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NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WEEKLY RESOURCE WRAP-UP

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Editor's note: Through the upcoming holiday season, we will not be publishing the Resource Wrap-Up each week. We will resume publishing on January 10.

EDD Webinars & Events

[Sustainable Economy Advisory Council](#) (link will open the meeting on Zoom)

December 16 at 2:30 pm

View the [New Mexico MainStreet event listings](#)

Scroll to the bottom for more webinars and events.

ARTICLES/LINKS

[CCD Now Accepting Applications for All Available Cannabis License Types](#)

[Senators Luján, Cramer Introduce Legislation To Bolster](#)

COVID-19 Recovery

NEW! [Downtown Storefront Activation Grant](#)

Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, \$500,000 is available to businesses that occupy street-level retail space in Downtown Albuquerque. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available to small businesses (less than 250 employees) that activate and occupy storefront space in the Downtown District.

NEW! [EDA Recovery Loans](#)

Small business loans up to \$250,000 at a 3.5% fixed interest rate & 2% commitment fee. Funds can be used for real estate acquisition, leasehold improvements, equipment and heavy machinery acquisition, with a possible combination of working capital. The EDA loans are available in the following New Mexico Counties: *Doña Ana, Sierra, and Socorro.*

[Outdoor Recreation, Promote Biking On Federal Lands](#)

[Potential flexibility in ARP Fiscal Recovery Funds highlights importance of strategic planning for state and local governments](#)

[New Mexico PRC approves El Paso Electric's \\$1.2M EV infrastructure investment plan](#)

[Pattern Energy and RETA Announce Energization of Western Spirit Transmission Line in New Mexico](#)

[New Mexico lawmakers weigh \\$10 million request to boost outdoor recreation](#)

[State Creates \\$5-million Loan Program for Cannabis Microbusinesses](#)

[Biden signs the \\$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill into law](#)

[100 Community College Students to Receive \\$400 a Month through Santa Fe LEAP -- the Learn, Earn, and Achieve Project](#)

[Farm and Food Workers Relief Grant Program](#)

Provides financial support to state agencies, Tribal entities, and non-profit organizations to deliver \$600 flat-rate payments to eligible farmworkers, meatpacking workers, and grocery store workers who incurred expenses responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Deadline: Feb. 8, 2022.**

Business Resource

NEW! [Prestamos Prime Small Business Technical Assistance Program](#)

Prestamos offers free training and technical assistance to strengthen economically disadvantaged businesses. Support will include bilingual training and coaching in areas such as accounting, QuickBooks, business pivoting, strategic planning, business plan coaching, marketing, debt restructuring, and human resources.

Priority will be given to small businesses with less than nine employees that are minority-owned, located in a rural community, opportunity, or HUBZone, and/or owned by individual(s) considered low-income.

No time to read the Wrap-Up every week? Join us today and each Monday after Jan.10 at noon as we livestream a short recap of the weekly resources on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). (There will be no livestream on the weeks that we do not publish the Wrap-Up.)

EDD Highlight: Hospitality Training Reimbursement Program

This partnership between the New Mexico Departments of Workforce Solutions and Tourism features a training reimbursement program for the hospitality industry to assist them with training costs and increase their workforce to pre-pandemic levels.

The program will cover up to 16 weeks with a range of total reimbursements per employee from \$816 - 4,480.

Positions must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Pay at least \$12.50/hour
- Full-time or part-time, tipped or non-tipped. For businesses in food service, 25% of the new hires must be tipped full-time server staff

- New employees must be hired or promoted within 30 days of completing the application
- Promoted employees must receive a pay increase

[Learn more.](#)

Community Resources

NEW! [National Endowment for the Humanities Media Projects](#)

This program supports collaboration between media producers and scholars to develop humanities content and to prepare documentary films, radio, and podcasts that engage public audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. All projects must be grounded in humanities scholarship. **Deadline: Jan. 12, 2022.**

NEW! [YouthBuild](#)

This program funds organizations to provide a pre-apprenticeship program model that encompasses education, occupational skills training, leadership development, and high-quality post-program placement opportunities to youth. YouthBuild is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who left high school prior to graduation that also have other risk factors, including being an adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, migrant farmworker youth, youth experiencing housing instability, and other disadvantaged youth populations. Public and private non-profit agencies that have previously served youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program may apply. **Deadline: Jan. 21, 2022.**

NEW! [NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program](#)

Enables low-income students with academic ability, talent, or potential to pursue successful careers in promising STEM fields. Eligible applicants include two- and four-year Institutions of Higher Education acting on behalf of their faculty members. **Deadline: Feb. 22, 2022.**

NEW! [The Broadband ReConnect Program](#)

This program furnishes loans and grants for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas.

NEW! [Clean Water Act Nonpoint Service Grant](#)

EPA is soliciting applications from eligible tribes and intertribal consortia to develop and/or implement watershed-based plans and complete watershed projects that will result in significant steps towards solving nonpoint source water quality impairments or threats on a watershed-wide basis. Eligible Applicants: Pueblo of Acoma; Pueblo of Laguna; Pueblo of Nambe; Pueblo of Santa Ana; Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of Taos; Pueblo of Tesuque; Mescalero-Apache Tribe; Jicarilla Apache Nation; and Navajo. **Deadline: Jan. 27, 2022**

NEW! [Competitive State Wildlife Grant Program](#)

This grant helps implement programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. Eligible activities include conservation planning and implementation. Eligible Applicants: State governments or the four regional Associations of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. **Deadline: Feb. 19, 2022.**

NEW! [Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program](#)

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Programs helps replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; improves outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children's education; and creates the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods. **Deadline: Feb. 15, 2022.**

NEW! Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management Headquarters Recreation and Visitor Services

The program is responsible for implementing administration and department priorities, including projects to improve racial equity, diversity, and inclusion; help strengthen the U.S. economy; minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19; and reduce negative impacts to the environment and climate. **Deadline: May 30, 2022.**

NEW! NM EnergySmart Weatherization Program

The NM EnergySmart Weatherization Program provides energy-saving retrofits and home modifications at no charge to eligible homeowners and renters.

Community Forest Program

Funds allow communities to acquire and conserve forests that provide public access and recreational opportunities, protect vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, serve as demonstration sites for private forest landowners, and provide economic benefits from timber and non-timber products. Counties, cities or township governments; Native American tribal governments; and most nonprofits may apply. **Deadline: January 10, 2022.**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Indian and Native American Programs - Employment and Training Grants

The purpose of this program is to support employment and training activities for Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian individuals in accordance with the goals and values of each community. **Deadline: April 12, 2022.**

Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program

This competitive grants program promotes and strengthens the ability of Hispanic-serving institutions to carry out higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. **Deadline: Jan. 28, 2022.**

In Case You Missed It

COVID-19 Recovery Resources:

- [PPP Forgiveness Portal Open for Most Loans Under \\$150,000](#)

Business Resources:

- [2022 Wood Innovations](#) - Deadline: January 19, 2022
- [SBIR/STTR Phase II Release](#) - Deadline: Dec. 7, 2022

Community Resources:

- [The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program \(CFPCGP\)](#) - Deadline: Dec. 20
 - [Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention](#) - Deadline: Feb. 2, 2022
 - [Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace](#) - Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023
 - [Rural eConnectivity Program](#) - Deadline: Feb. 22, 2022
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More Upcoming Webinars & Events

Dec. 14 at 12 pm
[USDA Strategic Economic Community Development](#)

Dec. 15 at 8 am

Dec. 15 at 12 PM
[USDA ReConnect Program: Application Intake System Highlights](#)

Dec. 17 at 1 pm

Ongoing Webinars:

- [NM Small Business Development Center Trainings and Webinars](#)
- [N.M. Tax and Revenue New Businesses and New Employers workshops](#)
- [US and Foreign Commercial Service Trade Events](#)
- [Albuquerque SCORE Webinars](#)

On Demand NM SCORE Webinars:

- [Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps](#)
- [Reach Customers Online with Google](#)
- [PPP Loan Forgiveness Application Requirements](#)
- [Economic Injury Disaster Loan](#)

Recent Webinar Recordings

- [NM Recovery Series: NMFA's Business Recovery Grant Program](#) (11/17/21)
- [NM Recovery Series: SBA Updates and Q&A](#) (11/3/21)

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