



2019 UPDATE

From the Frontier Challenges Workgroup

Year 3 Progress Report: Village Investment and Development Act (VIDA)





Frontier Challenges Workgroup is compiling information and these outreach efforts are growing support for VIDA.

- Learning the current situation on the ground in the smallest communities and settlements across New Mexico.
- Hearing about challenges to community health and well-being.
- Collating how community members want to see their community move forward.
- Identifying key leaders and the resources they need.

Year One - SJM2

Purpose: Identify the unique challenges facing the smallest and most isolated New Mexico communities and propose legislative action to facilitate investment in those communities.



Year Two – \$50,000

Passed in HB 548 “The Junior”

2019 Session:

Senator Cisneros pre-filed SB102

Representative R Martinez pre-filed HB 194

After passing Senate and House

Committees, the two original bills were

tabled and in their place, an Amendment

was included in HB 548.

The Junior passed the House and Senate

and was sent to the Governor.

Year Two – Line Item VETO

Immediately after HB548 passed, the National Center for Frontier Communities sent a letter to the Governor, Lt. Governor and key Executive staff stating the Amendment was to fund the tasks described in SB102 and HB194.

In the rush that occurs at the end of every session, the Frontier Challenges Workgroup Amendment was vaguely drafted lacking 2 commas.

This project is “shovel ready” and in fact already underway with a small foundation start-up grant and excellent support from the large group of partners.

The VETO was a shock and very disappointing.

Partners

- New Mexico Association of Counties
- NM Association of Regional Councils
- NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council
- New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
- Colonias, Tribal Governments and Inter-tribal Organizations
- Prosperity Works
- InvestUS
- State Agencies
- The Legislature
- Private Foundations
- Community Organizations
- Members of the Public



New Mexico Communities - villages, tribes, settlements, and colonias need VIDA

New Mexico

Three rural definitions based on Census Urban Areas

Rural locations are those outside Census Urban Areas with a population...

...greater than or equal to 2,500

Outside Census Urban Areas \geq 2,500

...greater than or equal to 10,000

Outside Census Urban Areas \geq 2,500

Census Urban Areas: 2,500 - 9,999

...greater than or equal to 50,000

Outside Census Urban Areas \geq 2,500

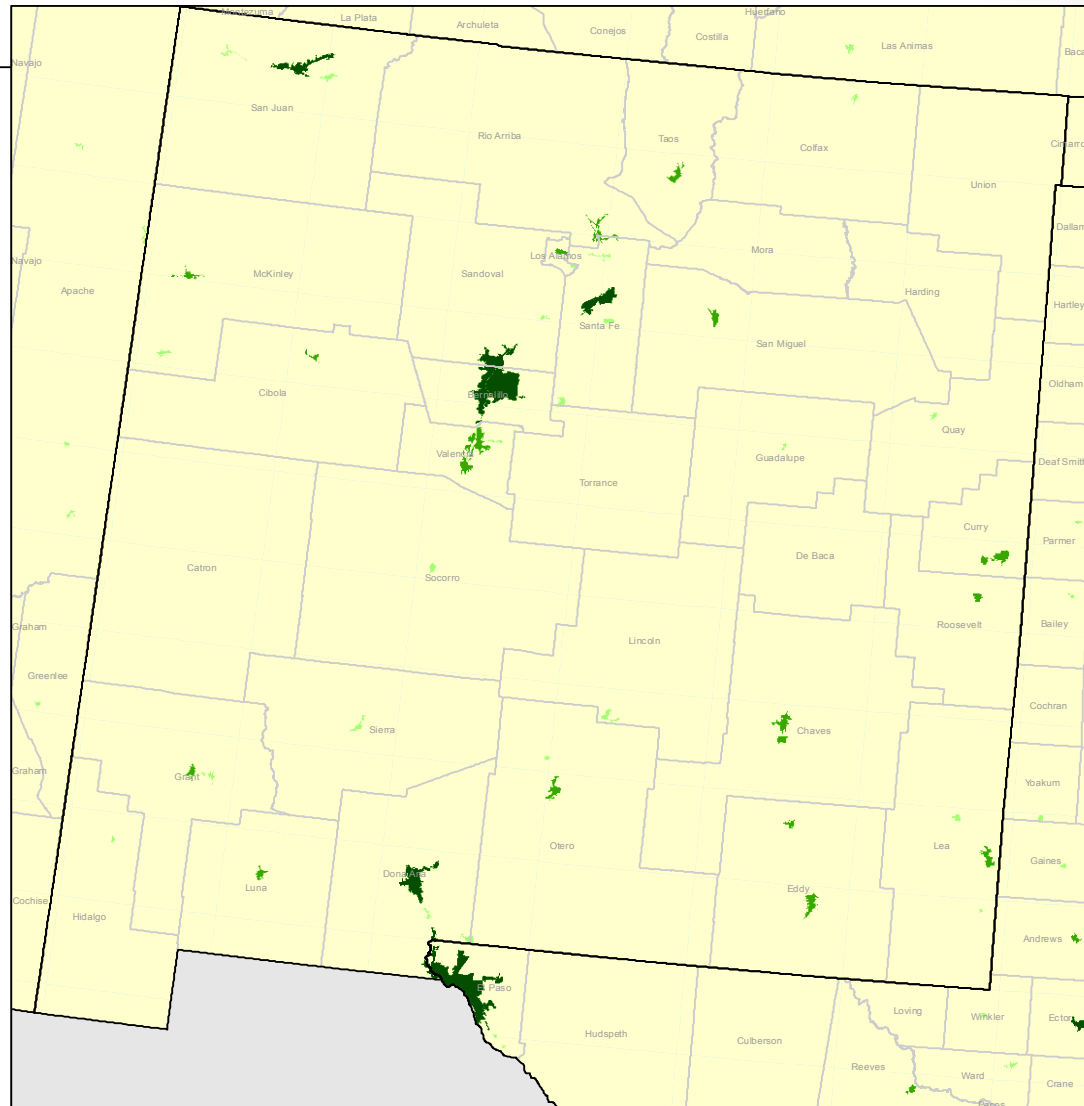
Census Urban Areas: 2,500 - 9,999

Census Urban Areas: 10,000 - 49,999

Urban locations under all three definitions:

Census Urban Areas: \geq 50,000

For more information on definitions, see documentation



Year Three – 2020 Legislature

The Third Time is the Charm

The Frontier Challenges Work Group will have two in-depth case studies by the session.

There will be better understanding of the current reality on the ground to help move VIDA forward.

GOAL: An appropriation will be introduced, passed, and funded.

	Test the Model in 2019 Two groups of community sizes: < 1,000 and 1,000-5,000 Compare isolated communities with non-isolated communities
	Develop a 30-Year Trend Analysis of Five Key Elements
1	Who lives there? Population, demographics, out or in-migration, etc.
2	How are they doing economically? Job losses or gains, year-round or seasonal employment, boom-bust cycles if any.
3	What is the condition of community Infrastructure? Is there access to capital, and investment whether public or private.
4	What is the status of community organizations? Gains or loss of essential community organizations and resources.
5	Who are the community leaders? Governmental, private and non-profit sectors, and volunteers.
	Methodology for Setting Goals – Community-Based Planning
	Use participatory planning to collect community goals and priorities.
	Develop policy and funding recommendations
	Goal is Met: Legislative and Local Government Action

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