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## RESOURCE WRAP-UP

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### EDD Announcements

#### [New Mexico Research University Team Pitch Award Pilot Program](#)

Awards funds between \$100,000 and \$200,000 plus \$50,000 worth of entrepreneurship assistance to science and technology commercialization proposals from faculty/student teams at New Mexico universities. **Deadline: March 4.**

#### [Trails+ Grant](#)

Invests in conservation-minded shovel-ready projects. Examples include trail design/construction, signage, access, amenities, outdoor classroom infrastructure, trailhead improvements, picnic shelters, and wildlife viewing areas.

#### [Job Announcements:](#)

##### **New Mexico Border Authority Executive Director**

The executive director directs the affairs and business of the authority.

##### **Executive Secretary & Administrative Assistant** (*Full-Time/Santa Fe*)

### Business Resources

#### [Technology & Manufacturing Fund](#)

Offers no-interest loans to manufacturing and technology-based companies. Supports growth-oriented companies who are on track to add jobs, grow revenues, and attract additional funding/investment. **Deadline: March 17.**

#### [National Black Business Pitch](#)

Competition aims to connect Black-owned businesses with corporations looking to diversify their supply chain by opening doors and fostering long-term relationships that can lead to sustainable contracts. Thirty finalists will pitch, with three companies receiving cash prizes of up to \$10,000. **Deadline: June 3.**

#### [Ascent Training Program](#)

Free program that combines six weeks of online self-guided learning with six group virtual sessions. Participants will learn about business-related topics, network and grow with other women entrepreneurs, and learn from subject matter experts in leadership, marketing, finance, HR, capital access, and contracting. **Program**

Job ID 140939

Apply by Feb. 14

Provides high-level administrative support for the Office of the Deputy Cabinet Secretary and serves as the initial point of contact to the public.

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## Articles/Links

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[ORR Offers 2nd Edition of Rural Economic Development Toolkit](#)

[2024 Best Places to Work in New Mexico - Nomination Form](#)

[House representatives pave way for big investment in middle-income housing](#)

[Intel Opens New Mexico Semiconductor Plant](#)

[Platform co-op looks to show a better way forward on AI](#)

runs from February 21—March 27. Register for the informational webinar on **February 15**.

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### [Future Manufacturing Grant](#)

Supports fundamental research, education, and training of a future workforce to overcome scientific, technological, educational, economic, and social barriers in order to catalyze new manufacturing capabilities. The program seeks inventive approaches to invigorate the manufacturing ecosystem and seed nascent future industries. **Deadline: April 11.**

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### [Wonderschool Academy Program](#)

Designed to help people who are interested in starting their own childcare program from their home. The program provides free assistance with getting licensed, business coaching, ongoing support, and other incentives. Participants receive up to \$500 toward their licensing fees and an extra \$250 when they submit their licensing application.

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# This Week's Highlight:

## The Rural Community Assistance Corporation

The **RCAC** is a nonprofit organization serving Indigenous and rural communities through training, technical and financial assistance, and advocacy.

Major programs include:

- Community economic development
- Disaster recovery services
- Environmental
- Housing
- Lending
- Indigenous communities

RCAC partners with rural and Indigenous communities to help them achieve their vision. [Find out more.](#)

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## Community Resources

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### [Albuquerque Community Foundation](#)

Round 1 grants support environmental preservation, wildlife, and historic buildings with a specific focus on protecting natural land and resources, including the health and protection of wildlife; preserving archaeological sites, historical buildings, landmarks, attractions, and venues; climate justice efforts; and educational programs/projects with strong community involvement related to any of the above. **Deadline: March 6.**

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### [Registration Scholarships for CCMA Conference](#)

The Consumer Cooperative Management Association Conference in Portland, ME runs from May 30

- June 1. Scholarships will be awarded to cover registration costs, lodging, and travel. Up to six scholarships per year will awarded based on availability of funds. **Deadline: March 8.**

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### **Training for Your Future Funds - CNM Ingenuity**

Scholarships are available to students seeking financial support and aiming to upgrade or acquire new skills in New Mexico's key economic growth areas. **Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

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### **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**

Native American elders (adults 55 and older) and non-Native Americans (60 and older) who live in New Mexico may qualify for a shopper card with a one-time annual benefit of up to \$100 to buy locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey at participating farmers markets and roadside stands statewide. **Applications open on February 15.**

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### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

Supports states, local communities, Tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. **Deadline: February 29.**

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### **NM DOT Recreational Trails Program**

Provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized uses. Contact program for application specifics. **Deadline: March 29.**

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### **Opportunity Enterprise Revolving Fund**

A low-cost loan program that provides financing up to \$17.5 million for building or renovation projects to increase the inventory of commercial space that will attract businesses to New Mexico communities and achieve economic benefits for the state. **Deadline: March 1.**

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### **The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program**

A nationally competitive, dollar-for-dollar matching grant program created to aid disadvantaged, urban communities that lack access to close-by outdoor recreation. Funds can be used for the acquisition, development, or substantial renovation, of public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces. **Deadline: April 30.**

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### **Rural Business Development Grant**

Supports business opportunities or business enterprise projects in rural communities. Projects must be consistent with local community and economic development strategic plans and support other economic development activities in the surrounding community. **Deadline: February 28.**

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### **National Historic Preservation Act Grants**

Grants to federally recognized Tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. These grants assist Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions. **Deadline: February 20.**

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## **More Upcoming Webinars & Events**

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Feb 14 | **Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Readiness, Government Contracting, Selling to Government** - 8(a) Certification

Feb 15-16 | **USDA 100th Annual Agricultural Outlook Forum**

Feb 19 | **STARTUP FIESTA!**

Feb 23 | **Commission on the Status of Women: Listening & Learning Event in Clovis**

Feb 27 | **Gov't Contracting Business Expo in Las Cruces**

Feb 29 | **Statewide Planning Grant Webinar: Industry and Supply Chain**

Feb 29 | **New Mexico Grown Buyer-Producer Meeting**

March 5 | **2024 Innovate New Mexico Technology Showcase**

March 27 | **2024 NMDOT STAR DBE & Small Business Conference**

April 11-12 | **2024 Lobo Hackathon**

**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](#)

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- [Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps](#)
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