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NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WEEKLY RESOURCE WRAP-UP

April 25, 2022

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EDD News & Events

[Rural Efficient Business Interview Series with High Country Meats](#)

April 26 at 12 pm

Co-Owner Lee Dixon will talk to us about the history of his business and give a review of the USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) funding he received in order to make retrofits to improve energy efficiency. He will also be discussing future plans to become even more sustainable.

[Worker's Compensation 101](#)

April 26 at 6 pm

EDD's Outdoor Recreation Division, WESST, and endeavor NM offer this class for outdoor recreation companies in New Mexico.

[Open Meeting Notice: Sustainable Economy Advisory Council](#)

April 26 at 3 pm

**[Learn more about the Sustainable
Economy Advisory Council](#)**

Recovery Resources

[NEW! EIDL Available to N.M. Small Businesses](#)

Small non-farm businesses in all New Mexico counties are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses from reduced revenues since November 01, 2021.

[NEW! Community Health Worker Training Program \(CHWTP\)](#)

CHWTP supports projects that will increase the number of community health and health support workers and equip them with the skills needed to provide effective community outreach - build trust with communities, support connections to and retention in care and support services, increase access to care, assist individuals in prevention services, and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health emergencies in underserved communities.

Deadline: June 14.

[Trails+ Grant Virtual Training Session](#)

April 27 at 10am

Overview of the program, application, and questions you have about the process. [Read more about the 2022 Trails+ Grant.](#)

Request for Proposals (RFP): SSBCI Investment Manager

EDD seeks a contractor to work with its team and an investment advisory committee to make investments into multiple venture capital funds. **Deadline: May 9.** [Download here.](#)

Join us Mondays at noon, as we livestream a short recap of the Weekly Wrap-Up on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). You can also catch up on pre-recorded livestreams [here](#).

Articles/Links

[New Mexico enacts community solar, commits to energy equity](#)

[President Biden's Budget Invests \\$2.8 Billion to Support Economies, Outdoor Recreation and Access to Public Lands](#)

[Cheers to five more years](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture Establish New Program to Support Rural Health Care Providers, Invests \\$43 Million](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Launches Nationwide Network of Partners to Tap Resources for Rural America](#)

Business Resources

NEW! [SBA Announces New Courses](#)

Ascent is a digital platform comprised of targeted education modules, called Journeys, that gives small business owners 24/7 access to critical information backed by research that addresses the unique needs of women entrepreneurs.

NEW! [Deadline Extended: SBA 7A Community Advantage Program](#)

The 7A Community Advantage loan program is a temporary pilot program to help new and existing small businesses in underserved areas. The program offers up to \$250,000 for startup costs, operating expenses, business acquisition, refinancing of business debt, equipment purchases, working capital, and more — with no prepayment penalties. An expanded number of lenders will be allowed to access the SBA's 7A government-guaranteed loan program at lending levels up to \$350,000, an increase over the current levels of \$250,000. **Deadline: Sept. 30, 2024.**

NEW! [Farm Storage Facility Loan Program \(FSFL\)](#)

FSFL provides low-interest financing so producers can build or upgrade facilities to store commodities. Eligible commodities include grains, oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, hay, honey, renewable biomass commodities, fruits and vegetables, floriculture, hops, maple sap, milk, cheese, yogurt, butter, eggs, meat/poultry (unprocessed), rye, and aquaculture. Eligible facility types include grain bins, hay barns, bulk tanks, and facilities for cold storage. Drying and handling and storage equipment is also eligible, including storage and handling trucks. Limit per Applicant: \$500,000

[Enchantment Land Certified Development Company \(ELCDC\)](#)

ELCDC is a leading private, nonprofit organization financing business loans. They offer competitive low-cost, long-term 504 business loans by partnering with the Small Business Administration (SBA) and local banks.

[Small Business Innovation Research Program \(SBIR\) Phase II](#)

The specific purpose of NIDILRR's SBIR program is to improve the lives of people with disabilities through R/R&D products generated by small businesses, and to increase the commercial application of NIDILRR-supported research results and development products. All SBIR projects funded by NIDILRR must address the needs of people with disabilities and promote their health and function, community living, or employment outcomes. **Deadline: June 6.**

This Week's Highlight: New Mexico Wildfires

The state is working closely with multiple local, state, federal, and Tribal agencies to battle several wildfires burning across New Mexico this week. Strong, damaging winds combined with ongoing drought and low humidity resulted in conditions that caused wildfire to rapidly spread.

Shelters for those displaced by the fires:

- Belen Recreational Center, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen, NM 87002
- Memorial Middle School, 1236 5th St, Las Vegas, NM 87701
- Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr, Ruidoso, NM 88345
- Carrizozo High School, 800 D Ave, Carrizozo, NM 88301

Those affected by the fires who need assistance should call the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at 1-800-432-2080. The latest information on wildfire and smoke activity is available on the [New Mexico Fire Information website](#).

More info:

- [Hermit's Peak Fire Info](#) from the City of Las Vegas
- [Big Hole Fire Updates](#) from the City of Belen
- [McBride Fire Updates](#) from the Village of Ruidoso
- The [Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce](#) and the City of Belen are collecting Walmart gift cards and gift certificates to local eateries/businesses for those affected by the fire. Call Rhona at (505) 864-8091 if you have any questions.
- [Here's how you can support Ruidoso residents and first responders impacted by wildfires](#) from the Las Cruces Sun News

Community Resources

NEW! [Tourism Event Growth & Sustainability Program](#)

This program provides technical assistance, sponsorship, and marketing and advertising to events within New Mexico to support their growth and improvement. Includes:

- Event Accelerator: Builds and improves events to prepare them for sponsorship. The event may receive up to \$5,000 in reimbursement-based funding to execute the deliverables.
- Event Sponsorship: Secures sponsorships for events by providing up to a \$50,000 sponsorship and an opportunity to participate in a national sponsorship sales program.
- Co-Op Events Advertising Program: Secures marketing and advertising for events through a 2:1 co-funded marketing program in which awarded entities choose from a media menu worth up to \$10,000.

NEW! [Research and Evaluation on Policing](#)

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects in four topic areas: diversifying responses to public safety needs; implementation and sustainment of long-term organizational change in policing agencies; and police recruitment, retention, and training in today's environment. Eligible Applicants: public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; small businesses; state, special district, county, city, township, and Tribal governments; independent school districts; institutions of higher education; and nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Deadline: May 20.

NEW! [Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant](#)

This program provides technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers. Maximum grant amount: \$175,000. Funds may be used to provide technical assistance, such as feasibility studies, business plans, strategic planning, and leadership training, to socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas.

NEW! [Artesia Mural Trail Request for Proposal](#)

This mural will be the latest in a continuing series of downtown public art installations, in support of the arts in Artesia. The overall design should be timeless and incorporate the location's setting and existing building elements. \$5,000 will be awarded to the selected artist or team of artists. The Artesia Arts & Cultural District and the site owner will pay for materials, and provide equipment, pressure-washing, and site repairs. **Deadline: April 30.**

NEW! Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Awards

Grants range from \$30,000 to \$350,000, with a collective \$5 million awarded annually. Open to nonprofit charitable organizations. **Deadline: May 20.**

NEW! New Mexico Conservation Technical Assistance for Outreach and Education

Natural Resources Conservation Service is seeking to partner with and support natural resource conservation partners and promote public awareness and implementation of conservation activities including conducting conservation outreach workshops and training that will help educate the agricultural community, private landowners, conservation organizations, cooperating agencies, acequias, and land grants. **Deadline: May 23.**

NEW! Build to Scale Program

The Build to Scale Program provides grants for activities designed to develop and support regional innovation initiatives, advancing the growth of connected, innovation-centric economies that increase job growth, enable the workforce of tomorrow, enhance global competitiveness, and foster global competitiveness through technology commercialization and entrepreneurship. **Deadline: June 13.**

NEW! Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program

This program provides loan guarantees up to \$250 million to assist in the development, construction and retrofitting of these new and emerging technologies: advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased products. **Letter of intent deadline: Sept. 1. Completed application: Oct. 1.**

Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing

Through funding of national intermediaries, the Section 4 Capacity Building program enhances the capacity and ability of community development corporations (CDCs) and community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to carry out affordable housing and community development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income families and persons. Eligible Applicants: nonprofits other than institutions of higher education. **Deadline: June 6.**

Rural Cooperative Development Grant

Program improves the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals or entities in the startup, expansion, or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. Eligible Applicants: institutions of higher education and nonprofits. **Deadline: June 6.**

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program Competitive Grants

Program presents the opportunity to bring together stakeholders from various parts of the food and healthcare systems to foster understanding of how they might improve the health and nutrition status of participating households. Applicants are encouraged to seek and create partnerships with public or private, nonprofit, or for-profit entities, including links with academic institutions and/or other appropriate professionals; community-based organizations; tribal nations and local government entities; and/or partnering entities for the purposes of providing additional resources and reversing historical failure in underserved communities. **Deadline: June 30.**

In Case You Missed It

Recovery Resources:

- [**Santa Fe Community Foundation: Rapid Response Grants**](#) - **Deadline: June 30 or until funding is exhausted**
- [**COVID.gov - COVID-19 Toolkit**](#)

Business Resources:

- [**Employer's Guide to Supporting Employee Child Care**](#)

- [WESST's HOPE Fund](#)
- [Free Digital Tools for Small Businesses from the SBDA](#)
- [RDC's Micro-Grant Fund](#) - Deadline: May 2
- [IFundWomen Entrepreneur of the Year 2022](#) - Deadline: June 8
- [Rural Community Assistance Corporation \(RCAC\)](#)

Community Resources:

- [Wells Fargo Local Community Grants](#)
- [The Community Technical Assistance \(CTA\) Program](#)
- [The Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [The New Mexico Broadband Equity Fund](#) - Deadline: May 13
- [The Housing Trust Homebuyer Assistance Programs](#)
- [EPA Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities](#) -Deadline: April 28
- [Rural Capacity Building \(RCB\) Technical Assistance](#)
- [Economic Development RNTA](#)
- [Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers](#) - Deadline: June 8
- [Deploying Solar with Wildlife & Ecosystem Services Benefits](#) - Deadline: June 20
- [Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant](#) - Deadline: May 23
- [Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity Technical Assistance Program](#)

More Upcoming Webinars & Events

<p>April 26 at 11 am 2nd Annual World IP Day Celebration</p> <p>The New Mexico Municipal League Grant Writing Workshops: April 26: Project Scoping for Funding May 17: General Project Development June 9: Identifying Matching Funds and Partners June 21: You Got the Money- Now What?</p> <p>April 26 at 12 pm What Is A PEO, and How Can It Help Your Business?</p> <p>April 27 at 12:30 pm IIJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #4: Digital Equity and Inclusion</p>	<p>April 27 at 2 pm Investing: Breaking Down the Misconceptions to Investing for Indigenous Individuals</p> <p>April 28 at 12 pm GSA & SBA Money Smart Series for Small Businesses: Managing Cash Flow</p> <p>April 28 at 1 pm How to Apply for and Manage Federal Grants</p> <p>April 28 at 5:30 pm Capacity Building Tools for Your Small Business</p> <p>May 2-5 National Small Business Week Virtual Summit</p> <p>May 5 at 12 pm GSA & SBA Money Smart Series for Small Businesses: Strong Business Credit</p>	<p>May 10 at 10am Best Practices for SBIR/STTR Proposal Development</p> <p>May 11 at 12:30 pm IIJA Broadband Programs Pre-NOFO Technical Assistance Webinar #5: Supply Chains and Workforce Development</p> <p>May 12 at 11:30 am Investment Connection - New Mexico</p> <p>May 12 at 12 pm GSA & SBA Money Smart Series for Small Businesses: SBA's Financing Options to Start or Scale Your Business</p> <p>May 25 at 2 pm Building a Regional Economy: Economic Development Training</p>
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Visit [our YouTube channel](#) to view previously recorded EDD webinars.

Ongoing Webinars:

- [NM Small Business Association \(NMSBA\) Events](#)
- [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](#)

Recently Recorded EDD Webinars:

- [N.M. Recovery Series: Doing Business with the State of New Mexico](#) (4/20/22)
- [Rural Efficiency Business Program Lescombes Family Vineyards](#) (3/24/22)
- [NM Recovery Series: State Land Office and Economic Development](#) (3/17/22)

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