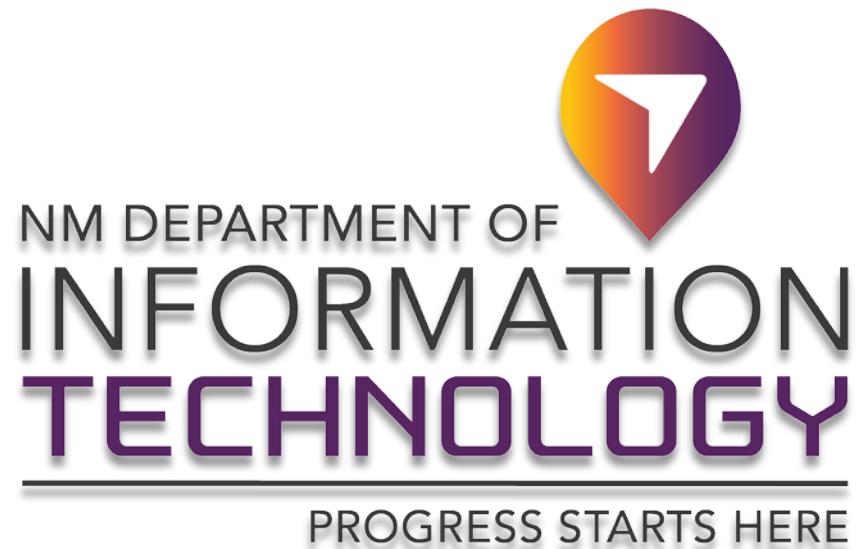


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April 28, 2022

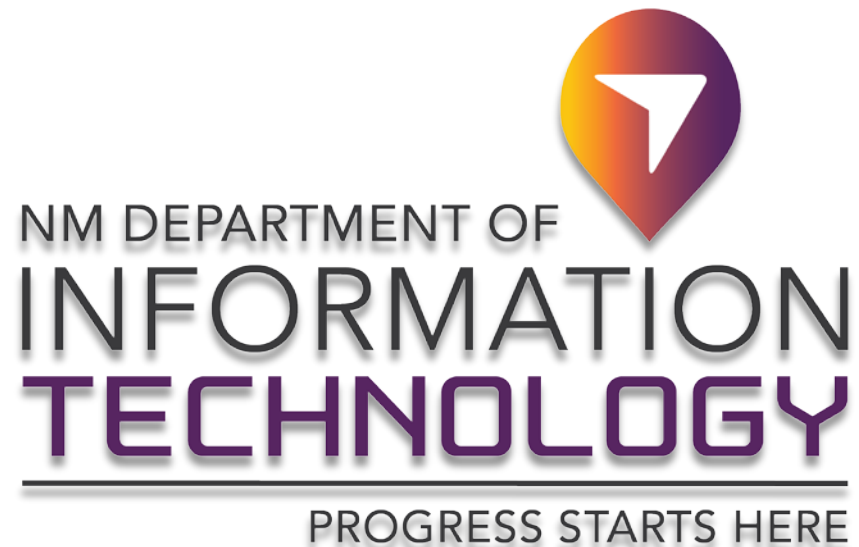
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Presentation Overview



- ▶ **Office of Broadband Organization**
- ▶ **Connect New Mexico Council**
- ▶ **Connect New Mexico Broadband Pilot Program**
- ▶ **Middle Mile RFI**
- ▶ **Summary and Next Steps**

Office of Broadband Organization



- ▶ **Director**
- ▶ **Assistant Director**
- ▶ **Office & Operations Manager**
- ▶ **Legal, Policy, and Reporting Manager**
- ▶ **Grants Manager**
- ▶ **Contracts Manager**
- ▶ **Community Engagement Manager**
- ▶ **Technical Consultants (2)**
- ▶ **Digital Equity & Inclusion Consultants (2)**
- ▶ **Mapping & Data Consultants (2)**

Connect New Mexico Council



State Agency

- Secretary/designee:
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Higher Education
- Information Technology
- Cultural Affairs
- Director of:
- Public School Facilities Authority
- Mortgage Finance Authority



Public Members

- Appointees by:
- Governor
- Speaker of the House
- House Minority Leader
- Senate President Pro Tempore
- Senate Minority Leader



Tribal Members

- Appointees by Secretary of Indian Affairs:
- Navajo Nation
- Apache Government
- Pueblo Tribal Government

- ▶ **Established via Connect New Mexico Act**
- ▶ **15 members**
 - ▶ State Agencies
 - ▶ Tribal Representation
 - ▶ General Public
- ▶ **Convened January 2022**
- ▶ **Monthly hybrid meetings**
- ▶ **Four working groups**
 - ▶ Grants & programming
 - ▶ Digital equity & inclusion
 - ▶ Planning & engagement
 - ▶ Mapping & Data
- ▶ **Interim Chair: Kimball Sekaquaptewa**
- ▶ **Inter Vice Chair: Luis Reyes**

Connect New Mexico Broadband Pilot Program



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS & EXPANSION

Office of Broadband Access and Expansion
Department of Information Technology
State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Howie Morales, Lieutenant Governor

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Connect New Mexico Pilot Program
TBD

- ▶ **\$133M available via ARPA Capital Projects Fund (Treasury)**
 - ▶ **\$123M appropriated to DOIT / Office of Broadband (2021)**
 - ▶ **\$10M appropriated to PED (2021)**
- ▶ **Connect New Mexico Council has discussed pilot program in each of last three meetings; working group has met weekly over past two months to contribute to pilot**
- ▶ **Pilot Program expected to launch in Spring 2022, accept applications on rolling basis throughout calendar year**
- ▶ **Informational webinars, outreach & engagement, and technical assistance to be available to potential applicants**

New Mexico Middle Mile Initiative RFI



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS & EXPANSION

Office of Broadband Access and Expansion
Department of Information Technology
State of New Mexico

Statewide Open Access Middle Mile Network Initiative

Request for Information
RFI# 2022-01

Release Date: April 18, 2022
Due Date: May 16, 2022

- ▶ **Middle mile network capacity improves broadband access statewide, increases bandwidth & performance, drives efficiency of last mile investment**
- ▶ **Solicit feedback from key stakeholders from public and private sectors**
- ▶ **Specific purposes:**
 - ▶ Help the Office and potential collaborators develop a comprehensive strategy for middle mile funding, design, deployment & administration.
 - ▶ Facilitate future plans & proposals for state and federal funding sources
 - ▶ Encourage last mile providers to express their middle mile needs & interest in connecting to the Network.
 - ▶ Align effort behind various state middle mile broadband needs & initiatives, including in education, transportation, public safety, etc.

SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS

- ❑ **Summary**
- ❑ **Next steps**
 - ❑ **Capital Projects Fund plan to US Treasury**
 - ❑ **Introduce refined state broadband mapping**
 - ❑ **Launch Connect New Mexico Broadband Grant Pilot Program**
 - ❑ **Release State Broadband Strategic Plan**
 - ❑ **Community outreach & engagement**
 - ❑ **Regional planning & IJA preparation**
 - ❑ **Synthesize middle mile RFI feedback**
 - ❑ **Apply for federal middle mile funding (NTIA)**
 - ❑ **Add Office of Broadband staff & consultants**



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Thank You!

QUESTIONS?