

THE PATHFINDER



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FROM THE SECRETARY



Good things happen when we come together. New Mexico's economic future depends on our ability to gather with a shared sense of purpose, a willingness to learn from one another and a commitment to turning ideas into action. When we convene, we strengthen the connections that help our communities and industries grow. We share best practices, tackle challenges together and build partnerships that make us more competitive and resilient.

That spirit of collaboration is reflected in several important events that are just around the corner. The **New Mexico Film Office's *On Set in New Mexico*** conference invites people from all parts of the film industry together to explore opportunities and strengthen the partnerships that help keep our film industry competitive.

The **Governor's Conference on Economic Development** will bring more than 300 economic development professionals, public leaders and private-sector partners together to exchange ideas, explore emerging trends and strengthen connections across regions and sectors.

New Mexico Women Lead's *Building an Advanced Energy Ecosystem* will convene energy leaders, researchers, policymakers and community members around innovation, leadership and the opportunities shaping New Mexico's energy future.

Each of these gatherings reflects an important part of our economic development work: bringing people together to share ideas, build relationships and create new opportunities. The partnerships we build today will help shape a stronger, more prosperous New Mexico tomorrow. I hope you'll join the conversation.

Rob Black
Cabinet Secretary

NEWS

On Set New Mexico

Sep 2-3 at the ABQ Rail Yards

The two-day conference brings together filmmakers, talent, crew, creative professionals, businesses and industry leaders for conversations about the changing film industry and what's ahead for New Mexico.



Programming includes casting director roundtables for talent, panels on emerging technology and creating your own opportunities, Made in New Mexico stories and a look at the next generation of New Mexico's creative workforce.

Registration is \$45 through Aug. 30, with volunteer opportunities available. Discounted hotel rates available.

[Learn more and register](#)



Governor's Conference on Economic Development

Sep 2-3 at Isleta Resort & Casino

The Governor's Conference for Economic Development is back, offering an opportunity for economic development leaders from across New Mexico to connect, learn and share ideas.

Join us for this critical gathering of economic developers and community leaders from across New Mexico as we embark on a transformative journey towards a prosperous future.

Last year's conference attracted over 300 attendees. This year, we will continue to foster an environment where innovative ideas can take root and valuable partnerships are forged.

[Find out more](#)



Building an Advanced Energy Ecosystem

Sep 15-16, Sandia Resort & Casino

This premier gathering brings together leaders from industry, government, research, education and community sectors to accelerate innovation and shape the future of energy in New Mexico and beyond.

Startups and companies looking to locate in New Mexico are also encouraged to apply for [Chain Reaction](#) networking opportunity — that application will be linked to your registration confirmation email.

Event fee: \$300 + tax includes access to the Mix & Mingle reception on Sep 14 and all conference programming. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

[Register online](#)



NEW MEXICO MAINSTREET™

New Mexico MainStreet Capital Outlay Information Roundtable

Wednesday, August 26 @ 11 am – noon

Are you curious about a capital outlay public improvement project but not sure where to begin?

Join us for an informational session on Wednesday, August 26, designed to help **accredited New Mexico MainStreet organizations and their local government partners** understand the MainStreet Capital Outlay Program and the steps to get started.

[Learn more](#)

New Mexico MainStreet's
Network Roundtable
Connect - Learn - Grow



EDNM GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

On Set in New Mexico Film & Media Conference

- Sep 2-3 at CNM Media Arts Collective, Albuquerque Rail Yards, 777 1st St SW
- Volunteer opps available with free entry to event
- \$45 entry fee through Aug 30
- Learn more: nmfilm.com

ActivatOR Outdoor Recreation Business Accelerator

- Deadline: Aug 31
- Runs Sep 16-Oct 30
- Learn more: activatenm.com/activator

Adventure Pitch Fest

- Nov 6, Albuquerque Rail Yards
- Learn more: nmoutside.com/our-work/adventure-pitch

Targeted Federal Match Grants

- Accepted on a rolling basis
- Learn more: edd.newmexico.gov/targeted-federal-match

Outdoor Rec Trails+ Grant

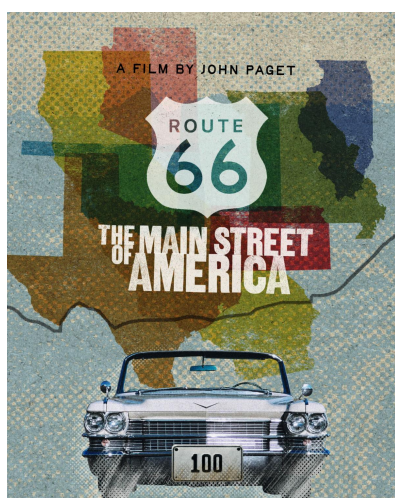
- Deadline Sep 30
- Learn more: nmoutside.com/grants/trails-plus

EDNM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Business Operations Analyst – Technology & Innovation Office (Albuquerque)

- Job ID 166291
- Apply by 08/24/2026

RESOURCE WRAP-UP



Special New Mexico Screenings of the Route 66 Documentary

October 2026

The *Main Street of America Roadshow* is bringing these screenings directly to the communities that define Route 66. Each screening is followed by live conversations with filmmaker Paget and people featured in the film.

The documentary is a centennial portrait that travels the Mother Road, revealing a modern revival. From unexpected roadside attractions to revitalized main streets, each encounter reveals communities finding new life and purpose - making new history - proving the most meaningful journeys often unfold on the road less traveled.

[Purchase tickets](#)

For Businesses

Rolling deadlines and ongoing opportunities:

- [NM CERG](#)
- [New Mexico True Certified](#)
- [Aggie I-Corps](#)
- [NM REAP](#)
- [Small Business bAlsics](#)
- [Monthly Amber Grants](#)
- [Creative Capital Artist Lab](#)
- [CDFI Resource Library](#)
- [Black Business Alliance of Santa Fe](#),
- [Native Business Roundtables \(Santa Fe\)](#) last Thursday of each month
- [Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund](#)
- [NM REAP](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Assessments](#)
- [Santa Fe Small Business Navigator Program](#)
- [Native American Bank](#)
- [Main Street America's Small Business Hub](#)

[Verizon Small Business Digital Ready \\$10,000 national grant](#) Complete the courses and apply anytime in 2026

[Santa Fe Small Business Navigator free consultations \(Upspring office hours\)](#) (Santa Fe) Every 3rd Thursday until Nov 19.

[Becoming a Better Borrower](#) Aug 20

Community & Nonprofit Resources

Rolling deadlines and ongoing opportunities:

- [Main Street America Small Business Hub](#)
- [National Grassroots Organizing Grant Program](#)
- [Community Connect Program](#)
- [Anderson Charitable Foundation Grants](#)
- [WK Kellogg Foundation](#)
- [Technical Assistance Gateway \(TAG\)](#)
- [NM Grantmakers Directory](#)
- [American's Job Center New Mexico Open House Orientations every Monday](#)
- [Pro Bono Legal Services for Nonprofits](#)
- [The Grant Plant](#)

[Opportunity Enterprise – Housing Development Program](#) Opens tomorrow

[Opportunity Enterprise – Commercial Development](#) Opens tomorrow

[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Microgrants Program](#) Deadline Aug 24

[New Mexico Community Trust \(NMCT\) Professional Services Fund](#) Deadline Aug 25

[Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects](#) Deadline Aug 26

[Sales for Non-Sales Professionals](#) Aug 21

[Creative People, Creative Places - Creative Technologies on the Mother Road](#) (Albuquerque) Sep 10

[2026 Rainforest Accelerator](#) Deadline Sep 11

[Women in Business Conference](#) (Santa Fe) \$45 registration fee - Sep 17

[SBIR 101 Workshop](#) (Albuquerque) Sep 15

[LabStart Climate Tech Startup Entrepreneur Fellowship Program](#) Deadline Oct 6

[Outdoor Economics Conference \(Ruidoso\)](#) Oct 14-16

[AI Coworkers Sprint](#) (Albuquerque) Deadline Oct 16

[Child Care Facility Loan Fund](#) Application period: Sep 1-Oct 31

[WaterSMART: Desalination Construction Projects](#) Deadline Aug 26

[WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects](#) Deadline Sep 8

[Rural Housing Preservation Grant](#) Deadline Sep 8

[Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program](#) Deadline Sep 9

[NEA Collaborative Research](#) Deadline Sep 16

[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#) Deadline Sep 17

[Low or No Emission Program](#) Deadline Sep 21

[New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Projects](#) Deadline Sep 23

[Partners for Fish and Wildlife](#) Deadline Sep 30

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- Add an event to our calendar at edd.newmexico.gov/events



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