

Presentation to the
New Mexico Finance Authority
Legislative Oversight Committee

COLONIAS INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD

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- ❖ The Colonias Infrastructure Board (CIB) was established by the Legislature effective July 2011 through the enactment of the Colonias Infrastructure Act (“the Act”), NMSA 1978, Sections 6-30-1 – 6-30-8. In adopting the Act, the Legislature found that Colonias lack basic infrastructure resulting in poor social, health and economic conditions. The purpose of the Colonias Infrastructure Board is to address those findings as provided for in the Act.
- ❖ **Definition of a qualified Colonia as defined in the Act:** A rural community with a population of 25,000 or less located within 150 miles of the United State-Mexico border that:
 - ❖ Has been designated as a Colonia by the county or municipality due to:
 - ❖ Lack of potable water;
 - ❖ Lack of adequate sewage systems;
 - ❖ Lack of decent, safe and sanitary housing; and
 - ❖ Has been in existence as a Colonia prior to November 1990.
- ❖ There are currently 171 Colonias within the twelve most Southern counties in the state.



COLONIAS INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD

Name	Representing
Doug Moore, Chair	Minority Leader of the Senate Appointee
Oscar Vasquez Butler, Vice Chair	President Pro Tempore of the Senate Appointee
Tom Clifford, Secretary	Department of Finance & Administration
Ryan Flynn, Treasurer	Environment Department
Mary Helen Garcia	Minority Leader of the House of Representatives Appointee
M. Keith Riddle	Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointee
Robert P. Coalter	New Mexico Finance Authority
Jay Czar*	New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority
Steve Kopelman*	New Mexico Association of Counties
Priscilla Lucero*	Southwest Council of Governments
Jay Armijo*	South Central Council of Governments
Hubert H. Quintana*	Southeastern Economic Development District Council of Governments

The Colonias Infrastructure Board is comprised of 12 members: seven (7) voting members and five (5) advisory, non-voting members*



COLONIAS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUND

❖ Pursuant to the act, the Finance Authority may make loans and grant awards from the Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund to qualified entities for projects prioritized by the CIB on the terms and conditions established by the Finance Authority. By statute, six types of projects may be funded from the Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund:

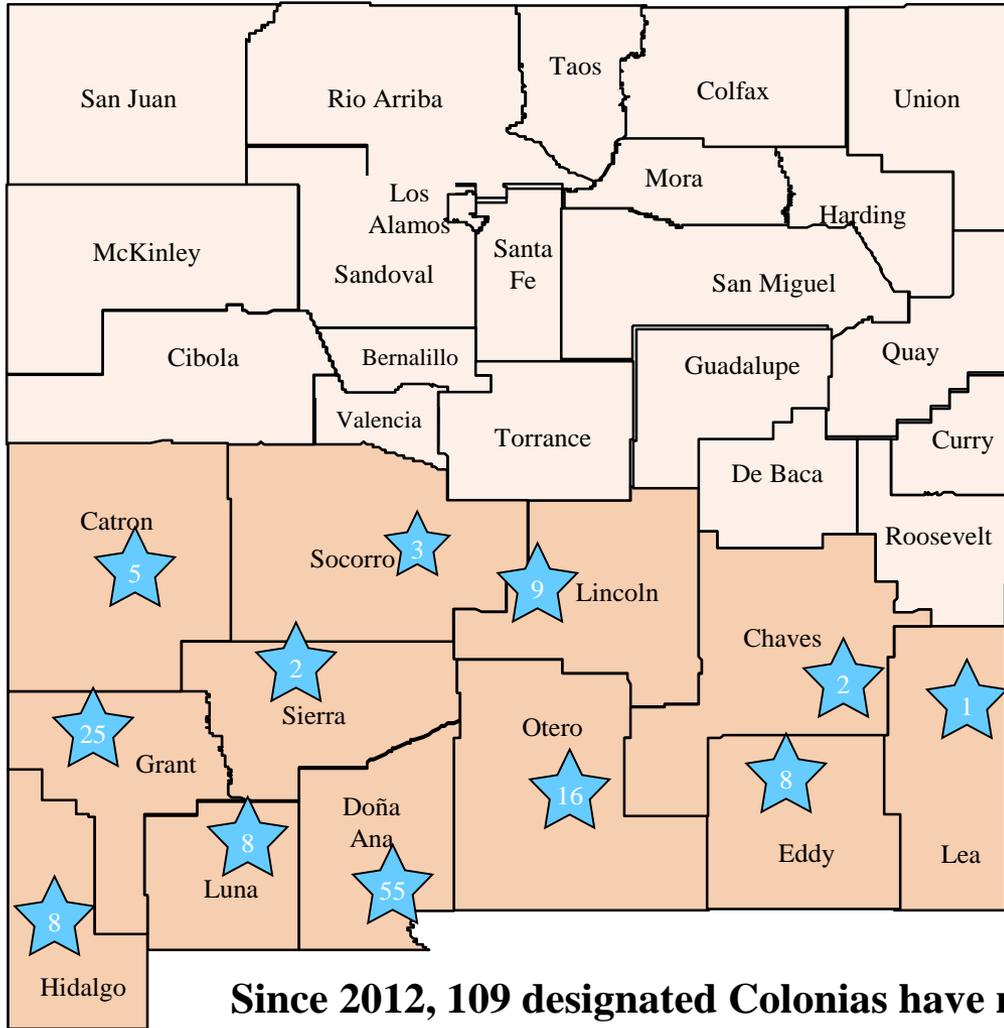
1. Water infrastructure
2. Waste water infrastructure
3. Solid waste infrastructure
4. Flood and drainage control
5. Road infrastructure
6. Housing infrastructure (pre-development)

Year	Applications Received		CIB Awards Made		Federal Funds Leveraged		Total Funding Provided
	#	Amount	#	Amount	Sources	Amount	
2012	75	\$ 40,360,527	40	\$ 13,207,965	USDA, BECC & CDBG	\$ 13,141,403	\$ 26,349,368
2013	59	\$ 37,736,894	37	\$ 16,640,461	USDA & CDBG	\$ 8,357,897	\$ 24,998,358
2014	77	\$ 40,351,172	43	\$ 14,235,640	BECC & EPA	\$ 10,437,286	\$ 24,672,926
2015	54	\$ 38,154,397	28	\$ 15,562,611	USDA, CDBG & DWSRF	\$ 7,916,095	\$ 23,478,706
TOTAL	265	\$ 156,602,990	148	\$ 59,646,677		\$ 39,852,681	\$ 99,499,358



Colonias Infrastructure Projects

2012 - 2015



County	# of Awards	Amount
Catron	5	\$ 2,609,017
Chaves	2	\$ 981,845
Doña Ana	55	\$ 20,113,132
Eddy	8	\$ 3,120,016
Grant	25	\$ 9,892,285
Hidalgo	8	\$ 4,016,972
Lea	1	\$ 320,602
Lincoln	9	\$ 6,112,260
Luna	8	\$ 2,772,598
Otero	16	\$ 6,181,732
Sierra	2	\$ 1,500,000
Socorro	3	\$ 361,499
Total	142	\$57,981,958

Since 2012, 109 designated Colonias have received approval for 142 funding awards totaling \$57,981,958*

*does not include rescinded awards



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❖ What's New?

❖ Addition of NMFA staff dedicated to Colonias

- ❖ Provides greater outreach to communities;
- ❖ Provides greater oversight of projects and project expenditures;
- ❖ Accelerates closing process and reimbursement process;
- ❖ Provides greater support to Board;
- ❖ Colonias@nmfa.net

❖ Changes to current policy

- ❖ Address project readiness;
- ❖ Address timely spending of funds;
- ❖ Clarify compliance/application requirements.

❖ Application process/format

- ❖ Timeline to align with other funders; (Oct. 26-Dec. 18, 2015)
- ❖ Regulatory compliance;
- ❖ Project Presentations.