





ORD MISSION

The New Mexico Outdoor
Recreation Division increases
equitable access to the
outdoors for all New Mexicans,
ensuring healthy outcomes,
environmental stewardship,
and economic prosperity.





SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EQUITY & ACCESS EDUCATION CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLNESS



OUTDOOR REC DATA

- 84% of New Mexicans believe the outdoor recreation economy is important for the future of the state and the western U.S.
- 76% consider themselves an outdoor recreation enthusiast.
- 70% believe that ensuring opportunities for outdoor recreation is important.

According to a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) report in 2022:

- New Mexico's outdoor economy contributed 1.9% (\$2.4B) to the state's GDP.
- It employed 27,977 New Mexicans (3.2% of total employment), with \$1.1B in income.

BEA 2022 report shows OR contributions are the highest for GDP and compensation in NM since the BEA began calculating data on the OR economy.



OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND

The Outdoor Equity Fund was created in 2019, a first-of-its-kind grant to help underserved youth get outside. The fund has now granted nearly \$5.7 million to nearly 250 programs that have introduced over 72,000 young New Mexicans to the outdoors since its inception in FY21.

Round 1: \$1,703,039.23 to 52 programs in 16 counties.

Round 2: \$1,052,347.10 to 30 programs in 12 counties.

Round 3:\$955,142.23 to 32 programs in 14 counties.







OUTDOOR MARKETING GRANT

Supports investments in outdoor recreation marketing programs and event sponsorships statewide.

One-time funding: \$800 K EDA/ARPA with Tourism Dept.

Eligible applicants: Communities & non-profits.

Distributed once with grants ranging from \$10k-\$30k.

New ORD grant program.

FY24:\$873,872 to 41 awardees.

63% in rural areas in 17 counties

10 events & 31 marketing efforts





- Public Safety (NM Search and Rescue)
- OR business assistance for a wide range of sub-sectors
- Lack of higher education programs for workforce
- Infrastructure improvements to support increased visitation



