



**Presentation to the
NMFA Legislative Oversight Committee
by the New Mexico Finance Authority**



**Overview of Colonias Infrastructure Fund
July 24, 2012**





Colonias Infrastructure Act

- Created by the 2010 Legislature
- The law establishes the Colonias Infrastructure Board and dedicates 5% of the state's annual Senior Severance Tax Bond proceeds for a variety of infrastructure projects:
 - Water projects
 - Wastewater projects
 - Solid Waste Disposal projects
 - Road or Housing projects
 - Flood Control projects
- First severance tax distribution is available July 2012



Colonias Infrastructure Act

- Colonia definition:
 - A rural community with a population of 25,000 or less located within 150 miles of the United States-Mexico border that:
 - Has been designated a Colonia by the municipality due to:
 - Lack of potable water;
 - Lack of adequate sewage systems;
 - lack of decent, safe and sanitary housing;
 - Has been in existence as a Colonia prior to November 1990;
 - Colonia communities must provide documentation to the Colonias Infrastructure Board that supports the designation by the municipality or county.



Colonias Infrastructure Board

- Board is comprised of 12 members
 - 7 voting members
 - 5 advisory, non-voting members
- Voting board members
 - Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration
 - Dr. Tom Clifford
 - Secretary of the Environment Department
 - Mr. David Martin
 - Chief Executive Officer of the NM Finance Authority
 - Mr. Richard May



Colonias Infrastructure Board

- Appointee from the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
 - Mr. Oscar Butler
- Appointee from the Minority Leader of the Senate
 - Mr. Doug Moore
- Appointee from the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 - Dr. Lowell Catlett
- Appointee from the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
 - Ms. Kristin Pope



Colonias Infrastructure Board

- Advisory, non-voting members
- Executive directors of the following organizations
 - South Central Council of Governments
 - Mr. Jay Armijo
 - Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
 - Ms. Priscilla Lucero
 - Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District
 - Mr. Hubert Quintana
 - New Mexico Association of Counties
 - Mr. Paul Gutierrez
 - New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority
 - Mr. Jay Czar



Colonias Infrastructure Board

- Duties of the Board
 - Administer an outreach program
 - Project prioritization
 - Funding recommendations
 - Requests for reconsideration
 - Policy setting
 - Establishment of Rules
 - Oversight of Project Management Team

Colonias Infrastructure Board Sub-Committee's

- Policy Committee
 - Oversees the establishment and revisions to Board Rules, Policies and By-Laws
- Project Review Committee
 - Oversees the project recommendations, including the evaluation criteria within the confines established by the Policy Committee
- Each Committee has no more than 3 voting members



Timelines & Milestones

- Colonias Infrastructure Board Hearing
 - October 7, 2011 (Las Cruces)
 - Adopted By-laws
 - Initiated Rulemaking procedures
 - Elected board officers
- Public Hearings to receive public comments on the proposed Rules and Policies
 - November 28, 2011-Carlsbad, NM
 - November 29, 2011-Silver City, NM
 - November 30, 2011-Las Cruces, NM



Timelines & Milestones

- Policy Committee meetings to evaluate and vet the proposed policies
 - November 8, 2011 (Las Cruces)
 - Reviewed and modified proposed Rules and Policies.
 - December 14, 2011 (Socorro)
 - Completed review and modifications to the proposed Rules and Policies
 - December 20, 2011 (Santa Fe via Conference Call)
 - Performed final review of Rules and Policy documents
 - Discussed and determination made to submit Rules and Policy documents to the Colonias Infrastructure Board for adoption at the January 13, 2012 meeting.
- Project Review Committee meeting to evaluate application criteria
 - January 6, 2012 (Las Cruces)
 - January 10, 2012 (Santa Fe via Conference Call)
- Full Board Hearing to Consider adoption of Rules, Policies and Application Criteria
 - January 13 , 2012 (Silver City)
- Colonias Infrastructure Board Work Session to consider funding process
 - February 22, 2012 – (Las Cruces)



Timelines & Milestones

- Acceptance and review of applications
 - March 7, 2012-Application Round Opens
 - Application Workshops:
 - March 07, 2012 – Artesia, NM.
 - March 08, 2012 – Las Cruces, NM.
 - March 09, 2012 – Deming, NM.
- April 16, 2012 - Application Round Closes
- Technical Team Evaluation of applications
 - April 17,2012-May 15, 2012
- May 01, 2012 – Colonias Board Certifies the need to State Board of Finance
- Prioritized list of projects to Colonias Infrastructure Board - Approved
 - June 8, 2012
- Colonias Infrastructure Board recommends Projects for Consideration to NMFA Board - Approved
 - June 22, 2012