



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY



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**New Mexico Governor's Commission on Disability
FY17 Budget Request**

Relatively flat request except for the addition of one position.

Programs:

- **Physical Accessibility: Site Visits, Plan Reviews, Residential Modifications**
- **Technical Assistance and Training: all Disabilities/all Age Groups**
- **Assistive Technology Program: Technology for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Brain Injury Advisory Council: Recommendations on services for Persons with Brain Injury**
- **Quality of Life Small Grants: one-time small grants to non-profits serving individuals with disabilities**

Narrative and Performance

We have submitted an expansion request for an additional Architectural Access Specialist position. This position has been requested over the past three fiscal years. The current demand for conducting both plan reviews as well as site inspections of public facilities for compliance with accessibility requirements cannot be met with only two staff. Both, the plan reviews and the site inspections, identify existing, non-compliance accessibility issues that are barriers for persons with disabilities. Most requests for these services come from the public, architects, engineers and building code officials.

Staff conducts accessibility surveys to determine compliance includes surveying accessible parking, accessible routes, entrances to facilities, interior circulation paths, restrooms and various other elements within a facility. The two employees also review construction plans verifying compliance with current accessibility design standards. Plan reviews are followed up with a detailed written report and contact with the designer. Site Accessibility Surveys are also followed up with a written report, complete with photographs, on the assessment of a facility per detailing compliance responsibilities. Other requests for information include discrimination practices pertaining to the built environment, employment, housing, public schools, recreation sites, voting/polling sites and transportation.

In addition, we are in the process of resurrecting our **statutory** 'Residential Accessibility Modifications Program.' This program was halted back in 2006 due to complications that existed at that time. We have asked to use our Fund Balance to re-establish these activities including the installation of grab bars, ramps, toilet seats, transfer showers, widening of doors and other equipment into the homes of qualifying applicants. The expansion item requests an additional position which would coordinate this program.

Performance

Accessibility Group

Physical accessibility site visits and surveys to determine compliance

Information, referrals and technical assistance: 5401

Site Visits for Physical Access Compliance: 79

Plan reviews to assure accessibility compliance while in design phase: 54

Presentations completed: 19

Residential Accessibility Modifications Program: start-up December 2015

Disability Programs Group

Training and Technical Assistance on Disabilities & the Americans with Disabilities Act

Information, referrals and technical assistance: 1066

Southwest Conference on Disability: 1000 attendees

Presentations completed: 22

Research Projects Completed: 4

NMTAP New Mexico Technology Assistance Program

Assistive Technology for Persons with Disabilities

Provides assistive technology loan; low interest loans to of persons with disabilities for a home based business or self-employment; refurbished computer and durable medical equipment to of persons with disabilities for re-use; technical assistance and training. NMTAP has and Advisory Council consisting of persons with disabilities, family members and professionals who work with persons with disabilities.

Information, referrals and technical assistance: 4220

Trainings, Demos and Outreach Events: 162

Devices Loaned: 156

Seeds Loans (SJCI): 22

Back in Use Program/Adelante: refurbished equipment distributed 870

Brain Injury Advisory Council Program

Study and make recommendations on Brain Injury Services and Prevention

Information, referrals and technical assistance: 75

Children's Hemet Distribution Program: 5,122

Concussion Studies: Veteran and Sports

Quality of Life Grants 2015

Provide small grant to non-profits regarding areas of accessibility, adaptive sports, disability services outreach and education to rural participants.

The Ability Center

Location: Dona Ana, Hidalgo and Catron counties

Project Name - Project Soar

Increase the Independent Living Centers enhanced services.

ENMRSH, Inc.

Location: Clovis

Project Name - Art for Everyone

Formal art classes will provide personalized services to participants with disabilities developing unique creative opportunities.

Life Quest, Inc.

Location: Silver City

Project Name – Restroom Accessibility Project

Life Quest's bathroom will be remodeled to meet ADA 2010 Design Standards for Accessibility.

Zia Therapy Center

Location: Alamogordo

Project Name – Physical Accessibility Project

Install an ADA compliant parking lot and sidewalk at Zia Therapy Center's direct service office building entrance.

Disability Rights New Mexico

Location: Silver City, Roswell, Farmington, Taos, Albuquerque and rural tribal areas.

Project Name - Program Community Engagement

Outreach and education program of services-- all disabilities