

Benchmarking New Mexico

Dollars Spent and Acres Protected Using State Funds			
State	State \$ Spent	Acres Protected	\$ per Capita per Year
Colorado	\$565,410,587	993,426	\$4.91
Arizona	\$308,519,727	58,676	\$2.12
New Mexico	\$38,031,039	41,222	\$0.91
Oklahoma	\$26,281,323	41,355	\$0.47
Utah	\$24,052,348	35,980	\$0.38
Texas	\$26,217,171	116,969	\$0.08

Source: The Trust for Public Land's Conservation Almanac, www.conservationalmnac.org.

New Mexico Conservation Spending, 1998-2017				
Level of Gov	\$ Spent	% of Total	Acres Protected	% of Total
Federal	\$223,474,225	63%	303,549	86%
State	\$38,031,039	11%	41,222	12%
Local	\$92,298,839	26%	9,028	3%
Total	\$353,804,103		353,799	

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New Mexico State Investment		
Year	State \$ Spent	Acres Protected
1998	\$0	0
1999	\$0	0
2000	\$456,171	40
2001	\$0	0
2002	\$20,037,103	3,652
2003	\$0	0
2004	\$2,933,485	5,937
2005	\$454,814	155
2006	\$600,000	239
2007	\$2,232,274	8,819
2008	\$2,086,917	2,967
2009	\$2,534,000	1,428
2010	\$399,000	9,000
2011	\$1,279,350	1,211
2012	\$0	715
2013	\$1,564,500	1,066
2014	\$3,453,425	5,993
2015	\$0	0
2016	\$0	0
2017	\$0	0
Total	\$38,031,039	41,222

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What Federal funding in NM not taking full advantage of?

Several federal programs have a cost-share requirement, therefore New Mexico is leaving significant federal funding on the table without State matching dollars:

Agricultural Land Easements (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

- Authorized at \$450 million per year through FY23
- Forest Legacy Program (U.S. Forest Service)
 - Admin proposed \$90-95 million; House bill proposed \$78 million for FY22
- Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Program “Section 6” (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
 - \$30.8 million per year
- Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (U.S. Department of Defense)
 - \$105 million in FY21
 - FY22: Admin proposed \$150 million, House is proposing \$155 million
- State and Local Assistance (National Park Service)
 - FY22: House bill proposed \$200 million for State Conservation Grants and \$115 million for ORLP
 - millions from newly fully funded LWCF