



# EDD

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## NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RESOURCE WRAP-UP

May 20, 2024

### EDD Announcements

#### [NM Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Matching Grant](#)

Provides additional resources to commercialize the technology being developed with federal SBIR funding. Info webinar on May 27.

**Deadline: June 10.**

#### [Creative Industries Season 2025](#)

Events throughout New Mexico to highlight and support our vibrant creative economy! **Runs through June 15.**

### Articles/Links

[Following trade missions, state to launch global business incubator in Albuquerque](#)

[New Mexico Economic Development Department Announces Matching Grants In Science & Technology Opening Soon](#)

[State officials spotlight New Mexico as Economic Development Week begins](#)

### Business Resources

#### [Farm Commons Legal Tools for Farmers](#)

Information for farmers and ranchers who have a signed contract with the USDA but face concerns about contracts being frozen, placed under review, or terminated, and are uncertain of their rights to receive reimbursement.

#### **Rio Grande Colonias USDA Regional Food Business Center Webinar Series**

May 28 - [Cottage to Commercialization](#)

June 16 - [Marketing vs. Branding](#)

June 30 - [Packaging and Labeling](#)

#### [Backing Small Business Disaster Recovery Grants](#)

Businesses affected by FEMA-declared disasters on or after January 1, 2024, can apply for \$10,000 grants. **Deadline: May 21.**

#### [Enterprise University Skill Development Program](#)

No-cost, live, and interactive webinars from introductory to executive levels to sharpen your business acumen. Courses run through **May 21.**

#### [Backing Historic Small Restaurants Grant](#)

\$50K grants to small and independently owned restaurants to help address critical needs. Restaurant owners can apply or communities can nominate their favorite local restaurant.

**Experts: Advancing the quantum industry in New Mexico will take more than just scientists**

**State grants \$2.3 million for New Mexico recreation, conservation projects**

**Deadline: May 30.**

**Governor's Commission on Disability Quality of Life Small Grants Program**

Provides small grants to nonprofits to improve or enhance programs and services that increase quality of life of all New Mexicans with disabilities. **Deadline: June 16.**

**DOE Boost: Building American Energy**

Links labs, startups, and academia to tackle community energy challenges using DOE technologies.

**Deadline: June 20.**

**Verizon's Digital Ready Program**

Offers free online courses, coaching sessions, and networking opportunities, as well as the chance to receive a \$10,000 grant. **Deadline: June 30.**

**Specialty Crop Block Grant**

Enhances the competitiveness of specialty crops by leveraging efforts to market and promote specialty crops; assisting producers with research and development relevant to specialty crops; expanding availability and access to specialty crops; and addressing local, regional, and national challenges confronting specialty crop producers. **Deadline: July 7.**

**Drought Disaster Relief Loans**

Low-interest federal disaster loans for small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by drought beginning April 8, 2025. Counties covered include Bernalillo, Cibola, Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Los Alamos, McKinley, Mora, Quay, Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos, and Torrance. **Deadline December 15.**

## **Highlight: VetsinTech Launch Event Friday, May 23 in Santa Fe**

**VetsinTech New Mexico Chapter Launch at the New Mexico Military Museum in Santa Fe.**

VetsinTech is a national nonprofit dedicated to bridging the gap between veterans and the technology ecosystem through pathways in education, employment, and entrepreneurship. They are proud to have an over 90% success rate getting Vets hired or upskilled for promotions.

**Come celebrate the launching of the New Mexico Chapter of VetsinTech!**

Learn more about the program, meet the VetsinTech leadership, and network with state and local representatives, tech professionals, and Vets.



*Employers interested in attending should contact Katherine Webster at 650-888-8377.*

**Date: Friday, May 23, 2025**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 pm**

**Location: The New Mexico Military Museum 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe**

**Register: [zip2.it/vitnewmexico](https://zip2.it/vitnewmexico)**

More details about their mission and programs can be found at [vetsintech.co](https://vetsintech.co).

# Community Resources

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## Federal Funds Information for States

FFIS monitors executive actions and provides information regarding federal grants to the public.

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## Capital Hub Connect

New Mexico's Capital Connect Hub is a community of practice around infrastructure projects, organized by the Department of Finance and Administration's new Infrastructure Planning and Development Division. Sessions are live online on the 4th Monday of each month at 2:30pm.

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## Con Alma 2025 Grant Cycle

Grants are awarded each year in support of nonprofits' efforts to improve their community's health with a focus on attaining long-term policy solutions and health equity informed by community voices.

- Con Alma Health Foundation (CAHF)
- Northern NM Health Grants Group (NNMHGG)

**Deadline: May 30.**

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## Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

Improves parks, recreational opportunities, and conservation areas in urban underserved communities, consistent with the requirements of the LWCF Act. Projects must be in a community that is underserved or has a population of 25,000 or more in the 2020 Census. **Deadline: June 1.**

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## National Trust Preservation Fund

Providing seed money for ongoing preservation projects. **Deadline: June 2.**

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## Farmers Market Promotion Program

Supports direct producer-to-consumer marketing such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism, community-supported agriculture programs, or online sales. **Deadline: June 27.**

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## Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Programs

USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities, which, in turn, pass through to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. **Deadline: June 30.**

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# More Upcoming Webinars & Live Events

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May 21 | [Marketing Strategy](#)

May 21 | [Social Media Marketing](#)

May 27 | [SBIR Matching Grant Informational Webinar](#)

May 27 | [Capital Hub Connect: Leveraging Funding and Capital Stacking](#)

May 28 | [Crisis-Proof Your Business: Incident Response & Emergency Readiness](#) (Los Alamos). RSVP by emailing [ajarretti1@unm.edu](mailto:ajarretti1@unm.edu) or [jkrish@unm.edu](mailto:jkrish@unm.edu).

May 29 | [Transforma tu negocio con estrategias de recursos humanos](#)

Jun 11-13 | [Atomic 66: A Convergence of Space, Art, Tech and Culture](#) (Albuquerque)

Jun 13 | [Los Lunas Job & Career Fair](#) (Los Lunas)

Jun 23 | [Capital Hub Connect: Grants Lifecycle Management](#)

Jun 28 | [Capital Hub Connect: You Got Capital Outlay, Now What?](#)

## 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](#)

Visit [our YouTube channel](#) to view previously recorded EDD webinars.

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

[Email your suggestions to our editor](#) by the Wednesday prior to when you want it to appear. Please be cognizant of dates and deadlines, as we publish the Resource Wrap-Up every other Monday.

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