities with less than 20,000 residents may apply. Communities may also apply for a loan guarantee through private lenders. https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program

Additional programs are available to communities to help identify needs and additional resources, through the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training grants and Economic Impact Initiative grants.

• Additional USDA Rural Development programs and services can be available for your community here. https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services

ENERGY

• **High Energy Cost Grants**: assists energy providers and other eligible entities in lowering energy costs for families and individuals in areas with extremely high per-household energy costs (275% of the national average or higher), including local government entities. The Rural Energy Savings Program may also be available to help rural families and small businesses achieve cost savings by implementing durable, cost-effective energy efficiency measures. https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/high-energy-cost-grants
  https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-savings-program

• **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants**: allows recipients to assist rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits, and providing renewable energy technical assistance and site assessments for potential development. Eligible project costs may include salaries directly related to the project, travel expenses, and administrative expenses.

  Loan financing and grant funding may be available for agricultural producers and rural small businesses to pursue renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-energy-audit-renewable-energy-development-assistance

ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

• Many of our communities are home to brownfields – abandoned industrial or commercial sites like old gas stations, dry cleaners, or vacant motels—where future use is affected by real or perceived environmental contamination. The EPA Brownfields program provides direct funding for brownfields assessments, planning, cleanup, revolving loans, and environmental job training. These programs ago hand-in-hand with New Mexico’s Brownfields Program, which offers free environmental evaluations of brownfield properties, a brownfield cleanup revolving loan fund, technical assistance, and a voluntary remediation program. https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding
• Additional EPA grants may be available at https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs

HOUSING

• Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): most communities in New Mexico apply through the State Department of Finance & Administration to access federal block grants each year, to benefit community facilities, infrastructure, and roads. Additional information is available online at http://nmdfa.state.nm.us/Community_Development_Bureau_1.aspx

• HUD Disaster Relief: HUD offers a number of programs to assist residents living in designated disaster areas. Affected residents may qualify for a **foreclosure moratorium** if they are unable to make mortgage payments on a FHA mortgage. HUD may also expedite the disbursement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to affected states or municipalities and may allow such funds to be used in disaster response efforts. In certain cases, specialized **CDBG disaster grants** may be offered to affected areas.
  https://www.hud.gov/info/disasterresources
  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/qaho0121
  https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/

• HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Provides funding to states and local governments in order to implement local housing strategies designed to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents. Funds may be used for tenant-based rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, assistance to homebuyers, site acquisition, and new housing construction projects.
  https://www.hud.gov/hudprograms/home-program

• Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program: Provides support for comprehensive projects to redevelop neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing. Funds are intended to assist with the creation of collaborative redevelopment plans that revitalize distressed HUD housing via the combined efforts of public and private stakeholders.
  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy18cnpg

• Good Neighbor Next Door Program: HUD provides law enforcement officers, pre-K to 12th-grade teachers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians a 50% discount on the cost of purchasing a HUD-owned single family home. For a list of eligible homes, please refer to HUD’s **HUDHomes database**.
  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/reo/goodn/gnndabot

• Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program: This competitive grant program assists cities, counties, and Tribal governments with creating programs to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing.
  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy18lbphr

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• **Continuum of Care Program**: Provides funds to nonprofit organizations, local governments, and public housing agencies to enact programs that provide housing and other services to homeless residents.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy18coc

• **Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program**: Provides funds to nonprofit organizations to purchase or redevelop homes for use in volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income families.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy18shop

• **Jobs Plus Initiative**: HUD offers grant funds to entities who work in collaboration with public housing authorities to provide residents with employment-related services such as work-readiness training, employer linkages, financial counseling, and educational advancement.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/jpi

• The U.S. Department of Energy supports the **New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority’s Energy$mart Program**, with funding from the U.S Department of Health & Human Services Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and local utility companies, to support community action agencies, nonprofit agencies or local governments in making homes more energy efficient at no cost to the home owner, to keep families safe and healthy.
http://www.housingnm.org/homeowners/energysmart

**MAINSTREET REVITALIZATION**

• **New Mexico MainStreet**, a program of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, is focused on building capacity for local economic revitalization and redevelopment, enhancing the entrepreneurial and creative economy, and helping to create thriving places. Some of their more popular programs include the Accelerator program, Facade Squads & Creative Placemaking, Frontier Communities Initiative, Great Blocks on MainStreet, and Historic Theaters Initiative.
https://www.nmmainstreet.org/resources/programs/

**WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

• **Solid Waste Management grants**: helps to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources through improved planning and management of solid waste sites. In addition to evaluating current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources, it provides technical assistance or training to enhance active operations of active landfills, help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming in, and prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site. Available for communities of 10,000 or less to apply.

• **Water & Waste Disposal grants to alleviate health risks on Tribal lands and colonias**: provides low-income communities facing significant health risks access to funds to construct safe, reliable drinking water systems and waste disposal facilities and services. Federally-recognized Tribes, local governments, colonias recognized before October 1, 1989, and non-profits from

- The **Water & Waste Water Disposal Loan & Grant program** provides funding to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses. Predevelopment planning grants and loan guarantees may be available. [https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program)

**How Can We Help You?**

**New Mexico Delegation Office**

The Delegation Office is available to support New Mexicans with funding searches for projects in their communities and with compiling letters of support to accompany communities’ applications to federal agencies.

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**Local State Office**

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