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May Newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of our Division Newsletter!

In this month's issue, we are pleased to highlight the new CAPS Funding Navigation Tool, share upcoming training opportunities, provide important Capital Outlay deadlines, and offer updates to what's going on within the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Bureau. You will also find information on current funding opportunities and other important division news and resources.

Spotlight

New CAPS grants prospecting tool matches projects to funding opportunities



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Announcing a new CAPS Funding Navigation tool to identify funding for capital projects. The [Capital Project System \(CAPS\)](#) can help local governments more efficiently identify, evaluate, and pursue relevant funding opportunities, reducing time spent on manual research and improving access to aligned funding sources all in one place.

The new funding navigation tool currently automatically recommends federal grant opportunities from a centralized database, matching them to Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) projects based on project details and funding criteria. More funding sources will be added over the next six months, so this tool will only get better at finding funds for your projects.

Users can search the database using customizable filters and score opportunities against specific ICIP projects to view percentage match rankings. Each grant profile provides detailed information on eligibility, deadlines, and award amounts, while also suggesting which ICIP projects may be the best fit. With the "favorites" feature, users can save promising opportunities directly to project profiles for easy tracking and organization. Favoriting an opportunity also enables automated alerts, helping keep users informed about approaching deadlines and newly posted

opportunities aligned with their selected favorites. This is an initiative of the Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD) at the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration

[Click here to read more.](#)

Training & Technical Assistance Opportunities



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 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 Public Sector Orgs.: **\$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.



Free Technical Assistance and Upcoming Webinar for Water Sector Utilities on Natural Hazard Resilience

EPA's [Strengthening Water Infrastructure for Tomorrow](#) (SWIFT) Initiative offers free natural hazard risk assessment technical assistance and webinars to support drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities in building resilience to natural hazards and disasters.

SWIFT technical assistance includes:

- Development of or updates to [Risk and Resilience Assessments](#) (RRAs), which certain CWSs are required to conduct under Section 1433 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [1].
- Identification of **vulnerable infrastructure assets** and estimation of damage likelihoods;
- **Natural hazards data** to support risk assessments and RRAs;
- Identification of options for **infrastructure and operational changes** to increase resilience;
- **Assessments of risk** including impacts to public and environmental health;
- **Preliminary business case** for investments based on estimated costs and risk reduction; and
- Information on **potential sources of funding** for investments in resilience building.

If you are a utility interested in learning more about free, direct, technical assistance to complete a Natural Hazard Risk Assessment, click the button below to connect with SWIFT.

[Connect with SWIFT Technical Assistance](#)

Hear directly from utility representatives that have engaged in SWIFT TA to build system resilience to natural hazards in the upcoming webinar on **May 20, 2026 (1-2pm ET)**, “**How Water Sector Utilities are Building Resilience to Natural Hazards: Utilities Recount Their Engagement with EPA SWIFT Technical Assistance.**”

[Register for the Webinar Here](#)



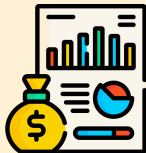
I Filled Out My Capital Questionnaire- What's Next?

If you're reading this, you may have recently submitted a questionnaire for a capital outlay appropriation. For those new to the process, it may not be clear what the next steps are pre- and post-issuance of a grant agreement.

1. Once DFA-IPDD reviews all of the questionnaires, those marked as "Ready" will be budgeted within DFA's financial system.
2. Budgeting allows the relevant state agency to prepare grant agreements to issue to the receiving entity.
3. The oversight agency – the state agency that administers the grant – will review the entity's most recent financial audit.
4. Once FY 27 begins, the oversight agency will begin issuing grant agreements.
5. Once the entity and oversight agency execute the grant agreement, the entity is able to begin submitting obligations and expending the funds.
6. Per the grant agreement, reports in DFA's CAPS website will be required every quarter until the funds are fully expended or the project is complete, whichever occurs first.

If the questionnaire is marked as "Not Ready" or the entity declines the funding, questionnaires will be available to complete again in the fall of 2026. If the appropriation amount is not sufficient to complete the project or a phase of the project, IPDD strongly encourages the entity to identify and apply for other grants and loans that can provide the funds necessary to complete the project. IPDD's CAPS module features a grant matchmaking feature that can assist entities identify grant funding opportunities and request formal funding navigation from IPDD staff. Please contact us for more information.

Capital Outlay Quarterly Reporting- June 30 deadline



As we approach the end of Q4 FY 26, quarterly reports for all open appropriations are due June 30, 2026. A quarterly report is required for each grant agreement to provide updates on the status of the expenditures of the appropriation. Because quarterly reporting is required, per the grant agreement, failure to submit the reports could result in funds being frozen and reimbursement requests rejected.

A recording of the Q3 training as well as the slide deck accompanying the training can be found by scanning the QR code below.



Community Development Block Grants Bureau Updates



Project Spotlight: Chaves County Public Health Facility

We are proud to highlight the continued progress of the Chaves County Public Health Facility Project, originally awarded on December 7, 2022.

“As someone fairly new to the CDBG program, I had the opportunity to step into this project during the construction phase. It has been incredibly rewarding to witness the progress and see this vision come to life.” -Jaelynn Narvaiz, CDBG Project Manager

What began as an investment in infrastructure has evolved into something far more meaningful—a new, standalone public health facility designed to better serve the community. The new center represents a significant expansion in both capacity and accessibility now that they no longer share space with other departments.

Once operational, the facility will serve approximately 21,000 clients annually, many with little to no insurance. The community will have access to essential health and wellness services through key programs including Family Planning, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

CDBG Investment Impact

CDBG proudly contributed \$750,000 to support this project, and helped bring this critical community resource to fruition with Capital Outlay and the County’s General Fund for a total project budget of \$7,892,690.44.

Acknowledgements

Special recognition goes to Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) and the Chaves County team for their dedication and

collaboration throughout. Their efforts are helping bring a lasting resource to the community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this facility will have for years to come.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Implementation Training

IPDD held an in-person training for grantees and administrators April 1 in Roswell at the office of Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD). This training was required for the new 2025 grantees, but open to all current grantees and administrators. The training addressed: CDBG checklists, filing, understanding the new CDBG grant agreement, environmental reviews, and best practices. The CDBG team (Stephanie Kramer, Cristina Caltagirone, Jaelynn Narvaiz, Domenica Cimino and Donna Stewart) delivered the training to 26 in-person and virtual participants.



At the training the CDBG team informed of updates to requirements, updated exhibits, a new Section 3 policy, and the revised manual. All CDBG grantees should review the revised manual and download all exhibits from the website to ensure they are using the latest versions. The link to access the updates is:

<https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/infrastructure-planning-and-development-division/cdbg-implementation-manual/>

Grantees new to CDBG learned about the responsibility of managing CDBG funding. Returning CDBG grantees and administrators had an opportunity to refresh their memory about the requirements. Timely progress on a CDBG project depends not only on having a knowledgeable administrator - but also on the grantee having a basic understanding of the requirements and processes. IPDD's goal for 2025 CDBG grantees is timely closeout within the three-year grant term. The training emphasized the need for close coordination with the CDBG team throughout the project for compliance.

In fall, the CDBG team plans to hold additional training on topics from later stages of project implementation: construction, labor, and payroll. For questions on new or old requirements, grantees should reach out to their CDBG project manager.

Federal Grants Bureau Updates

The Grants Toolkit: Resources Built for Grant Professionals



Did you know the Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD) offers a robust **Grants Toolkit**, developed by the Federal Grants Bureau (FGB), to support grant professionals at every stage of the grant lifecycle, regardless of funder?

Available now on the [FGB website](#), the toolkit is organized into three sections:

Grant Management Tools and Resources — includes budget tracking templates, progress report forms, corrective action plan templates, the State of NM Grants Management Guide, and more to keep active awards on track and in compliance.

Grant Acquisition Tools and Resources — includes a readiness assessment, budget templates, UEI setup guides, and indirect cost worksheets to help build competitive applications.

Subrecipient Tools and Resources — includes agreement templates, monitoring checklists, a subrecipient vs. contractor determination tool, and a risk assessment tool for organizations passing federal funds to subrecipients.

These tools are grounded in best practices and federal requirements, but just as importantly, they are **fully downloadable and editable**, allowing you to tailor them to your entity's specific needs.

The Grants Toolkit was developed based on real challenges identified through technical assistance and collaboration with partners across New Mexico. The goal is to reduce administrative burden while strengthening outcomes and accountability.

If you haven't explored these resources recently, now is a great time to take another look. Visit the [Federal Grants Bureau website](#)

Need Assistance or Have a Tool Request?

The Federal Grants Bureau is here to help. If you have grant related questions, need help with a tool, or would like to request a new resource be created,

Let us know - [IPDD Intake Form](#)

Updates for Grant Administrators

Working with the Federal Government- Important Information for Acequias and Land Grants



As new federal funding opportunities become available, preparation is key for New Mexico acequias and land grants to take advantage of available resources. However, when these opportunities arise, many entities find themselves delayed by one critical issue: they are not registered in SAM.gov and do

not have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Without an active SAM.gov registration, organizations are unable to apply for federal grants, receive direct federal funds as a grantee, subrecipient, or fiscal agent, receive reimbursements or electronic payments from federal agencies, or pursue federal contracting opportunities. Completing this process in advance helps ensure your organization is prepared to act quickly and pursue funding opportunities as they become available.

Due to the unique nature of these entities, the federal government does not always immediately recognize acequias and land grants as local public bodies or political subdivisions, even though New Mexico recognizes their status. Therefore, the registration process can be more challenging and requires additional steps, documentation, and proof to validate the entity's legal existence and authority to operate. To begin, organizations should gather the necessary financial records, entity information, and additional items outlined in the [UEI checklist](#); create a

Login.gov account; register in SAM.gov; obtain and save their UEI; and create a Grants.gov account to apply for funding. SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually, so it is important to maintain and update your account regularly. Taking these steps now can help avoid delays and ensure your acequia or land grant is prepared to apply for, receive, and manage federal funding when the right opportunity comes along.

From Data to Dollars: Census Bureau Webinars Help You Win Grants

If you've ever struggled to make a compelling case for funding, the U.S. Census Bureau has a free resource that could change your grant writing game. Through **Census Academy** (census.gov/academy), the Bureau offers live and recorded webinars, short how-to videos, and self-paced courses — all at no cost.



A standout recent offering was [*Data to Dollars: Using American Community Survey Data to Strengthen Grant Proposals*](#) (April 29, 2026), presented by Census Bureau experts Vicki Mack and Nicole McKenzie. The webinar showed how the ACS — an annual survey of 3.5 million households covering 40+ topics — is a powerful, funder-trusted tool at every stage of the grant lifecycle: from crafting your statement of need, to setting measurable goals, to supporting your budget narrative.

Explore everything Census Academy has to offer at census.gov/data/academy, where you'll find recordings, upcoming webinars, and courses organized by topic: 2020 Census Resources, Data Tools, Data Science & Visualization, Population & Housing Characteristics, Business & Economy, and Geography.

Funding Opportunities



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Program: [Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects](#)

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Deadline: Jun 02, 2026

Funding: \$1,000 to \$125,000

Overview: Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and other entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply and hydropower reliability. The goal of the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects NOFO is to invite eligible entities to apply for funding to

Program: [WaterSMART Drought Response Program](#)

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Deadline: Jul 28, 2026

Funding: \$25,000 to \$1,500,000

Overview: Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and other entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply and hydropower reliability. The WaterSMART Drought Response Program NOFO invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for projects designed to improve drought resilience by

implement projects that conserve water and enhance water supply reliability in water delivery systems. It encourages the implementation of small-scale projects identified through prior planning efforts, such as canal lining, water delivery automation, flow measurement, and other projects that increase water efficiency. awards will be made through a grant or cooperative agreement, depending on the project. If a cooperative agreement is awarded, the recipient should expect Reclamation to have substantial involvement in the project. This may include collaboration or participation in the management of the project and/or review, input, and approval during implementation of the project.

developing effective water management strategies and drought contingency plans. Funding under the Drought Response Program supports a range of initiatives including infrastructure improvements for increased water storage and distribution capabilities, water source diversification, decision-making tools for water management, and comprehensive planning to prepare for and respond to drought conditions.

FGB hosted a Funding Workshop on May 11th. The Zoom link and passcode to watch the recording are below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/m_THZSzD0c1JalUyoNiiX1Nu76ZzVZTvfCn6N4ob72NCDgbcG4KCH99F7h4eXEN9UqVWPnPbEK6d3l8e.ifqWqyr-KBCfYGNP

Passcode: k=u2n1^V



Program: [AmeriCorps grant competition for Native Nations](#)

Agency: AmeriCorps

Deadline: May 20, 2026, AmeriCorps State and National expects that successful applicants will be notified by **early July 2026**

Overview: Review Agency's priorities [here](#)



Program: [Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity](#)

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Deadline: May 26, 2026

Overview: Two funding opportunities are available: Planning and Demonstration Grant Application (CFDA #20.939) and Implementation Grant Application (CFDA #20.939). Review the NOFO for more information on eligible entities and application requirements.

Applications must be submitted via <https://usg.valideval.com/>, not GRANTS.GOV

Funding: \$687,809,874 is available for Implementation Grants. Expected number of awards: 40 to 70 and expected funding range: \$2,500,000 to \$25,000,000. \$305,678,320 is available for Planning and Demonstration Grants. Expected number of awards: 400 to 700 and expected funding range: \$100,000 to \$5,000,000

Questions about your application?? NMDOT and FGB will be hosting office hours May 14th @ 10:00am - [ZOOM LINK](#)



Program: [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#)

Agency: Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Deadline: Jul 23, 2026

Overview: The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments for hazard mitigation activities. It does so by recognizing the need to upgrade and modernize the nation's infrastructure against the growing risks to communities and the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote resilience with respect to natural hazards. BRIC aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive post-disaster spending towards proactive infrastructure-focused hazard mitigation. For this funding opportunity, the program prioritizes investment in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction to communities vulnerable to natural hazards. BRIC emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes and limits capability- and capacity-building activities to those directly tied to infrastructure resilience, such as building code adoption and enforcement.

Funding: No Minimum and up to \$150,000,000 maximum award

DHSEM and FGB will also be hosting drop-in office hours on June 3rd from 9-10. Register now on [Zoom](#) and then download to your calendar.



Program: [Unleashing Tribal Energy Development](#)

Agency: DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Deadline: Jul 24, 2026

Overview: This NOFO will advance affordable, reliable, and secure energy development of Tribal energy resources for the benefit of Tribes and their members. Projects funded under this NOFO are expected to advance Tribal sovereignty through Tribal energy development, efficiency, and use. Projects under Topic Area 1 are expected to serve the electric loads and support the energy needs of Tribes at the scale of a Tribal community or communities. These projects entail the construction of energy assets and projects.

Funding: 250,000 to \$7,500,000

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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