



New Mexico
Department of Finance
and Administration

Infrastructure Planning
and Development Division

August Newsletter

Welcome to the August Newsletter!

There's a lot happening across New Mexico's infrastructure and funding landscape! In this edition of the IPDD Newsletter, we're bringing you the latest 2026 IFC Updates, information on the Capital Development Fund Application Opening, important Federal Grants Updates, new State and Federal Funding Opportunities, and highlighting the work of our team. Discover additional resources, announcements, and opportunities designed to help you stay informed, plan ahead, and make the most of available opportunities. Keep reading to see what's new!



Spotlight



NEW MEXICO
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE
CONFERENCE
FARMINGTON 2026

Registration

Registration is now open for the 29th Annual New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference (NMIFC). Rotating locations each year to ensure Statewide accessibility, this year's conference will be in **Farmington at the Farmington Civic Center from November 16–19, 2026**. Supporting the planning and funding of sustainable infrastructure projects across the state, the conference brings together key stakeholders including local governments, tribal communities, state agencies, private industry, nonprofit organizations, consultants, and funding partners. The New Mexico Infrastructure Conference provides a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, explore funding opportunities, learn from subject-matter experts, and build the partnerships needed to move critical infrastructure projects from concept to completion. With nearly three decades of achievement the NMIFC has become the state's premier platform for community development. Last year's conference saw the participation of over 400 distinct entities and 600 attendees.

[Click Here to Register Today!](#)



Take advantage of Early Bird Registration for \$350 through Monday, August 31. Registration increases to \$400 beginning September 1, with onsite registration available for \$450 after November 9.

[Conference scholarships](#) are available for individuals who may need financial assistance to attend. Applications are due August 31, 2026.

Get Involved!

There are still several ways to participate in this year's conference:

- [Submit a session proposal](#) by August 14 and share your expertise with infrastructure professionals from across New Mexico.
- [Nominate an outstanding project or person](#) by August 28 to recognize excellence in infrastructure and community development.
- [Become a sponsor or exhibitor](#) to showcase your organization while connecting with public- and private-sector leaders from across the state. Sponsorship opportunities include event branding, exhibitor space, networking events, scholarship sponsorships, and more.



As planning continues for this year's conference, now is the perfect time to register, apply for a scholarship, submit a session proposal, or nominate an outstanding project or colleague for recognition. The New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference continues to serve as an essential forum where ideas become partnerships, partnerships become projects, and projects help build stronger, more resilient communities throughout New Mexico.

[Visit our Website](#)

Key Dates to Remember

August 7 – Session Proposal Deadline

August 28 – Award Nomination Deadline

August 31 – Early Bird Registration Ends

August 31 – Scholarship Application Deadline

November 16–19 NMIFC Conference, Farmington Civic Center

DFA Seeks Proposals for Policy and Planning Consultant



The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Government Division (LGD) is issuing this Request for Quotes (RFQ) to solicit quotes from qualified vendors for a Policy and Planning Consultant to provide research, technical assistance, and consulting services that support the New Mexico Acequia Commission.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Capital Planning and Policy Bureau Updates

Capital Development Program Fund Application Opening



The application for the FY 2027 Capital Development Program Fund (CDPF) cycle will open on **August 31, 2026** and will remain open for four weeks. Approximately \$30 million will be available for projects that meet certain criteria. Projects that will be considered will fall into two different categories. The first is for the planning and design phase of projects with a total project cost of at least \$5 million. The second is for the construction phase of projects with a total project cost of less than \$5 million.

Interested entities are encouraged to review the guidelines for the FY 2027 cycle, which will be posted on [IPDD's website](#). A training on the application will be held on **September 1, 2026 at 10:00 am**, during which entities can ask questions about the application, the fund in general, or the guidelines for the fund. The link to register for the webinar is below.



9/1/26 CDPF Application Training Webinar Registration

[Click Here to Register](#)

Entities are strongly encouraged to review the guidelines in detail to ensure the submitted application will not be deemed to be ineligible. Specifically, entities must demonstrate they have a minimum of 25% of the costs associated with any construction funding request for which the entity is applying. No match is required for

planning and design phases. Applications that are for demolition, vehicles, or equipment are ineligible and will be declined.

After the application period closes, the applications will be reviewed and scored. Recommended projects will be submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee for review before being included in the Capital Bill during the 2027 Legislative Session. The funding from CDPF is not guaranteed until the bill is passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. Funds will be available beginning July 1, 2027, and will have a reversion date of June 30, 2029. These funds may not be reauthorized and will revert to the Severance Tax Permanent Fund if not used in full.

Federal Grants Bureau Updates

Single Point of Contact - Intergovernmental Review



For New Mexico agencies and tribal or local governments applying for federal funding, understanding the state's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) and the Intergovernmental Review (IGR) process is essential. Established under Executive Order (EO) 12372 in 1982, President Ronald Reagan shifted the IGR process from Washington to the states, giving state and local elected officials a greater role in federal financial assistance and direct federal development projects affecting their jurisdictions. Each state could opt in, set up its own

Single Point of Contact or decline participation. New Mexico has periodically participated in the federal IGR system and has not limited review to specific federal programs; therefore, all federal applications are subject to review. Tribal governments are generally exempt from mandatory review under EO 12372, although tribal applicants are welcome to participate in the SPOC process for coordination purposes.

Item 19 of the Application for Federal Assistance (SF424) requires applicants to indicate whether the application is subject to IGR. For New Mexico entities, the responses are (a) or (b). Under federal instructions, applicants submit the application to the New Mexico SPOC, which determines whether it has been selected for active review. If the application is selected, applicants should choose option (a) and enter the date it was made available for review. If the SPOC determines it wasn't selected for review, applicants should choose option (b), even if it was submitted to the SPOC and a submission date is on record.

New Mexico's SPOC, housed within the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), coordinates the IGR review. The review is designed to strengthen proposals and ensure projects align within broader state priorities such as infrastructure modernization, economic development, health system improvements, and tribal collaboration.

New Mexico applicants upload all required grant documents through the [NM Federal Funds Clearinghouse](#), DFA's online SPOC portal. The SPOC reviews the application, identifies potential risks, provides recommendations, and may request clarification to strengthen the proposal. This feedback helps the applicant better demonstrate alignment with state priorities, address community needs, and reinforce key elements such as need, impact, sustainability, and partnerships.

To accurately complete Item 19 of the SF-424, applicants should incorporate the IGR process into their project timeline through backward planning. Engaging the SPOC early allows sufficient time for review, helps avoid last-minute challenges, ensures

compliance with federal requirements, and allows an opportunity to strengthen the application before submission.

Integrating the IGR process into grant planning helps New Mexico entities strengthen proposal quality, demonstrate alignment with state priorities, and enhance competitiveness for federal funding.

General Updates

DFA Launches Statewide Survey on Local Government Financial Systems



The Department of Finance and Administration's Local Government Division has launched a statewide inventory to better understand the accounting, payroll, and financial management systems currently used by counties, municipalities, special districts, and tribal governments across New Mexico.

Responses will directly shape future training, technical assistance, and modernization efforts, including the development of LGBMS 2.0.

The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete and does not require sign-in. Please submit your responses by **August 28th**.

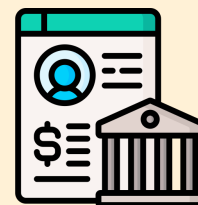
[Take the Survey Here](#)

Manual of Model Accounting Practices (MAPs) updates for FY27

DFA introduced FIN 9.4 Federal Grant Policy in MAPs in 2026 to align state requirements with federal award guidance and incorporate applicable 2 CFR 200 rules into state practice. This year, DFA implemented two new statewide requirements to standardize federally funded contracts and subrecipient grant agreements and ensure they meet the mandatory provisions outlined in 2 CFR 200 Appendix II. All templates can be found on DFA's website.

[Click Here to View Templates](#)

Because the Manual of Model Accounting Practices (MAPs) is updated and reissued every year on July 1, these new requirements apply to all federal agreements signed on or after July 1, 2026. This does not apply to agreements executed before FY27, however, it's a great time to review those agreements for compliance with Appendix II.



Beyond the new FIN 9.4 requirements, it's important for us to remember that federal compliance is always built on consistency, documentation, and adherence to federal standards. Boilerplate language isn't just "recommended," it reflects mandatory federal provisions tied to audits, eligibility, procurement, and cost allowability.

A common question we get about the new templates is whether language can be removed. The answer is generally “no” to avoid the risk of noncompliance. However, it’s encouraged to add requirements from your federal awarding agency within the agreement or as an exhibit. FEMA is a great example of a federal agency imposing additional requirements in addition to those in the NOFO.

If you have questions while navigating these updates, or if your agency is realizing it may need to overhaul a substantial number of agreements, please reach out to **Lauren Conley, Federal Reporting & Compliance Bureau Chief** at lauren.conley@dfa.nm.gov. We’re here to support you, make this transition easier, and help ensure every federal contract or subaward meets the required standards. Keeping the templates intact is one of the best ways to stay compliant, but you’re always encouraged to add any extra federal requirements relevant to your program or awarding agency.

Staff Spotlight

Meet the IPDD Team



Name: Jason Quintana

Title: Rural Frontier Equity Ombudsman

Bureau: Capital Navigation & Funding

Tell us about your role at IPDD and what you do to support New Mexico communities. (3-5 sentences)

My job duties entail providing technical assistance such as training opportunities that help entities with compliance, particularly those considered rural. I also complete on-site

inspections and help local governments with obtaining contract support for capital outlay projects. I assist entities in establishing open lines of communication with other government entities.

What is one project, initiative, or accomplishment you're particularly proud of?

I am proud of my work on Acequia emergency debris removal. In August 2025, the state had multiple floods, which heavily damaged many acequias. We helped with an emergency project from start to finish including our involvement with funding, setting up meetings and site visits with the acequias and the contractors, helping with the bid process and working with other organizations in order to help the acequias with fiscal agent roles, and lastly, inspection of completed projects.

What is something people might be surprised to learn about your work?

They might be surprised to learn that our work is very broad and is not just tied to financial issues. Our work can be expanded to anything that helps rural and frontier communities. This could include work activities from project inception to full project completion. This was the first time that IPDD took on an emergency debris removal for acequias, and this has been a good learning experience for future readiness.

What do you enjoy most about serving New Mexico through your role?

Being able to learn about the funding and requirements of the state and then passing that knowledge on to rural entities so that they can help their communities. I enjoy being able to meet the people in the state that take time out of their busy lives in order to make a difference in their community.

If you could instantly learn any new skill—professional or completely unrelated to work—what would it be?

I would like to learn multiple languages.

Name: Michael Gilmore

Title: Rural Equity Ombud

Bureau: Capital Navigation & Funding



Tell us about your role at IPDD and what you do to support New Mexico communities. (3-5 sentences)

I have the privilege of working to ensure the vast rural regions of our state receive equal consideration and support in pursuit of county, state, and federal resources. Our daily work varies broadly in detail but focuses on facilitating communication and relationship management, working with local public bodies to identify and address barriers to essential service, and collaborating with government agencies and non-governmental organizations to align need with available assistance. While these efforts often support capital projects, they also address compliance issues that affect funding eligibility and deployment.

What is one project, initiative, or accomplishment you're particularly proud of?

Working with a special district in western New Mexico which has continued to repair its organizational and operational woes over the last eighteen months serves as a point of pride for all involved. During that time, the association submitted more than a decade's worth of delinquent audits, revised and replaced antiquated policies and procedures, and accomplished significant planning for a sustainable operational path moving forward. Though obstacles remain to be confronted, this continuing collaborative effort between district management, NGO technical assistance providers, and the Rural Equity Ombud continues to demonstrate that complex structural barriers encountered by rural communities in New Mexico can and will be successfully surmounted.

What is something people might be surprised to learn about your work?

Perhaps the most intriguing and exciting aspect of the Rural Equity Ombud position is its charge to engage with almost any organization imaginable in pursuit of strengthening rural communities in New Mexico. It's a heavy lift that can't be accomplished alone, and the opportunities it provides to forge lasting partnerships in which new ideas are constantly considered and pursued are extremely rewarding.

What do you enjoy most about serving New Mexico through your role?

Though it reads like a cliché, a friend once told me, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." The most enjoyable aspect of this role is, for me, the chance to engage with the dedicated people you find at every level of public service in New Mexico, many of whom do their work in a volunteer capacity. I am inspired every day at how much of their energy and expertise they give to their communities over and beyond the responsibilities they must fulfill to themselves and their immediate families. The work is often urgent and critical, and it's an honor to work alongside this cohort to (hopefully) expand their efficiency and efficacy.

If you could instantly learn any new skill—professional or completely unrelated to work—what would it be?

I would choose to be competent on the piano or violin. I'm the father of two amazingly talented and creative children, and the time and effort they commit to building on their abilities is astounding.

IPDD Staff Shoutouts



At IPDD, the work our team does every day has a meaningful impact on the communities we serve. Each month, we recognize staff members who have received positive feedback from partners, grantees, and colleagues. These shoutouts celebrate the dedication, professionalism, and commitment our team brings and remind us that even the smallest interactions can make a lasting difference.

★ Staff Member: Cristina Caltagirone

"She was extremely personable and we communicated easily." – Anonymous

★ Staff Member: Jesse Guillen

"He was very patient and helpful."- Vanetia Aragon

★ Staff Member: Mariah Baca

"Huge thanks to Mariah for consistently putting together such an engaging, eye-catching newsletter every month!" – Kim King

★ Staff Member: Sarah Delarosa

"Sarah is always very helpful and pleasant to work with! She always responds back to me very quickly. I really appreciate her and all that she does and helps me with!" – Roxanne Lucero

★ Staff Member: Jason Quintana

"Was very helpful in answering my questions and offering help!" -Anonymous

★ Staff Members: Wesley Billingsley & Sarah Delarosa

"I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Sarah and Wesley for their outstanding assistance in correcting and posting the CAPBUD. Their willingness to step in, provide guidance, and expedite the process was truly exceptional. Throughout the entire process, they demonstrated professionalism, responsiveness, and a genuine commitment to outstanding customer service. Their expertise and collaborative approach made a significant difference, and I am grateful for their support." -Marian Rael

Funding Opportunities



Notice of Funding Availability for Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF)

This Notice announces a Fall 2026 Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Cycle. TIF projects are funded by the tribal infrastructure project fund each year. The total amount contained in the fund varies from year to year, as it is comprised of unspent capital outlay reversions for tribal projects originally appropriated through the general fund.

At the time of this Notice, the State does not have a final reversion amount for this cycle. However, the TIF Board has agreed to open the TIF Application Portal early this year to ensure that applications are reviewed and funds may be awarded as quickly as possible. The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) will announce the total funding amount once the reversion amounts are finalized.

The TIF Board will award grants to qualified projects submitted by federally recognized Indian nations, pueblos or tribes (NPTs) located wholly or partially in New Mexico, in accordance with the TIF Guidelines and Procedures.

The TIF Portal is located at <http://www.nmiad.us> and will open at **Monday, August 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** and will be close on **Friday, September 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that IAD may modify the closing date, if necessary. Notice will be provided for any modification.

The TIF Review Committee (TRC) will review all applications and supporting documents from September 9 to October 9, 2026. The top-ranking applicants will be notified the week of October 12, 2026, to attend a TIF Board Meeting to present their project. The TIF Board will meet the first week of November 2026, to hear presentations as well as award projects for the cycle.

Please see the Notice of Funding Availability on the NM Indian Affairs Department website.

Contact Tsoniki Crazy Bull, Tribal Infrastructure Fund Capital Outlay Manager at Tsoniki.crazybull@iad.nm.gov or 505-690-2997 with questions.

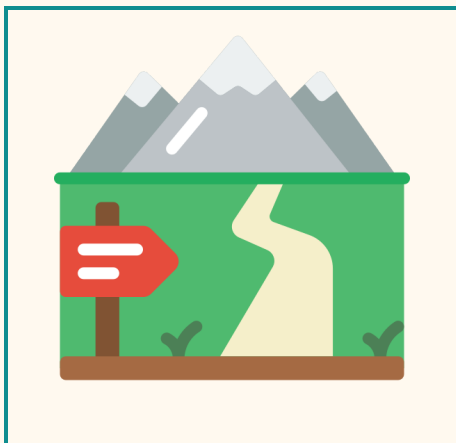
[Visit Website](#)

Y27 Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant Program

The New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division is proud to announce that applications are now being accepted for the FY27 Trails+ Grant program and will remain open until **September 30, 2026**. The FY27 Trails+ grants range from \$25,000-\$1,000,000. This competitive grant funds the planning, development, and improvement of outdoor space, including trails, river parks, skate/bike parks, wildlife viewing areas, trailheads, signage, and more. You might have a project that fits the bill!

Register for an Info and Q&A Session on August 27 at 12:00 pm

[Register Here](#)



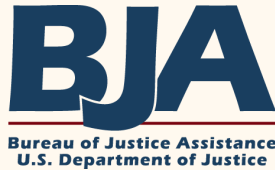
The Trails+ Grant is open to a wide range of public and nonprofit entities in New Mexico, including:

- Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes
- Municipalities and Counties
- Public Schools, Preschools, and School Districts
- Public Colleges and Universities
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Acequias and Land Grants
- Nonprofit Organizations

Visit the [NMORD website](#) for more information.

Have questions? Contact Program Manager Carl Colonius at carl.colonius@edd.nm.gov or [book a one-on-one meeting](#).

Federal Funding Opportunities



Program: [Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#)

Agency: Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Deadline: Oct 15, 2026

Funding: up to \$5,600,000

Overview: The FY [2026 CTAS NOFO](#) refers to the DOJ's tribal government-specific competitive grant programs as purpose areas (PA). Applicants may select the PA(s) that best address their tribe's concerns related to public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, substance use related crime(s) and access to treatment and recovery support, including Tribal healing to wellness courts, and the needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The DOJ components offering tribal government grant resources through this NOFO are listed below. Applicants should refer to the PA-specific information on focus areas, funding priorities, and allowable and unallowable costs to inform the development of their project design.



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Program: [Title XVI Water Reclamation & Reuse Projects](#)

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Deadline: August 26, 2026 (feasibility studies by June 26, 2026), and August 26, 2027 (feasibility studies by January 15, 2027)

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

Overview: Requires 75% Cost Share.

This NOFO supports the following programs:

Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse, Desalination Construction, Large-Scale Water Recycling, Water Recycling and Desalination Planning. The objectives of this NOFO is to help communities develop new, reliable sources of clean water through recycling and desalination; diversify local water portfolios by turning previously unusable water into a drought-resistant supply; reduce reliance on vulnerable water supplies during times of shortage and drought

Program: [Cooperative Watershed Management Program](#)

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

Application periods:

October 7, 2026

February 24, 2027

September 1, 2027

February 15, 2028

Funding: \$50,000 to \$300,000

Overview: Funding to watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs. Funding is provided on a competitive basis for: Watershed Group Development and Watershed Restoration Planning: In 2012, Reclamation began providing funding for watershed group development, watershed restoration planning, and watershed management project design (Phase I). A watershed group is a self-sustaining, non-regulatory, consensus-based group that is composed of a diverse array of stakeholders, which may include, but is not limited to, private property owners, non-profit organizations, Federal, state, or local agencies, and tribes. Funds can be

used develop bylaws, a mission statement, complete stakeholder outreach, develop a watershed restoration plan, and design watershed management projects for future implementation. Reclamation will award a successful applicant up to \$100,000 per year for a period of up to three years with no cost-share required.

Program: [Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance](#)

Agency: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Deadline: August 28, 2026

Funding: \$10,000 to \$1,200,000

Overview: Wildland Fire Fuels Management and Community Assistance Program activities embody strategic investments in managing vegetation by reducing the intensity, severity, or negative effects of wildfire. These initiatives provide cost-effective benefits to the American people, help maintain and support communities in becoming fire adapted. Program activities include developing local capacities through assessment and planning, community and homeowner mitigation efforts, and implementation of fuels management treatments and activities. This involves training, monitoring, or implementing/maintaining fuels management on federal land or adjacent non-federal land to benefit federal resources, as well as assisting with wildfire prevention to mitigate risks to communities and their values. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has an opportunity to collaborate with partner organizations to support these efforts, reducing the intensity, severity, risk, and impact of catastrophic wildfires on local communities through coordination, hazardous fuel reduction, and further education on wildfire prevention. These activities help create jobs and advance conservation and restoration efforts through planning and implementation of hazardous fuels reduction projects. This work aligns with administration priorities by strengthening partnerships, encouraging local wildfire preparedness and mitigation, and empowering community-driven wildfire risk reduction, while generating revenue and utilizing natural resources to support the American economy.



Program: [Forest and Woodlands Resource Management](#)

Agency: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Deadline: August 28, 2026

Funding: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000

Overview: Priority activities under this announcement include projects that support Executive Order (EO) 14225 Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production and Section 50301 of The One Big Beautiful Bill. This program focuses on activities that promote forest and woodland health, sustainable forest management, fire resiliency, biomass utilization for bioenergy, habitat conservation needs, and insect, disease and fire recovery on public lands. These activities could include, but are not limited to: planting trees, pre-commercial and commercial thinning, salvage/sanitation harvest, control of competing vegetation, fuels reduction, project development and layout, planning analysis and document preparation needed in concert with or to carry out NEPA, and Endangered Species Act or cultural clearances.

Program: [North American Wetlands Conservation Act \(NAWCA\) U.S. Standard Grants](#)

Agency: United States Fish & Wildlife Service

Deadline: Sep 25, 2026



Overview: [NAWCA](#) U.S. Standard grants are competitive, matching grants that support public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the U.S. that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.

Funding: \$250,001 to \$3,000,000



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Transit
Administration**

Program: [Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

Agency: [Department of Transportation, DOT - Federal Transit Administration](#)

Deadline: Sep 21, 2026

Overview: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$21 million in competitive grants for the fiscal year (FY) [2026 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#) (Bus Program) under Federal Assistance Listing Number 20.526 and approximately \$589 million in competitive grants for the FY 2026 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program).

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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