RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS STUDY | 2021



Rural Infrastructure Final Report Outline

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A Tale of Two Buena Vistas: Navigating Water Infrastructure Issues in Neighboring States

Buena Vista, Colorado	Buena Vista, New Mexico
Issue: Both rural communities ha	ve a need to develop a water plan
State agency to contact	State agency to contact
Single point of contact for planning assistance: • Colorado Department of Local Affairs (staffs regional offices throughout the state)	 Multiple points of contact: NMFA, Local Government Planning Fund DFA for CBDG funds State Environment Department NMFA, Water Trust Board Their legislators/Capital Outlay
How they help	How they help
 Technical assistance and guidance Support developing a funding plan (CBDG or resiliency plan program) 	No uniform approach, but each offer planning assistance
	truction funds to improve their system
State Agency to contact	State Agency to contact
 Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Colorado Department of Local Affairs 	 NMFA, Water Trust Board DFA for CBDG Environment Department Their legislators/Capital Outlay
How they help	How they help
 Department of Local Affairs is a clearinghouse for projects and a broker for organizing funding sources behind projects, including CDBG Provides assistance with various sustainability issues Connect to the area COGs CDPHE manages EPA loan funds, grants and other financing 	 No coordinating agency for water and wastewater projects Each agency manages/oversees separate funding resources No state-level mandate or guidance on how best to support communities Regional COGs can help, but no uniform approach across agencies

Utah and Nevada both have one agency responsible for water/wastewater, and another agency for CBDG-the maximum number of agencies to contact regarding a water project is two

Rural Infrastructure Needs Study: Funding Resources

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Funding Agency	Program Purpose	Eligible Applicants	Funding Range	Grant / Coop. Agt.	Loan / Debt Financing	Other	Limitations	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Deadline / Cycle History	Link
Broadband Prospe												
New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration: Capital Outlay Projects Bureau	A "capital outlay project" is the acquisition, improvement, alteration or reconstruction of assets of a long-term character that are intended to continue to be held or used, including land, buildings, machinery, furniture and equipment.		No limit on request size.	Grant			Capital outlay funding cannot be used for operating expenses; salaries; materials and supplies; events, brochures, pamphlets and publications; and retroactive reimbursements of previous purchases.	*			Submit a request form through the Governor's Office. Upcoming deadline is 22-Jan-22.	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /budget- division/capital- outlay-bureau/
New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration: Community Development Block Grant (CBDG)	Supports project-specific activities to improve or develop community infrastructure and public facilities; 10% of awards to support Colonias through addressing lack of potable water, safe housing, or adequate sewer systems.	☐ Tribal government ☐ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations	Awards range up to \$750,000 over 24 months. Match: 5% for rural communities; 10% for non-rural.	Grant			Entities that receive funding directly from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are not eligible, including: 1) Tribes and Pueblos; 2) Entitlement cities (Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho and Santa Fe).	*		*	Deadlines: Threshold compliance (required): 13- March-21; Applications: 20-Aug-21	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /local- government/co mmunity- development- bureau/cdbg- information/

New Mexico Department of Information Technology: New Mexico Broadband Technical Assistance Program (NM TAP)	Provides technical assistance to help deploy or expand broadband infrastructure and/or services and lay the groundwork for communities to build broadband infrastructure, creating jobs for the construction of the network(s).	 ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations ■ For-profit organizations 	Awards will take the form of technical assistance provided to up to 15 communities or organizations.		Technical Assistance				*	*	were held on 15 and 16 September 2021 to overview federal funding opportunities. Slides are available here: https://www.doit .state.nm.us/br oadband/tap.sh tml	
New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau: Capital Outlay Special Appropriations Program	assets of a long-term character that are intended to continue to be held or used,	■ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations	Awards range from ~\$200,000 - \$40,000,000; average range approximately \$500,000 - \$1,000,000.	Grant		Local governments may apply directly. Nonprofits must work with local government to apply.			*		Annual release Most recent deadline: 30- Sep-20	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /budget- division/capital- outlay-bureau/
New Mexico Finance Authority: Local Government Planning Fund	Provides the capital necessary for proper planning of vital public projects, including infrastructure, water and wastewater preliminary engineering reports, long-term master plans, water conservation plans, economic development plans, or energy audits.	■ Local government	Grants range up to \$50,000 and are made on a sliding scale.	Grant		Statewide program.	*	*	*		Rolling application period	https://www.nm finance.com/lo cal- government- planning-fund/

New Mexico Finance Authority: Public Project Revolving Fund	as infrastructure improvements, road projects, water system upgrades, fire and law enforcement	■ Local government	Loans range from \$10,000 - \$100,000,000+.		Loan	Borrowers may receive "disadvantaged funding" of 0 - 2% interest rates to those with Median Household (MHI) Incomes that are less than the State's MHI.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.nm finance.com/pu blic- infrastructure- capital- financing/
New Mexico Indian Affairs Department: Tribal Infrastructure Fund	along with providing for the planning and development of infrastructure in tribal communities to improve the	 □ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations 	Planning and design projects: \$30,000 - \$400,000; Construction projects: \$75,000 - \$1.6 million.	Grant		Eligibility limited to Indian Nations, tribes or pueblos located wholly or partially in New Mexico.	*	*			Cycle typically runs Jan to mid-April, annually	https://www.iad _state.nm.us/po licy-and- legislation/prog rams-and- funding/tribal- infrastructure- fund/
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Community Connect Grant Program	Provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide broadband service in rural, economically challenged communities where service does not exist.	Tribal governmentTribal agenciesUtilities companies	Awards range from \$100,000 - \$3,000,000 for at least two years. Match: 15%	Grant		Eligibility is limited to rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.				*	Most recent deadline: 23-Dec-20 Annual release	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/comm unity-connect- grants
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program	recent support included a	 ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations 	Awards: Grants: \$30,000,000 available; average: \$39,000. Loans: \$2,500,000 available: average: \$1,774,639; Guaranteed Loans: \$500,000,000 available; average: \$2,891,112.	Grant	Loan / Loan Guarantee	Limited to rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/comm unity-facilities- direct-loan- grant-program

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program	Helps rural residents tap into the potential of modern telecommunications and the Internet for education and health care, two of the keys to economic and community development.	■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies	Awards range from \$100,000 - \$3,000,000 for at least two years Match: 15%	Grant			Limited to rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.		*		Annual release Most recent deadline: 04- June-21	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/distan ce-learning- telemedicine- grants
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative - Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program	examples: 1)	regulated lending institutions that are approved may apply. Eligible borrowers may include: State government Local government Tribal government Tribal agencies Utilities companies Nonprofit organizations For-profit organizations	A total of \$500,000,000 was available in 2021; Loans approved in 2021 will receive an 80% guarantee. The maximum amount of a guaranteed loan is \$100 million, including both guaranteed and unguaranteed portion.		Loan Guarantee		Limited to rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. The lender may be located anywhere in the U.S.	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/onerd guarantee
U.S Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: ReConnect Loan & Grant Program	Offers funding options, in the form of 100% grants, 50/50 grant/loan, and 100% loans, to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas that don't currently have sufficient access to broadband.	 ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations 	100% grants limited to \$25 million; 50/50 awards limited to \$25 million for each the grant and the loan; 100% loans limited to \$50 million.	Grant	Loan	Bold	* At least 90% of service area must lack sufficient broadband access. * Must be able to provide service to every area premises at appropriate speeds. * Must not be located in a city, town, or incorporated area with a 20,000+ population or urbanized areas adjacent to a city or town with a 50,000+ population.		*		Most recent: 15-Apr-20 Competition has made awards in 2019 and 2020. Monitor for next posting.	https://www.us da.gov/reconne ct/program- overview

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee	Furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas.	 ■ Local government ■ Tribal government ■ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations ■ For-profit organizations 	In general, Loan Terms are limited to the expected composite economic life of the assets to be financed plus 3 years.		Loan / Loan Guarantee	* Serves rural area (population up to 50,000). * At least 15% of households are unserved. * No part of the service area has three or more "incumbent service providers." * No part of the service area overlaps with the area of current borrowers or previous grantees.			*	Most recent: 30-Sep-19 Monitor for fall postings.	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/rural- broadband- access-loan- and-loan- guarantee
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)	Supports entities that provide planning support, technical assistance, and training to foster placemaking activities in rural communities. Funds can be used to create plans to enhance capacity for broadband access.	■ Local government■ Tribal government	Awards range up to \$250,000. Match: 15%	Grant		Recipients must be located in rural areas (population less than 50,000) and must not be contiguous and adjacent to a non-rural city.			*	Deadline: 26- July-21 One previous competition was held in 2020.	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm ?oppId=33385 2
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Telecommunication Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees	Financing is available for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.	 Local government Tribal government Tribal agencies Utilities companies Nonprofit organizations For-profit organizations 	Direct loans range \$2,183,000 - \$13,659,000 and average \$7,921,000. Guaranteed loans range \$2,183,000 - \$20,360,000 and average \$11,271,500.		Loan / Loan Guarantee	Eligible service areas must: be completely contained within a rural area or composed of multiple rural areas; at least 15% of households in the area are unserved; no part of the area has three or more "incumbent service providers"; no part of the area overlaps with the service area of current RUS borrowers or service areas funded by RUS.	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/teleco mmunications- infrastructure- loans-loan- guarantees

U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration: Economic Adjustment Assistance Program		■ Inst. of Higher Education	Awards range from \$500,000 - \$5,000,000. Project periods range from 12 - 48 months. Match: Awards are expected to fund at least 80%, and up to 100%, of project costs.	Grant		Under the EAA program, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.		*		15-Mar-22	https://eda.gov/ arpa/economic -adjustment- assistance/
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration: Broadband Infrastructure Program	as competitively and technologically neutral projects	☐ Tribal agencies	Awards typically range from \$5,000,000 - \$30,000,000 for a one-year period.	Grant		Eligible applicants are covered partnerships, defined as a partnership between: (A) a State, or one or more political subdivisions of a state; and (B) a provider of fixed broadband service.		*	*	Most recent: 17-Aug-21 Monitor for release summer 2022.	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm !?oppId=33368 4
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	that mitigate risk to public infrastructure; mitigate risk to	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	\$1,000,000,000 is available to make awards that range from \$1,000,000 - \$50,000,000.	Grant		Local governments must submit subapplications to their state applicant agency. Applicants and subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by the deadline to apply or at the time of obligation of grant funds for mitigation projects and C&CB activities.	*			28-Jan-22 Released annually; typically due early winter	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm I?oppId=33522 6

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Indian Community Development Block Grant Program	eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including	□ State government □ Local government ■ Tribal government ■ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range from \$500,000- \$4,000,000. While matching funds are not required, applications are awarded points if there is committed leverage on the project.	Grant		There are two categories of funding: Single Purpose Grants, which are competitive, and Imminent Threat program, a \$4 million allocation of first-come first-served grants.		*	Most recent deadline: 25- Oct-21	https://www.hu d.gov/program offices/public indian housing/ ih/grants/icdbg
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs: National Tribal Broadband Grant	This program provides grant funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for broadband deployment, with the goal of supporting informed decisions about broadband planning and ultimately improving quality of life by encouraging the availability of broadband services.	□ State government □ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Up to \$500,000 to each of the Federally Recognized Tribes delineated by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs	Grant			*	*	Most recent deadline: 1- Sept-21	https://www.bia .gov/service/gr ants/ntbg

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Electric Prospects New Mexico	A "capital outlay project" is the	☐ State government	No limit on request				Capital outlay funding				1	Submit a	https://www.nm
Department of Finance & Administration: Capital Outlay Projects Bureau	acquisition, improvement, alteration or reconstruction of assets of a long-term character that are intended to continue to be held or used, including land, buildings, machinery, furniture and equipment.	■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	size.	Grant			cannot be used for operating expenses; salaries; materials and supplies; events, brochures, pamphlets and publications; and retroactive reimbursements of previous purchases.	*			1 1 0 0	request form through the Governor's Office. Upcoming deadline is 22-Jan-2022.	dfa.state.nm.us /budget- division/capital- outlay-bureau/
New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration: Community Development Block Grant	Supports project-specific activities to improve or develop community infrastructure and public facilities; 10% of awards to support Colonias through addressing lack of potable water, safe housing, or adequate sewer systems.	□ Tribal government	Awards range up to \$750,000 over 24 months. Match: 5% for rural communities; 10% for non-rural.	Grant			Entities that receive funding directly from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are not eligible, including: 1) Tribes and Pueblos; 2) Entitlement cities (Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho and Santa Fe).	*		*	- - ()	Recent deadlines: Threshold compliance (required): 13- March-21; Applications: 20-Aug-21	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /local- government/co mmunity- development- bureau/cdbg- information/
New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau: Capital Outlay Special Appropriations Program	Provides funding for the acquisition, improvement, alteration, or reconstruction of assets of a long-term character that are intended to continue to be held or used, including land, buildings, machinery, furniture and equipment.	□ State government ■ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range from ~\$200,000 - \$40,000,000; average range approximately \$500,000 - \$1,000,000.	Grant			Local governments may apply directly. Nonprofits must work with local government to apply.			*	I	Annual release Most recent deadline: 30- Sep-20	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /budget- division/capital- outlay-bureau/

New Mexico Finance Authority: Local Government Planning Fund	for proper planning of vital public projects, including infrastructure, water and wastewater preliminary		Grants range up to \$50,000 and are made on a sliding scale.	Grant		Statewide program.	*	*	*	ар	olling pplication eriod	https://www.nm finance.com/lo cal- government- planning-fund/
New Mexico Finance Authority: Public Project Revolving Fund	as infrastructure improvements, road projects, water system upgrades, fire and law enforcement	, and the second	Loans range from \$10,000 - \$100,000,000+.		Loan	Borrowers may receive "disadvantaged funding" of 0 - 2% interest rates to those with Median Household (MHI) Incomes that are less than the State's MHI.	*	*	*	ар	olling pplication eriod	https://www.nm finance.com/pu blic- infrastructure- capital- financing/
New Mexico Indian Affairs Department: Tribal Infrastructure Fund	along with providing for the planning and development of infrastructure in tribal communities to improve the	□ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations	Planning and design projects: \$30,000 - \$400,000; Construction projects: \$75,000 - \$1.6 million.	Grant		Eligibility limited to Indian Nations, tribes or pueblos located wholly or partially in New Mexico.	*	*		rui mi	ycle typically ıns Jan to iid-April, nnually	https://www.iad .state.nm.us/po licy-and- legislation/prog rams-and- funding/tribal- infrastructure- fund/

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program	Offers financial support to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, including funds for e-connectivity. One example of recent support included a project resurfacing streets, streetscape, rehabilitation of water, sewer, stormwater systems, and relocating electric and telecommunications underground.	■ Nonprofit organizations ■ For-profit organizations	Awards: Grants: \$30,000,000 available; average: \$39,000. Loans: \$2,500,000 available: average: \$1,774,639; Guaranteed Loans: \$500,000,000 available; average: \$2,891,112.	Grant	Loan / Loan Guarantee	Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/comm unity-facilities- direct-loan- grant-program
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Distributed Generation Energy Project Financing	energy projects including renewables that provide	□ State government □ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	The loan amount may be up to 75% of total project costs.		Loan / Loan Guarantee	Serves rural areas (less than 20,000 population). Only for commercial technology, not emerging technologies.	TBD	TBD	TBD		Reach out to program contact to discuss application procedure.	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/distrib uted- generation- energy-project- financing
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Electric Infrastructure Loan & Loan Guarantee	Finances construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements to improve electric service in rural areas; and demand side management, energy efficiency programs, and ongrid and off-grid renewable energy.	■ Tribal government■ Tribal agencies	The average Federal Financing Bank loan guarantee is \$32,668,948. Other ranges are not specified.		Loan	Limited to rural areas. In general, a rural area is defined as a town, or unincorporated area that has a population not greater than 20,000. Check with the NM General Field Representative to confirm eligibility.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/electri c- infrastructure- loan-loan- guarantee- program

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative - Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program	The Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program provides loan guarantees to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Examples of facilities may include: (1) Telecommunications end-user equipment; (2) Water infrastructure facilities; and (3) Purchase and installation of renewable energy systems.	that are approved may apply. Eligible borrowers may include: State government Local government Tribal government Tribal agencies Utilities companies Nonprofit organizations For-profit organizations	A total of \$500,000,000 was available in 2021; Loans approved in 2021 will receive an 80% guarantee. The maximum amount of a guaranteed loan is \$100 million, including both guaranteed and unguaranteed portion.		Loan Guarantee	Limited to rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. The lender may be located anywhere in the U.S.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/onerd guarantee
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration: Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	Grants support communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the pandemic, including water and sewer system improvements and telecommunications infrastructure (e.g., broadband).	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations ■ Inst. of Higher Education	Awards range from \$500,000 - \$5,000,000. Project periods range from 12 - 48 months. Match: Awards are expected to fund at least 80%, and up to 100%, of project costs.	Grant		Under the EAA program, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.		*			15-Mar-22	https://eda.gov/ arpa/economic -adjustment- assistance/
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	Funding supports hazard mitigation activities, priorities include to incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure; mitigate risk to community lifelines (e.g., water, energy, communications infrastructure); and increase adoption of the latest building codes.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	\$1,000,000,000 is available to make awards that range from \$1,000,000 - \$50,000,000.	Grant		Local governments must submit subapplications to their state applicant agency. Applicants and subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by the deadline to apply or at the time of obligation of grant funds for mitigation projects and C&CB activities.	*				28-Jan-22 Released annually; typically due early winter	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm I?oppId=33522

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Water Prospects													
National Rural Water Association: Rural Water Loan Fund	Provides low-cost loans for the following eligible projects: 1) Pre-development (planning) costs for infrastructure projects; 2) Replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance and small capital project; 3) Energy efficiency projects to lower costs and improve system sustainability; 4) Disaster recovery or other emergency loans are available.	■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations	Loans range up to \$100,000 or 75% of the total project cost, whichever is less. Loans have a below market interest rate and a maximum repayment period of 10 years.		Loan		Applicants must serving up to 10,000 persons, or in rural areas with no population limits	*	*	*	*		https://nrwa.org /members/prod ucts-services- portfolio/rural- water-loan- fund/
New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration: Capital Outlay Projects Bureau	A "capital outlay project" is the acquisition, improvement, alteration or reconstruction of assets of a long-term character that are intended to continue to be held or used, including land, buildings, machinery, furniture and equipment.		No limit on request size.	Grant			Capital outlay funding cannot be used for operating expenses; salaries; materials and supplies; events, brochures, pamphlets and publications; and retroactive reimbursements of previous purchases.	*				Submit a request form through the Governor's Office. Upcoming deadline is 22-Jan-22.	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /budget- division/capital- outlay-bureau/

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New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration: Emergency Water Supply Fund	address emergencies that require an expenditure from the fund in order to provide an adequate and safe drinking water supply for residents of	■ Local government■ Tribal government	Up to \$118,000 per year is available. Awards range up to \$118,000.	Grant	Loan	Funding is appropriated annually and dependent upon legislature approval.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /board-of- finance/emerg ency-loans/
New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau: Capital Outlay Special Appropriations Program	Provides funding for the acquisition, improvement, alteration, or reconstruction of assets of a long-term character that are intended to continue to be held or used, including land, buildings, machinery, furniture and equipment.	☐ Tribal agencies ☐ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations	Awards range from ~\$200,000 - \$40,000,000; average range approximately \$500,000 - \$1,000,000.	Grant		Local governments may apply directly. Nonprofits must work with local government to apply.			*		Annual release Most recent deadline: 30- Sep-20	https://www.nm dfa.state.nm.us /budget- division/capital- outlay-bureau/

New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau: Clean Water State Revolving Fund	wastewater and storm water projects that protect surface water and groundwater	 □ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations ■ For-profit organizations 	Loans available for up to 100% of eligible costs; interest rates of 0% to 1% for public entities, and 2.375% for private entities.		Loan	Private entities are eligible only for limited types of projects.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.en v.nm.gov/const ruction- programs/clea n-water-state- revolving-fund- cwsrf/
New Mexico Environment Department, Construction Programs Bureau: Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program (RIP)	to local authorities for the construction or modification of water supply, wastewater, and solid waste facilities; and guidelines for the department's	☐ For-profit organizations	Maximum loan amount in any one year is \$2,000,000. Interest rate is 2.375% with a loan term of up to twenty years and repayment beginning one year after project completion.		Loan	Applicants must serve areas with a population of fewer than 20,000 or counties with populations of fewer than 200,000.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.en v.nm.gov/const ruction- programs/rural- infrastructure- program/
New Mexico Finance Authority: Colonias Infrastructure Fund	southern New Mexico that lack basic infrastructure for water and wastewater, solid waste disposal, flood and drainage control, roads and housing.	□ State government ■ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range from \$50,000 - \$2,500,000	90% Grant	10% Loan	Limited to communities in southern New Mexico.		*			Annual release Most recent deadline: 03- Mar-21	https://www.nm finance.com/co lonias/
New Mexico Finance Authority: Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRLF)	the construction of and improvements to drinking water facilities throughout New Mexico to protect drinking water quality and the public	□ State government ■ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Loans of up to 30 years at fixed, below-market rates; ranges not specified.		Loan	Loans are limited to local government entities.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.nm finance.com/w ater-project- fund/drinking- water-state- revolving-loan- fund/

New Mexico Finance Authority: Local Government Planning Fund	Provides the capital necessary for proper planning of vital public projects, including infrastructure, water and wastewater preliminary engineering reports, long-term master plans, water conservation plans, economic development plans, or energy audits.	 □ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government ■ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations 	Grants range up to \$50,000 and are made on a sliding scale.	Grant		Statewide program.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.nm finance.com/lo cal- government- planning-fund/
New Mexico Finance Authority: Public Project Revolving Fund	Finances public projects such as infrastructure improvements, road projects, water system upgrades, fire and law enforcement equipment, public buildings, healthcare facilities, electric and broadband utilities, quality of life projects, and more at both market-rate loans and loans to disadvantaged communities at subsidized rates.	 □ State government ■ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations 	Loans range from \$10,000 - \$100,000,000+.		Loan	Borrowers may receive "disadvantaged funding" of 0 - 2% interest rates to those with Median Household (MHI) Incomes that are less than the State's MHI.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.nm finance.com/pu blic- infrastructure- capital- financing/
New Mexico Finance Authority: Water Project Fund	Supports five project types: 1) Water conservation or recycling, treatment, or water reuse; 2) Flood prevention; 3) Endangered Species; 4) Water storage, conveyance, or delivery; and 5) Watershed restoration and management.	☐ For-profit organizations	Loans range from 10% - 40%. Recent funding has ranged from \$150,000 - \$7,700,000. Match required, dependent on project type and scale.		Loan	Match amount is, in part, determined by the service area Median Household Income (MHI).			*	*	Most recent deadlines: Letter of Intent: 25-Aug-21; Application: 08- Oct-21	fund/
New Mexico Indian Affairs Department: Tribal Infrastructure Fund	Provides financial resources for infrastructure development along with providing for the planning and development of infrastructure in tribal communities to improve the quality of life and encourage economic development.	□ State government □ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Planning and design projects: \$30,000 - \$400,000; Construction projects: \$75,000 - \$1.6 million.	Grant		Eligibility limited to Indian Nations, tribes, or pueblos located wholly or partially in New Mexico.	*	*			Cycle typically runs Jan to mid-April, annually	https://www.iad .state.nm.us/po licy-and- legislation/prog rams-and- funding/tribal- infrastructure- fund/

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC): Environmental Infrastructure Loans	Offers Environmental Infrastructure Loans, which provide technical assistance and financing to help create, improve, or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems and other facilities.	□ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Environmental loans range up to \$50,000.	П	Loan / Loan Guarantee	Serves rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. The Median Household Income (MHI) of the system's service area must be less than the County or State MHI, whichever is greater.	*	*	* *	Rolling application period	https://www.rca c.org/
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program	Offers financial support to develop essential community facilities in rural areas, including funds for e-connectivity. One example of support is a project resurfacing streets, streetscape, rehabilitation of water, sewer, stormwater systems, and relocating electric and telecommunications underground.		Awards: Grants: \$30,000,000 available; average: \$39,000. Loans: \$2,500,000 available: average: \$1,774,639; Guaranteed Loans: \$500,000,000 available; average: \$2,891,112.	Gra	Loan / Loan Guarantee	Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents.	*	*	* *	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/comm unity-facilities- direct-loan- grant-program
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants in New Mexico	Helps communities prepare for, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Funds may be used for water transmission line grants or water source grants.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Water transmission line grants: up to \$150,000; Water source grants: up to \$1,000,000.	Grant		Areas must have a median household income (MHI) less than the state's MHI for non-metropolitan areas, and qualify as rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less; Tribal lands in rural areas; or Colonias.	*	*	* *	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/emerg ency- community- water- assistance- grants/nm?pid =

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative - Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program	Helps develop essential community facilities in rural areas, which may include telecommunications end-user equipment, water infrastructure facilities, or purchase and installation of renewable energy systems.	Lenders and other non- regulated lending institutions that are approved may apply. Eligible borrowers may include: State government Local government Tribal government Tribal agencies Utilities companies Nonprofit organizations For-profit organizations	A total of \$500,000,000 was available in 2021; Loans approved in 2021 will receive an 80% guarantee. The maximum amount of a guaranteed loan is \$100 million, including both guaranteed and unguaranteed portion.	Loan Guarantee	Limited to rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. The lender may be located anywhere in the U.S.	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/onerd guarantee
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative - Water & Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees	Provides financing to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems in rural areas, including to construct or improve facilities for drinking water, sanitary sewers, solid waste disposal, and storm water disposal facilities.	Lenders and other non- regulated lending institutions that are approved may apply. Eligible borrowers may include: State government Local government Tribal government Tribal agencies Utilities companies Nonprofit organizations For-profit organizations	A total of \$500,000,000 was available in 2021; Loans approved in 2021 will receive an 80% guarantee.	Loan Guarantee	Limited to rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less. The lender may be located anywhere in the U.S.	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/onerd guarantee

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Revolving Loan Fund for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects (Revolving Fund Program)	helps nonprofits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend	 □ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations 	Maximum loan per borrower is \$200,000 with a 10-year maximum term. Eligible entities are towns below 10,000 people, tribal lands in rural areas, and colonias. Match: 20%		Loan	Eligibility limited to nonprofits that have: * Legal authority to operate a revolving loan fund. * Financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations. * A proven record of successfully operating a revolving fund to rural areas.		*			Generally opens in the summer.	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/revolvi ng-funds-for- financing- water-and- wastewater- projects
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) in New Mexico	Helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range up to \$30,000.	Grant		Supports rural areas with a population of 2,500 or less, and that a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income.	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/searc h-special- evaluation- assistance- rural- communities- and- households/nm ?pid=
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program	drainage to households and	■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations	Loans average \$2,354,392; Grants average \$1,284,000; Guaranteed loans average \$1,415,325.	Grant	Loan / Loan Guarantee	Areas that may be served include: * Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer check eligible addresses * Tribal lands in rural areas * Colonias	*	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/water- waste- disposal-loan- grant-program

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service: Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants in New Mexico	Assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Up \$30,000 or 75% of the predevelopment planning costs. Match: At least 25%.	Grant		Eligible areas have median household income below the poverty line or less than 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income and are rural areas with populations of 10,000 or less, Federally recognized tribal lands, or Colonias.	*	*	*	Rolling application period	https://www.rd. usda.gov/progr ams- services/water- waste- disposal- predevelopme nt-planning- grants/nm?pid
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration: Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	Grants support communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the pandemic, including water and sewer system improvements and telecommunications infrastructure (e.g., broadband).	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations ■ Inst. of Higher Education	Awards range from \$500,000 - \$5,000,000. Project periods range from 12 - 48 months. Match: Awards are expected to fund at least 80%, and up to 100%, of project costs.	Grant		Under the EAA program, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.		*		15-Mar-22	https://eda.gov/ arpa/economic -adjustment- assistance/
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	Funding supports hazard mitigation activities, priorities include to incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure; mitigate risk to community lifelines (e.g., water, energy, communications infrastructure); and increase adoption of the latest building codes.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	\$1,000,000,000 is available to make awards that range from \$1,000,000 - \$50,000,000.	Grant		Local governments must submit subapplications to their state applicant agency. Applicants and subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by the deadline to apply or at the time of obligation of grant funds for mitigation projects and C&CB activities.	*			28-Jan-22 Released annually; typically due early winter	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm !?oppId=33522 6

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Indian Community Development Block Grant Program	The ICDBG Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons. Community Facilities funding includes infrastructure projects.	□ State government □ Local government ■ Tribal government ■ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range from \$500,000- \$4,000,000. While matching funds are not required, applications are awarded points if there is committed leverage on the project.	Grant	There are two categories of funding: Single Purpose Grants, which are competitive, and Imminent Threat program, a \$4 million allocation of first-come first-served grants.		*	Most recent deadline: 25- Oct-21	https://www.hu d.gov/program offices/public indian housing/ ih/grants/icdbg
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART Grants: Drought Contingency Planning Grants	Grants support entities to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing drought contingency planning to build resilience to drought in advance of a crisis.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range up to \$200,000 over a two-year period. Match: 50%	Grant	Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.		*	Most recent deadline: 06-Jan-21 Typically released annually (anticipated in winter of 2022).	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm ?oppId=32232 0
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART Grants: Drought Resiliency Projects	Supports projects that build long-term resilience to drought and reduce the need for emergency response actions.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Award options: * Group I: Up to \$500,000 over two years. * Group II: Up to \$2,000,000 over three years.	Grant	Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.		*	Most recent deadline: 05- Oct-21 Typically released annually	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm !?oppId=33503 5
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (SWEP)	Supports small-scale water efficiency projects that conserve and use water more efficiently, mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability.	■ State government ■ Local government ■ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies ■ Utilities companies ■ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	Awards range up to \$75,000 over a two- year period. Match: 50%		Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.	*		Most recent deadline: 18-Mar-21 Annual release (anticipated in spring of 2022)	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm !?oppId=33122 4

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants	to conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of renewable energy; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future	□ Tribal agencies■ Utilities companies□ Nonprofit organizations	Awards range up to \$500,000 for Funding Group I; \$2,000,000 for Funding Group II. Match: 50%	Grant		Applicants must be located in a western U.S. state or territory.			*	*	Most recent deadline: 3- Nov-21 Annual release	https://www.gra nts.gov/web/gr ants/view- opportunity.htm I?oppId=32772 9
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program	established (first assistance listing published in 2021). EPA will distribute program funds	■ State government □ Local government □ Tribal government □ Tribal agencies □ Utilities companies □ Nonprofit organizations □ For-profit organizations	States may apply up to four percent of their allotment towards their administrative expenses. Award details TBD.	Grant		New formula funding program for states. No background found regarding how New Mexico will distribute this funding.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Distribution schedule remains to-be- determined	https://www.ep a.gov/cwsrf/se wer-overflow- and- stormwater- reuse- municipal- grants- program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	Provides long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water and wastewater infrastructure projects that are creditworthy and have a dedicated source of revenue.		Award: Large communities: \$20 million minimum; Small communities (population 25,000 or less): \$5 million minimum. Up to 49% of costs are funded.		Loan	Projects must be of regional or national significance.			*		Most recent LOI deadline: 23-Jul-21 Released annually (anticipated summer of 2022)	https://www.ep a.gov/wifia

Protection Agency: Grant	nt Program is to support	☐ Local government	Award: Most recent New Mexico			The grant program is noncompetitive.		No indication found	https://www.ep a.gov/dwcapaci
Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act: Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Material Infrastructure activit and d comm finance drinkin under Act. A fundir comm drinkin throug	vities in underserved, small	☐ Tribal agencies ☐ Utilities companies ☐ Nonprofit organizations ☐ For-profit organizations	allotment was \$386,000. An additional \$2.6 million was reserved for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.	Grant			*	regarding how funding is to be spent in New Mexico. Projects and activities can include infrastructure; technical, managerial, and financial capacity building; and activities necessary to respond to a contaminant.	ty/wiin-grant- assistance- small-and- disadvantaged- communities- drinking-water- grant