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NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WEEKLY RESOURCE WRAP-UP

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Note: There will be no Weekly Resource Wrap-Up on Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

The N.M. Wildfire Business Assistance Grant application portal is live! Scroll down to the highlight section below for more links and information or visit the [Disaster Recovery webpage](#) to learn more and apply.

EDD News & Events

RFP: Fund Manager New Mexico Healthy Food Financing Fund

The purpose of this RFP is to select a State Fund Manager to manage the healthy food financing initiative. **Deadline: Sept. 30.**

Centering Equity in HR

August 30, 12-1 pm

Virtual workshop for HR professionals to gain tools to work toward creating new equitable systems in the workplace. Panel discussion features EDD's Shani Harvie and Amanda Armenta from Sandia National Laboratories. **\$25 fee to attend.**

Disaster Recovery Resources

REMINDER: [Wildfire Resource Updates](#)
Every Thursday at 11 am. [Click here to join the webinar.](#)

NEW! President Biden Amends New Mexico Disaster Declaration

Under the President's order, the federal share for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, has been increased to 100% of the total eligible costs for a 90-day period from the date of declaration.

NEW! [Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant](#)

Conference on Economic Development
September 26-27

The Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque

Join us for a critical gathering of economic developers and community leaders for discussions regarding economic development strategies and best practices.

Outdoor Economic Conference

(EDD/ORD sponsored)

October 5-7

Sagebrush Inn & Suites, Taos

The Outdoor Economics Conference features informative panel discussions, fun outdoor trips, quality networking, and an outdoor expo. **\$125 fee to attend.**

Adventure Pitch Event

October 7

The startup pitch event for outdoor companies will take place during the Outdoor Economics Conference. Startups have until Sept. 4 to apply.

Articles/Links

Filming in Albuquerque surpasses pre-pandemic levels

FUELING THE FUTURE: New plant transforms plastic to gas and diesel

\$3M in education funds spread across New Mexico communities

New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division Announces 2022 Outdoor Equity Fund Recipients

BlueHalo opens first dedicated manufacturing facility in Albuquerque

NewSpace New Mexico NewSpace Ignitor

NewSpace Ignitor is a purpose-built, first-of-its-kind incubator-like program designed to reduce barriers space companies face in moving their concepts beyond R&D. Selected companies will be notified by Oct 1. **Deadline Sept 1.**

The grants are being offered to community fire departments that help 10,000 people or less.

Deadline: Sept 30.

NEW! Prepare for Flash Flooding in Burn Scar Areas

Call 833-663-6248 if you will need assistance should an evacuation occur. If you cannot evacuate, get to higher ground as soon as you can.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance

If your employment was impacted by the 2022 wildfires, and you have good cause to apply after the June 15 deadline, call 1-877-664-6984. **Deadline: Nov 5.**

Business Resources

NEW! NMSBA Leveraged Project Proposals

For more information contact Julia Wise, 505-665-5827, jlwise@lanl.gov. Submit proposals via email to Sharon Evans at sfevans@sandia.gov. **Deadline: Sept 14.**

NEW! Coalition to Back Black Businesses Grant Program

\$5,000 grants will be distributed to more than 300 Black-owned small businesses to help them meet their most immediate needs and support their long-term success, growth, and resilience. **Deadline: Sept 6.**

NEW! Here to Help New Mexico

Mental health resources for New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and their families aimed at helping producers deal with stressors and stress management.

This Week's Highlight: Are You Taking Advantage of Your Chamber?

The SBA extends an invitation, on behalf of the African American Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce (AAGACC), to attend the 505 Networking Event– **“Are You Taking Advantage of Your Chamber.”**

Join in person on **Wednesday, August 31** from 5:05–7 pm
Nexus Blue Smokehouse

Featured speakers include:

- Ted James: SBA Regional Administrator
- Karla D. Causey: CEO/President of AAGACC
- Donna Owens: AAGACC Administration
- Dennis Owens: AAGACC Consultant

Attendees must RSVP!

Community Resources

NEW! Round 4 of ReConnect

The program provides funding to expand high-speed internet access.

- Grants: \$700 million
- Loan/grant combinations: \$300 million
- Loans: \$150 million

Applications will be accepted September 6-November 2.

NEW! Strategies for Low-Income Participation in New Mexico's Community Solar Program: Best Practices and Recommendations

New Mexico has an opportunity to demonstrate the successful participation of low-income communities in the rollout of its statewide community solar program. New Mexico will have one of the largest low-income carve-outs, at 30%, of any state program. While there remain a number of challenges to overcome to ensure that households in greatest need have easy access to and receive meaningful financial benefits from participation, there exists many best practices that can be tailored to New Mexico's context.

Rural Pathway Program

The grant component of the Rural Pathway Program provides up to \$50,000 in matching funds to eligible entities looking to implement tourism-related projects. Eligible project types may include museums, destination wayfinding, thematic trails, interpretive planning, and agritourism, among others.

Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program

The purpose of this competitive grant is to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority rural forest landscapes. The program supports high-impact projects that lead to measurable outcomes on the landscape, leverage public and private resources, and further priorities identified in science-based restoration strategies. **Deadline: Dec 15.**

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Projects should lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches to agricultural producers through the development of technical manuals, guides, and practical instruction for the private sector. Everyone can apply except federal entities. **Deadline: Oct 11.**

Conservation Technical Assistance: Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) Cooperative Agreements

The goal of this funding opportunity is to expand the delivery of conservation technical assistance to support grazing planning and conservation practice implementation and monitoring, conferences and other education, demonstrations, producer networks, workforce training, research, and outreach projects to improve agricultural resilience. **Deadline Oct 22.**

Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program

This grant is intended to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system and foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food

In Case You Missed It

Disaster Resources:

- [Full Service Debris Removal](#)
- [N.M. Wildfires FAQs and Rumor Control](#)
- [Community Wildfire Defense Grant](#) - Deadline: Oct 7
- [Electric Vehicle Charging Station \(EVCS\) Grant](#)

Business Resources:

- [Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs Phase I](#) - Deadline: Oct 25
- [On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials](#)
- [Expert Connections](#)
- [New Mexico Vintage Fund](#)
- [Minding Your Business Podcast](#)

Community Resources:

- [Partners for Places Mini Grants](#) - Deadline: Sept 15
- [Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants](#) - Deadline: Sept 30
- [The Rural eConnectivity Program](#) - Deadline Oct 4
- [Conservation Technical Assistance: Grazing Lands Conservation](#) - Deadline: Sept 22
- [Partnership to Advance Conservation Science and Practice](#) - Deadline: Oct 11.

More Upcoming Webinars & Events

Aug 29 | [Independent Retailer Roundtable](#)

Aug 30 | [Copyrights- Protecting Your Creativity and Innovation](#) (registrations will be accepted until Aug. 30)

Aug 31 | [B Corps and Business with Impact: How to use business as a force for good](#)

Sept 1 | [Government Procurement and the SBIR/STTR Linkage](#)

Sept 7 | [SBA Federal Small Business Certifications Workshop](#)

Sept 14 | [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conversations- Everybody at the Table](#)

Ongoing Webinars:

- [NM Small Business Association \(NMSBA\) Events](#)
- [NM Small Business Development Center Trainings and Webinars](#)
- [NM Tax and Revenue New Businesses and New Employers workshops](#)
- [NM Taxation and Revenue overview of business tax programs](#)
- [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 Webinar:

- [Wildfire Business Assistance Grant Program \(8/11/22\)](#)
- [CPACE Overview with EDD and CPACE Alliance \(8/16/22\)](#)
- [Rural Efficient Business Program Interview with Brew Lab 101 \(7/14/22\)](#)

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