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NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOURCE WRAP-UP

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EDD Announcements

Outdoor Recreation Division Grants:

Outdoor Equity Fund - supports transformative outdoor experiences that foster stewardship and respect for lands, waters, and cultural heritage. **Deadline June 30.**

Trails+ Grant - supports projects that enhance communities' outdoor recreation opportunities, funding shovel-ready projects that directly add to that access.

Applications open on July 1.

Articles/Links

New Mexico Senator files bill to improve clean bus access for rural schools

Business Resources

USDA's Procurement Forecast

Lists the types of anticipated solicitations that small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, women-owned businesses, HUBZone businesses, service-disabled veterans, and other businesses may be able to participate in contracts with USDA, or through subcontracting opportunities.

BizSprint San Juan

A free 6-week virtual accelerator program for food and ag-based businesses located in San Juan County. Participants will receive assistance in developing their Business Model Canvas and be connected to local and statewide resources.

Deadline: July 5.

Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Program

Guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy New Mexico delegation supports
USDA utility funding for the state

Two local experts join state
Economic Development
Department

Relief payment applications open for NM residents who won't get a tax rebate this month

Northern NM disaster victims can request repair estimates "at no cost" from federal agency efficiency improvements.

Organic Markets Development Grant

Supports the development of new and expanded organic markets by providing additional resources for businesses transitioning to organic or initiating new organic production and processing capacity. **Deadline: July 11.**

DOE Boost Platform

Companies who will investigate and build new ventures around technologies drawn from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories are encouraged to apply. **Deadline: June 30.**

This Week's Highlight: New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program

The New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program at the Arrowhead Center provides New Mexico small businesses facing technical challenges access to the unique expertise and capabilities of Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories.

At no cost to the business, small businesses can seek assistance from lab scientists and engineers to solve challenges and overcome barriers to company success.

Community Resources

Community Connectors Grants

Capacity-building grant of up to \$130,000 to advance locally driven projects that reconnect communities separated or harmed by transportation infrastructure. Selected teams will also receive customized technical assistance and participate in a learning exchange program. **Deadline: July 15.**

Historic Preservation Fund - Underrepresented Communities Grants

Surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Projects must result in the submission of a new or amended nomination to the National Register of Historic Places to include underrepresented communities. **Deadline: July 18.**

JustPax Fund

Provides financial and logistical support to individuals and organizations working for effective change in the realm of gender justice, environmental justice, and/or economic justice. **Deadline: August 1.**

Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias in New Mexico

This program provides low-income communities, which face significant health risks, access to safe, reliable, drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services.

Community Agriculture Grants

The goal of this grant is to encourage and promote conservation planning and conservation practices in urban, suburban, and other small-scale type agricultural operations. **Deadline: July 7.**

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant

USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which are passed through to local businesses/ultimate recipients for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility is responsible for repayment to USDA.

\$2,000,000 award ceiling. Deadline: June 30.

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

Provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to help microenterprise start up and grow through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund. Provides training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs. **Deadline June 30.**

The Rural Community Development Initiative

This grant program supports organizations that are seeking to provide a program of financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. **Deadline: June 28.**

Rural Cooperative Development Grant

The grant aims to improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand, or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually owned businesses through Cooperative Development Centers. Eligible entities include nonprofits and institutions of higher learning. **Deadline: June 26.**

More Upcoming Webinars & Events

- June 23 | New Mexico Small Business Assistance Information Session: HYBRID
- June 29 | State Historic Tax Credits: Opportunities for Affordable Housing and Sustainability
- July 11 | Food System Financing on Tribal Lands
- July 13 | NM Rainforest Webinar Brand Story Navigator: Power Hour
- July 27 | What Does Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Mean to Us?

Ongoing Webinars:

- NM Small Business Administration (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

Visit our YouTube channel to view previously recorded EDD webinars.

Have a great resource you want to share with our community?

<u>Email your suggestions to our editor</u> by the Wednesday prior to when you want it to appear.

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