



Cultural Affairs Facilities Infrastructure Fund

A vital mechanism for maintaining New Mexico's cultural assets

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- Protect
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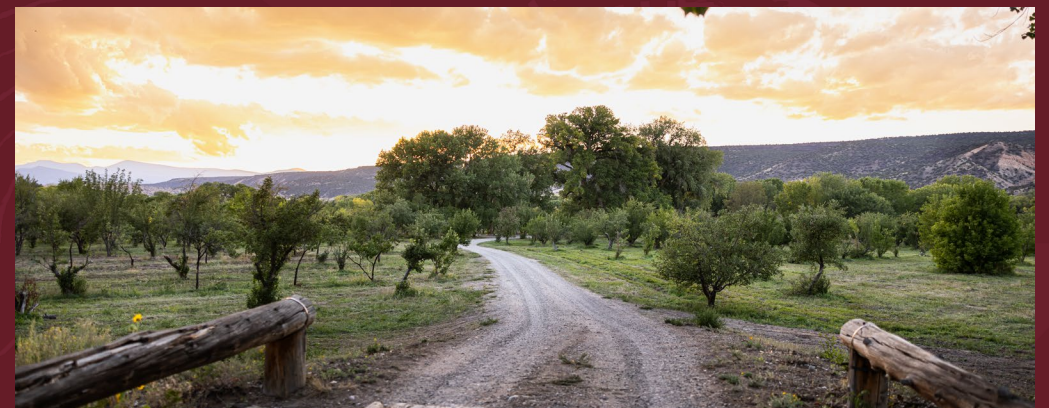
New Mexico's unique cultural resources for the education of all New Mexicans, especially youth.

Our Mandate

Our Facilities

Unique facilities that house New Mexico's cultural assets:

- An exceptional and extensive portfolio of cultural resources.
- Maintained by department, not General Services.
- Specialized facilities with unique needs.
- Over 240 structures, nearly half of which are historic.
- 1.3 million square feet on over 1,000 acres.
- 8 museums/cultural center (Alamogordo, Albuquerque, Las Cruces & Santa Fe).
- 8 historic sites (Jemez, Bernalillo, Ft. Sumner, Radium Springs, Mesilla, Lincoln, Ft. Stanton & Alcalde).
- Center for NM Archaeology & Stewart L. Udall Center for Museum Resources (Santa Fe).
- Facilities & collections valued at \$1 billion (RMD 2017).



Cultural Affairs Facilities Infrastructure Fund

CAFIF plays a pivotal role in the preservation and enhancement of New Mexico's rich cultural resources.

- Established in 2020.
- Funded with annual appropriation from the Public Project Revolving Fund (after certain debt, reserve, and administrative costs are met, up to 35% of governmental gross receipts tax proceeds).
- Used to fund planning, engineering, design, construction, renovation, repairs, and equipment.
- Administered by DCA; disbursements are made by DFA, based on vouchers signed by DCA.
- Non-reverting, allowing for longer term planning and strategic preservation.
- Since its creation \$30 million has been appropriated to the fund.
- Without CAFIF there would be no consistent nor stable source for the ongoing repair and maintenance of these facilities.



Strategic Approach

Efficient, well-planned projects with tangible outcomes

- Ongoing assessment, prioritization, and planning.
- Focus on critical needs that contribute to broader goals.
- Prudent investments with rigorous fiscal management.
- Record of successful, on-time, within budget projects.

Value of Cultural Resources

In 2022, Nonprofit Arts and Culture Industry in New Mexico:

- Generated \$740.9 million
- Spent \$267.5 million
- Supported 4,313 New Mexico jobs
- Contributed \$45.3 million in local, state, and federal government revenue
- 89.5% of respondents believe arts and culture events and venues inspire a sense of pride in the community



Real Life Impact

Cultural infrastructure investment at Ft. Stanton Historic Site:

- Upgraded water infrastructure installed using \$1.1 million of CAFIF.
- On May 25, 2025, a wildfire broke out north of the site and moved eastward.
- Ft. Stanton contains 75% of the districts fire hydrants; upgrades proved essential during the fire response.
- Arron Griewahn, Director of Lincoln County Emergency Services stated the fire could have spread much further were it not for the new water infrastructure.
- Investment also resulted in improved Insurance Services Office rating from Class 6 to Class 5—resulting in increased fire resources and reduced homeowner premiums across the county.
- “Fort Stanton is our largest water system, and the improvements made there since 2022 have made it the best-rated in Lincoln County,” Fire Chief Jack Canavan.



CAFIF Project Highlights FY25 & 26

- New TPO roof at Coronado Historic Site, \$500,000
- Repairs to roof, flooring, and paint at the Ft. Stanton Historic Site, \$400,000
- Main sewer line replacement at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science, \$400,000
- Replacement of leech line and tank at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, \$400,000
- Roof replacement for the History and Literary Arts Building at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, \$475,000
- Sewer line equipment for compliance with environmental regulations that will reduce the risk of sewer overflows and extend the life of sewer systems statewide, \$60,000+
- FEMA matching funds for wildfire risk reduction grants statewide, \$1.35 million
- Building demolishing for non-contributing buildings at Ft. Stanton, \$100,000

Potential FY27 CAFIF Projects

- Replace three HVAC units at the Bosque Redondo Memorial at the Ft. Sumner Historic Site, \$555,000
- Upgrade sprinkler system in Tombaugh Building at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, \$350,000
- Phase 2 Theater upgrades (seats, lighting, fire curtain, etc.) at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, \$300,000
- Fire detection system for Hacienda and Victorian Cottage at Los Luceros Historic Site, \$100,000
- Water drainage system around Campo Santo at Jemez Historic Site, \$50,000
- Roof replacement for Tunstall Store at Lincoln Historic Site, \$400,000
- Connect Ft. Selden Historic Site to city water system, \$300,000
- Preservation and rehabilitation of Chavez Library Building at New Mexico History Museum, \$450,000

Thank you

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