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EDD Delivers \$1 Million to Communities Money to fund 10 MainStreet and Arts and Cultural District Projects

SANTA FE, N.M.- The New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) has allocated an appropriation of \$1 million to fund 10 planning, design and construction projects in MainStreet and Arts and Cultural Districts. The grant money will be spread to every corner of the state, helping these communities simultaneously preserve and expand their cultural heritage and economic resources.

Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón stated, “The EDD is thankful for the continued support from the state Legislature in assisting our communities, both rural and urban, plan infrastructure improvements and develop cultural assets.” He added, “The hard work, vision and leadership of our MainStreet and Arts and Cultural Districts provide economic and artistic inspiration to the entire state.”

Here is a full list of communities, projects and funds awarded:

Community	Project	Award
Clayton	Luna Theatre, Phase 2	\$200,000
Clovis	MainStreet streetscape	\$131,000
Corrales	Pedestrian Pathway Planning	\$120,000
Albuquerque Downtown Action Team	Cultural Plan	\$35,000
Los Alamos	Cultural Plan	\$35,000
Lovington	Central Plaza Design and Planning	\$84,000
Portales	Depot Focus Area Project	\$85,000
Raton	Raton Depot Multi-Modal Center Phase 1 Final Design	\$200,000
Roswell	Master Plan	\$75,000
Taos	Cultural Plan	\$35,000

The process for project funding began in June 2009 when the EDD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP). The projects included various design, planning, and construction of capital, infrastructure and renovation projects in New Mexico’s MainStreet Districts and Arts and Cultural District communities’ central business districts. A MainStreet evaluation committee reviewed the proposals and made suggestions to the Cabinet Secretary. The committee consisted of representatives from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division and the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance. Based on the committee’s recommendations, appropriation for 10 projects was approved by the EDD for FY2010.

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