IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO BETTER WATER, WASTEWATER, ELECTRICITY, BROADBAND, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS TO BOOST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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WHO IS THE SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

• The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD-COG) is one of seven planning districts established under Governor David Cargo, by Executive Order in 1965. The District (SNMEDD-COG) was created in 1971 to serve the five counties (Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero) and the 21 municipalities within the five counties. In addition, one, of our original members the Mescalero Apache Tribe has rejoined the District after a long absence. We also provide planning and technical assistance many of the regions school districts, mutual domestic water associations, water and sanitation districts, acequias, area colleges and universities, non-for-profit and occasionally eligible for-profit entities. We are recognized and designated as a US Department of Commerce-Economic Development District. The District is an IRS 501 (c) 3 corporation. We are the largest, in land mass of the planning districts covering approximately 26,000 square miles

OUR MISSION

- LEADERSHIP TO ENHANCE THE REGIONS QUALITY
 - OF LIFE AND JOBS

MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

- All twenty-seven local governments are dues paying members and are active participants at Board Meetings
 and other activities sponsored by the SNMEDD. The Board of Directors consists of elected or appointed
 representatives from each region's county, municipalities and Native American Tribe governments. The
 Executive Committee which is the policy making body and oversees the fiscal and operation of the District is
 comprised of a representative from each county.
- Membership dues are intentionally low. Each county is assessed a membership fee of \$8,000. Our communities of less than 10,000 population pay a membership fee of \$1,000. A sliding fee schedule approved by the Board assess larger communities from between \$3.450 for a city like Artesia to a high of \$13,588 for the City of Roswell. In return the District provides business development, business retention, community facilities planning, grant writing and assistance, human resource development, land/water management planning, legislative initiatives, transportation planning, regional planning.
- The District also collects grant administration fees and fiscal agent services fee from our members that choose to contract with the District for those type of services under CDBG, Colonias, special appropriations and legislative grants. The fees are also kept low and are not taken from the funding source award-they are funded by local contributions to the project.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan development, writing, technical assistance, submittal and maintenance services.
- Comprehensive Plan Development assistance with conducting public hearings. RFP development, some writing and technical assistance making ensure the plan become a living document;.
- Asset Management Planning conducting funding search, Technical Assistance to identify assets and assessment of condition, assist in priority setting process.
- Grant writing assistance for CDBG, Capital Outlay Requests, Colonias funding, USDA Rural Development programs, EDA CARES, ARPA and Economic Adjustment Assistance.
- State grants and funding sources for roads, highways, Water Trust Board,

REGIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS

THESE ITEMS CAN ALL BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.SNMEDD.COM

- The following are the cover sheets of regional planning documents produced by the SNMEDD for our communities. The documents include an analysis of the region's strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats. The documents are products of a collaboration of funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Partnership funding, EDA Coronavirus Aid Rescue and Economic Security Act (CARES), EDA American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). USDA Stronger Economies Together (SETS) and several New Mexico Department of Transportation plans.
- All these documents can be found at www.snmedd.com. This is the District's website.



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



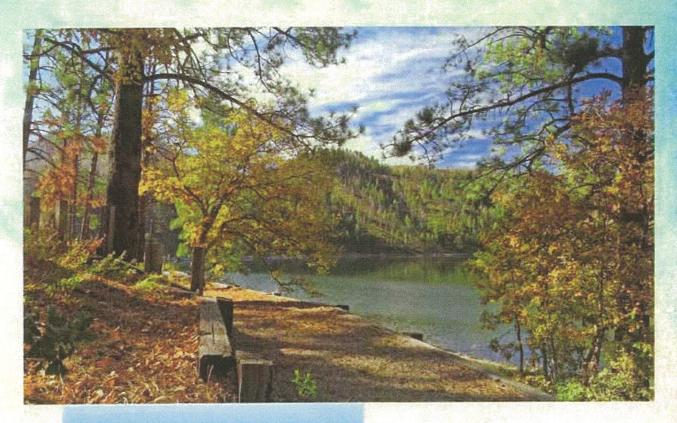
Stronger Economies Together (SET) Plan Southeastern New Mexico

Chaves, Curry, Eddy, Lea and Roosevelt Counties



New Mexico Stronger Economics Together Strategies for Building New Economic Opportunities

South Central Mountain Economic Development Association





Economic Development Plan

GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATION

- The District provides Grant Writing assistance to our member governments. And on occasion, we also provide Grant Writing Services to non-for-profits, mutual domestic water associations, acequias, non-for-profits, schools, colleges and universities. We provide grant writing in the areas of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Colonias, EDA, USDA, transportation and Capital Outlay requests to the Legislature.
- The services include but are not limited to the following:
- Conducting Public Hearing to obtain comments about community needs.
- Gather data and estimates on the cost of the proposed project.
- Writing the grant and submitting to the appropriate agency or funder.
- Assistance with the project presentation to the funding agency or funder.
- If requested and contracted to we will provide all aspects of the project administration and compliance assurance.
- Provide project close-out and necessary inspections for agency or funder acceptance.
- On Capital Outlay we provide Legislative vetting services with Legislators prior to the Legislature convening and begin to develop lists of priority funding projects.
- Convene meeting of Legislators to select projects to fund and attempt to fully fund all #1 priority projects for our members.

MAJOR EDA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE DISTRICT

- EDA: Chaves County—RIAC Operation Transformation, Roswell Airport Terminal, RIAC master Plan, Oil Field Training Center, NMMI Godfrey Center, RIAC Earl Cummings Blvd., Kerr Field Water Well Development, Hagerman Industrial Park/Fat Mans Jerky
- EDA: Eddy County--Carlsbad Air Industrial Park Plan, Carlsbad Air Industrial Park Development, Artresia Industrial Park Development-Phase I and II, Double Eagle Water Well and Transmission Line, Cascades at Carlsbad River Walk and Commercial Development
- EDA: Lea County—Hobbs industrial Air Park master Plan, Hobbs Industrial Air Park Development, Ciity of Hobbs Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Lovington Sampson Infrastructure System Development, Jal Burke Industrial Building Complex, City of Eunice Redundant Water System Development for URENCO
- EDA: Lincoln County—Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant, Ruidoso Main Bridge No. 1 Reconstruction
- EDA: Otero County—Alamogordo Industrial Park Master Plan, Alamogordo Industrial Park Infrastructure Development, Alamogordo Industrial Park Manufacturing Construction, New Mexico Space Hall of Fame Museum, Griggs Flood Detention Pond Development, Original Inn of the Mountain God's Hotel and Resort, Mescalero Wood Products Lumber Mill

CDBG FUNDING IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION - 10 YEAR SPAN

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		SOUTH -	System	Water		Streets
	STATE WIDE	EAST	/Waste	System		Drainage
	Funding	Region	Water/	Improve-	Public	and
Vear	Amount	Amount	WWTP	menės	Facility	Sidewalks
2020	10,563,849	2,182,176	1	1	1	
2019	11,493,008	2,748,898	1		1	2
2018	13,210,051	4,689,143		2	4	2
2017	10,767,745	3,871,930	2	2		2
2016	8,963,644	1,994,318		1	1	2
2015	8,492,184	999,412	1		1	
2014	10,564,887	2,911,799	1	2	1	2
2013	8,675,746	1,836,122		2	1	1
2012	9,907,981	2,557,382	1.		4	1
2011	14,100,967	2,939,592	3		2	3
	106,760,062	26,730,772	10	10	16	25

25%

We have also made use of CDBG Planning Grant Funds: updating Comprehensive Plans; Mapping; Asset Management Plans, etc

Examples of Completed Projects:

Chaves County Courthouse Elevator Otero County Child Care Pacility Lincoln County Senior Centers Eddy County Sewer Installation Roswell Street & Drainage Artesia ADA Sidewalk/Ramps Capitan Senior Center Atamogordo ADA Sidewalk Imp Loving WWTP Sewer Improvements
Lake Arthur WWTP/Sewer Installation
Carrizozo Street Improvements
Dexter Water System Improvements
Hagerman Water System Improvements
Hope Street & Drainage Improvements
Ruidoso Downs Water System Improvements
Cloudcroft Senior Center Addition

Ruldoso Water/Sewer Improvements
Jal Street & Drainage Improvements
Carlsbad Senior Center Renovation
Tularosa Water System Improvements
Hobbs Street & Drainage Improvements
Lovington Street & Drainage Improvements
Corona Water System Improvements
Tatum Water System Improvements

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM OUR CEDS, COMMUNITY ICIPS, CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST DIRECTORIES

- Hangar, tarmac and infrastructure improvements at the Roswell Air Center
- Expansion and improvements at the Lea County Regional Airport
- Carlsbad North and South By-Pass Roads
- Improvements to Oil Refinery (Dead Cow) Road
- Improve and widen US 285 from Loving south to Texas Border
- Improve and by-pass NM 128 in Jal
- Improve numerous local streets and roads, intersections, ADA access and sidewalks in communities
- Improve and replace water wells, well houses and transmission lines in many small communities
- Water distribution system improvements
- Wastewater collection and pond improvements and expansions

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

- Build transportation system related the needs of warehousing, distribution and logistic opportunities
- Foster infrastructure expansion to encourage growth of new economic clusters
- Promote alternative clean energy—wind, solar, nuclear and geothermal development
- Promote the construction of energy transmission lines from the region to the grid to export clean energy
- Continue to encourage exploration and expansion of the extractive industries
- Support the continued development of the region's agri-business and agricultural economy
- Expand broadband and internet services to all rural areas of the region
- Support the completion and expansion of industrial parks in the region
- Support workforce housing development

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

- Encourage watershed improvements to increase the quality and quantity of water in the region and improve forest management
- Expand and develop tele-medicine access to the rural areas of the region
- Improve existing roadbeds and rails to increase the quality and railroad service in the region especially along the eastern edge of the District.
- Improve some portions of US 380
- Widen and improve US 380 from Roswell east to the Texas border for safety of commercial and tourism travel

ICIP SNAPSHOT 2023-2027

Top Five Priorities

Green indicates that project was a first priority

	Facilities	Roads/Bridges	Equipment	Water Supply	Waste Water	Water Rights	Utilities	Other	
Chaves County	4	1							
Dexter	1		2		1	1			
Hagerman			2	1	2				
Lake Arthur	1		2	Uniform process and process of the analysis of	1	1			
Roswell	3	1	1						
Eddy County	Region in Section Continues and	5							
Artesia		4			1				
Carlsbad		1	1	1	2				
Hope	3			2					
Loving		2	1	1	1				
Lea County	3	1						1	
Eunice	4				1				
Hobbs	1	3			1				
Jal	3			2	The second conservation of the second conservati				
Lovington	1	2	1	1					
Tatum		1	2	1	1				
Lincoln County	3	1	1						
Capitan	1	1		3					
Carrizozo		1		3	1				
Corona	1	1	1	1			1		
Ruidoso	3		1		1			1	
Ruidoso Downs	2		1					1	
Otero County	2	2	1						
Alamogordo	2	2	1						
Cloudcroft	1	1	1	1		1			
Tularosa	4		1						
Totals	43	30	20	17	13	3	1	3	130
Percentages	33%	23%	15%	13%	10%	2%	1%	2%	100%

Facilities Breakdown ICIP FY 23-27

	Facilities	Emergency Service	ces Adminis	trative Re	novation	Park/Outdoor	r	New Build	ding	Museum/Memoria
Chaves County	4	1	Remodel for emergency dispatch center	2	new roof admin bld/ window replacement Courthouse				1 Health Center	
Dexter	1			1	new roof town admin bld					
Lake Arhur	1			1	new roof admin bld					
Roswell	3	1	Firefighter traing facility	1	Airport Expansion	1	new park			
Норе	3			1	City Hall Reno			2	equipment building/coummun ity center	
Lea County	3			2	ntion Center			1	Event Center	
Eunice	4	2	Fire station/police station			1	Softball fields	1	waste water treatment building	
Hobbs	1			1	Security improvments to admin bldgs					
Jal	3			2	Burk Complex/Wast water bld rehab			1	Teen community center	
Lovington	1	1	Police facility upgrade:							
Lincoln County	3	1	Detention Center upgrade	1	Courthouse improvements	1	Fairgrounds renovaions/			
Capitan	1							1	Water Dept Bldg	Museu m renovati 1 ons
Corona	1									Historic renovati 1 ons
Ruidoso	3	1	Dispatch Facility			1	Outdoor recreation			workfor ce housing 1 /
Ruidoso Downs	2			1	New City Hall/			1	Community Youth Center	
Otero County	2			2	/Court House Addition					
Alamogordo	2					2	Improvements			
Cloudcroft	1	1	Emergency Services Complex							
Tularosa	4	greguented		1	Library expansion	2	Veterans memorial park/park improvments	1	Recreation center	
Totals	43	8		16		8		9		3
Percentages		18%		36%		18%		20%		7%

NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT

- The needs of the District are fairly simple. We only have one request. We need at least one additional staff person to help with being able to assist our smaller local government members with capacity building and technical assistance over a broad scheme of issues and matters that plague local governments day-in-and-day-out.
- We are looking at funding in the range about \$50,000 for an additional staff person/planner/grant writer plus fringe benefit costs, laptop computer, desk top printer and phone.