



New Mexico
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Infrastructure Planning
and Development Division

March Newsletter

This month's newsletter highlights key updates and opportunities from our division. Inside, you'll find information on upcoming training and technical assistance opportunities, updates related to CDBG and grant administration, and an overview of how our team is working to address acequias that were damaged or destroyed during last year's flooding. We're also sharing several funding opportunities that may help support upcoming projects—plus more!

Training & Technical Assistance Opportunities

IPDD Unified Technical Assistance Intake Form

IPDD is excited to introduce our new Unified Technical Assistance (TA) Intake Form — a single, streamlined entry point for all technical assistance requests across the division. Previously, requests came through multiple channels, making it difficult to track needs and ensure timely, coordinated support. This new form eliminates that fragmentation, allowing IPDD to identify all available resources and match them to your specific needs efficiently.

Who can submit a request? State agencies, local governments, tribal entities, and other partners working on infrastructure projects or grant-related needs are all welcome to submit.

Examples of TA IPDD offers include: grant writing and application support, federal compliance guidance, capital project planning assistance, funding identification and navigation, and SLFRF/match fund technical support. Whether you're just getting started on a project or navigating complex federal requirements, IPDD is here to help.

Submit your request today by clicking below!

[IPDD Unified TA Intake Form](#)

April Implementation Training for Community Development Block Grantees (CDBG)



We are holding our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Implementation training LIVE on **Wednesday, April 1st, from 8:30AM-12:00PM in Roswell**. The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) has graciously agreed to host the training at their office at 1600 SE Main St, Suite D Roswell, NM 88203.

This training will focus on implementation requirements for new CDBG recipients and their administrators. This training is open for all CDBG grantees and administrators on open projects. Topics to be covered include: CDBG checklists, filing, understanding the CDBG grant agreement, conducting an environmental review, best practices, and new requirements. Please contact your CDBG Project Manager for details and to sign up. If needed, virtual participation is possible.



ICIP Trainings and Office Hours

CAPITAL PLANNING & POLICY TRAININGS

FRI, JAN 30 10-11 AM ICIP for Senior Center Facilities	WEDS, FEB 25 1-2:30 PM ICIP 101 FY 2028-2032 Cycle	THURS, MARCH 19 10 AM-12 PM Outdoor Recreation & Infrastructure
WEDS, MAR 25 10:30-11:45 AM Brownfields Redevelopment	EVERY TUESDAY - 1-2 PM PARS/CAPS Office Hours	THURSDAYS STARTING 3/26 ICIP Office Hours
TBA Cost Estimating	TBA Procurement 101	

Please contact maryonn.maestas@dfa.nm.gov or 505-487-3523 for more information.

On February 25, we kicked off the FY2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) cycle for Local Governments and Nations, Pueblos and Tribes with a training on the ICIP, CAPS updates, and ICIP administration changes. You may find the recording and PowerPoint presentation on our [website here](#).

We encourage all local governments and Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes to review our updated ICIP Guidelines which contains ICIP submission requirements, updated recommendations and ICIP development process. The Guidelines as well as the CAPS Data Entry Manual can be found on the information page [here](#). Please view upcoming trainings below. We will also be hosting a cost estimating training and procurement 101 training – dates will be announced.

Upcoming Trainings & Office Hours

CAPS/PARS Office Hours – Every Tuesday from 1:00-2:00 pm

These office hours are specifically for getting assistance from RTS (website administrators) for any issues you are facing on the new modules and troubleshooting assistance.

[Click to join on Microsoft Teams](#) - Meeting ID: 264 417 177
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ICIP Office Hours – Starting March 26th (Every Thursday) from 2:30-3:30 pm

These office hours will begin at the end of March and are hosted by the Local Government ICIP Coordinator. You may join to ask questions or receive assistance completing your Plan.

[Click to join on Microsoft Teams](#) - Meeting ID: 252 238 612
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NMEDD Outdoor Recreation Presentation – Thursday, March 18, 10:00-12:00 PM

Learn about the NM Outdoor Recreation Division programs and funding to assist local governments with the planning, development and improvement of outdoor space and infrastructure. [Please register here!](#)

NMED Brownfields Presentation – Wednesday, March 25, 10:30-11:45 AM

Learn about the NM Environment Department's Brownfields Program, related services and funding opportunities. Brownfields present issues but also present opportunities to reimagine properties for infrastructure needs and more if dealt with properly. [Please register here!](#)



ENVISION SUSTAINABILITY PROFESSIONAL (ENV SP) TRAINING SESSIONS

Hosted and Subsidized by the New Mexico
Department of Transportation

Provides eight-hours of in-person instruction on how to enhance the social, economic, and environmental outcomes of NMDOT projects and help achieve sustainability and resilience objectives.

LOCATIONS AND DATES

- **DISTRICT 3:** April 1, 2026 (*Non-DOT Registration Opens Mar. 20, 2026*)
 - 7500 Pan American Freeway, Albuquerque, NM
- **DISTRICT 4:** April 29, 2026 (*Non-DOT Registration Opens April 17, 2026*)
 - 703 Industrial Park, Las Vegas, NM
- **DISTRICT 5:** June 24, 2026 (*Non-DOT Registration Opens June 12, 2026*)
 - 1120 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM
- **DISTRICT 6:** July 15, 2026 (*Non-DOT Registration Opens July 3, 2026*)
 - 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM

TIME: 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

COSTS:

- Employees of NMDOT: \$0.00
- Employees of Private Sector Consulting Firms or Contractors: \$250.00
- Employees of Local Governments, Tribes, or Other Public Sector Organizations: \$100.00

OVERVIEW:

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is developing a sustainable infrastructure program to help meet state climate, resilience, and sustainability objectives. Molzen-Corbin, along with Bohannon Huston, Iliago, and 5engineering, was retained to conduct this work and to provide training.

Michael F. Bloom, PE, AICP, ENV SP and Liz Parent, PE, ENV SP, both with 5Engineering, will provide instruction. The class will include breakfast, lunch, and a binder with handouts and the Envision Sustainable Infrastructure Framework manual.

See <https://sustainableinfrastructure.org/> for additional details.

Attendees will become eligible to take the ENV SP exam on the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure website. ENV SPs use the Envision framework to help deliver enhanced social, environmental, and economic outcomes on projects.

This class is open to anyone over 18 years of age and planners, landscape architects, policy analysts, engineers, and others are encouraged to attend.

The class will provide 7.5 Credential Maintenance Hours for Certified Planners, including 1 hour of equity and 1 hour of sustainability and resilience.

REGISTRATION: [Choose from among the events listed under the *5Engineering* profile on the Eventbrite platform \(hyperlink\).](#)

Capital Navigation and Funding Bureau Updates



Emergency Acequia Cleanup

Last August, severe flooding struck Rio Arriba and Santa Fe counties, causing extensive damage to infrastructure and acequias essential to local agriculture. Many ditches were washed out, filled with debris, or heavily eroded, disrupting water flow to farms. An estimated 38 acequias were affected, putting local food production and

irrigation capacity at risk.

The Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD) is helping address this challenge by coordinating a multi-agency response with the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD), the New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA), and local acequia organizations, including Cinco Acequias, Río Chiquito, and Cañada Ancha.



These partners are assessing damage, preparing cleanup strategies, and coordinating with contractors to ensure the quick and safe restoration of water flow. On February 26, 2026, the Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD), along with partner organizations, conducted on-site evaluations. At Cinco Acequias, a narrow channel has been dug to allow limited water movement; however, it must be widened before water can be safely released from the dam. At Río Chiquito, the acequia is completely filled with debris. At Cañada Ancha, a section of the acequia remains fully blocked by flood-deposited materials.

A follow-up site visit is scheduled for March 5, 2026 for mayordomos and contractors to review required work.

What Happens Next

Contractors are currently preparing bids for the cleanup and repair work. Once proposals are received, IPDD will review the scope of work, select contractors, and establish a timeline for implementation. Restoring water flow remains the highest priority in order to support agricultural operations and strengthen community resilience.

Capital Navigation and Funding Duo Goes “Lobo” for an Afternoon

Two representatives from the Capital Navigation and Funding Bureau, met onsite with University of New Mexico’s (UNM) Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP), to streamline coordination for the New Mexico Match Fund. While digital tools are essential, this collaboration highlighted how onsite visit is sometimes the best approach to bridge the gap between state compliance and university operations. This session, held on the UNM campus, focused on aligning new match fund requirements with the UNM Team.



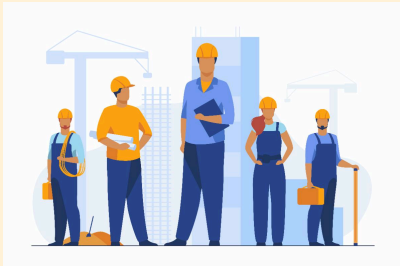
The primary goal was to support UNM during current leadership transitions while ensuring high-quality grant applications. Key outcomes included a plan to consolidate fragmented faculty accounts into a single "University of New Mexico" umbrella within the Euna grant system. This centralized approach allows UNM OSP to maintain better oversight and security for state-funded initiatives.



The partners established initial steps for a post-award framework where UNM will utilize a cost-reimbursable model for financial reporting. Documentation will be submitted monthly to align with standard university accounting practices. This partnership demonstrates a shared commitment to reducing administrative burdens while maintaining transparency.

Stayed tuned for future updates on other partnership outreach by the Infrastructure Planning and Development Division’s (IPDD) bureaus as it continues its mission to provide comprehensive planning and funding assistance. Oh, and GO LOBOS!

Community Development Block Grants Bureau Updates



More than replacing pipes – water infrastructure and regionalization

Built in 1953, the Town of Tatum's 73-year-old water system struggled to operate effectively. Inadequate pressure and stagnant water jeopardized general public health as well as compromising fire response capacity with critically reduced flow and limited hydrants. The substandard water lines also left the town facing constant, costly leaks and ruptures. Through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$807,941 from IPDD comprehensive system upgrades were completed this quarter. Improvements included new, expanded water lines with additional loops to enhance water flow and circulation. The much-needed improvements significantly increased water pressure and included 8 new fire hydrants in critical service areas. Arnold Ramirez, the Finance and Administration Director highlighted, "This project is about more than replacing pipes— it's about protecting our residents, strengthening fire response, and ensuring Tatum is prepared for future growth. Reliable water infrastructure is foundational to public safety, public health, and long-term economic stability in our community." Since water is widely recognized as a foundational driver of economic development the improved water system can provide economic benefits down the line. Modern, efficient utilities are a strong draw for oilfield businesses and regional traffic which the town is well positioned to attract. Beyond that, maintaining the water system which serves the town's 706 residents will benefit from a more broad-based strategy. Regional and sectoral partnerships with employers and other groups are emerging as an important means for sustaining water infrastructure. Learn more by clicking below: [Rethinking regionalization: Water utilities as economic development partners](#), Joseph W. Kane and Anthony F. Pipa, July 8, 2025.

[Rethinking regionalization](#)

Updates for Grant Administrators

Internal Controls in Grant Management Series #4 – Information and Communication

Internal controls are the guiding principles that support effective grant management from the signed agreement to close-out. These controls help ensure that grant funds are used efficiently, for authorized purposes, and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Internal Control standards for the Federal Government are consolidated in [The Green Book](#), (OV2.04) a comprehensive guide and essential resource for grant managers.

Information and Communication serve as the "nervous system" of an organization's [internal control system](#). This encompasses multifaceted information sharing – upward, downward and laterally - enabling staff at all levels to understand their unique control responsibilities. Effective communication channels allow for the [timely identification of risks](#) and the implementation of corrective actions. Without a regular flow of information, control activities can fail, leading to audit findings or even the [claw back of federal funds](#). With proper information and communication organizations ensure they remain accountable, compliant and protected.

For grant recipients, effective communication is also a legal mandate under [2 CFR 200.303](#). Internally, program managers, finance teams, and procurement staff that are aligned on [grant requirements and deadlines](#), significantly reduce the risk of fraud, waste, and [noncompliance](#). Importantly, for public agencies proper communications facilitate [transparent reporting](#) to federal awarding agencies, which is critical for public trust and future funding.

One established tool to help organizations maintain effective internal controls was developed by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The [COSO Framework](#)'s 5 components ensure that relevant, high-quality data flows to the right people at the right time. These cover: Control Environment, Risk Assessment, Control Activities, Information & Communication, and Monitoring. Key benefits of using the COSO Framework include: enhanced risk management and operational efficiency, improved compliance and fraud detection while reinforcing more accurate and reliable reporting.

Funding Opportunities

Congressional Directed Spending and Community Project Funding

State Agencies must submit their requests through the Governor's Office per the guidance sent from Michael Susini on Thursday, February 26th.

Local public bodies may submit requests directly to their representatives using the links below.

Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) in the Senate and Community Project Funding (CPF) in the House allow Members of Congress to request federal funding for specific projects that benefit their states or districts. These programs support initiatives such as infrastructure improvements, public safety enhancements, workforce development, and other community-based priorities.

Organizations interested in submitting a funding request should review the application guidelines, eligibility requirements, and deadlines for each congressional office.

[Senator Heinrich's form](#) – due 3/20/26

[Senator Lujan's form](#) – due 3/27/26

[Representative Leger Fernandez website](#) - due 3/9

[Representative Stansbury website](#) – due 3/6 or 3/11, depending on program

[Representative Vasquez form](#) – due 3/10

Federal Funding Opportunities

Program: [OJJDP FY25 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program](#)

Agency: [Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention](#)

Deadline: March 20, 2026

Funding Available: \$13,650,000

Overview:

This NOFO will provide funding to support states, units of local government, and federally recognized Native American Tribal governments in partnership with interested persons (including federal corrections and supervision agencies), service providers, and community-based organizations to provide (1) comprehensive reentry services for moderate- to high-risk youth before, during, and after release from confinement, and (2) support transitional services to assist youth to successfully reenter the community.



Program: [CyberAICorps Scholarship for Service](#)

Agency: [U.S. National Science Foundation](#)

Deadline: April 3, 2026

Funding: \$300,000 - \$2,500,000

Overview:

The CyberAICorps Scholarship for Service (CyberAI SFS) program welcomes proposals that address AI and cybersecurity education and workforce development. CyberAI refers to using AI in cybersecurity as well as providing security and resilience for AI systems. The Scholarship Track is available to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs). The Innovation Track is available to IHEs and non-profit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies, and similar organizations located in the U.S. that are directly associated with educational or research activities.



Program: [New Mexico Advanced Energy Award](#)

Agency: [New Mexico Economic Development Department](#)

Deadline: March 17, 2026

Funding: up to \$1,000,000

Overview:

The New Mexico Advanced Energy Award (NMAEA) is a competitive state-funded grant that awards non-dilutive funds to small businesses engaged in research and development or pilot demonstrations with a focus on advanced energy innovation and commercialization. TIO defines advanced energy as technology and innovation that makes energy use cleaner, safer, more secure, and more reliable. The funds seek to assist early-stage companies developing a unique product with strong growth potential.

Program: [Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants](#)

Agency: [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#)

Deadline: April 10, 2026

Funding: \$50,000 - \$150,000

Overview:

The Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants program (NAE) is designed to assist eligible Native Communities in sustaining and improving library services with their communities. The primary goal is to develop, enhance, or disseminate practices, programs,



models, tools, or library staff training to strengthen library and archival services for Native American Tribes through the following objectives:

- Serve the learning needs and interests of the community.
- Improve community well-being.
- Provide access to and preservation of information and collections.
- Provide services to affected communities in the event of an emergency or disaster.



Program: [Indian Highway Safety Law Enforcement Grant Application Instructions](#)

Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs

Deadline: May 1, 2026

Funding: \$10,000 to \$1,000,000

Overview: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) solicit proposals for implementing traffic safety programs and projects that are designated to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are financial assistance grants that are reimbursable and available to *federally recognized tribes*

Program: [Indian Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant Application Instructions](#)

Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs

Deadline: May 01, 2026

Funding: \$500 to \$90,000

Overview: Tribes can apply for the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program grant.

Disclaimer


We recommend that all funding opportunities be reviewed with internal or local legal counsel prior to final approval to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and organizational policies.



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