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## NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WEEKLY RESOURCE WRAP-UP

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### 2020 Census Deadline is September 30, 2020

The final deadline to complete the 2020 Census is Sept. 30.

Completing the census is a quick process and your information will remain private. New Mexico must count *everyone* to ensure we get our fair share of funding for essential services like healthcare, education, emergency services, and roadwork.

[Learn More](#)  
[Complete the Census Online NOW](#)

## COVID-19 Recovery Resources

## **New!** NMSU CREATE BRIDGES Project

NMSU Cooperative Extension Service has received a \$300,000 multi-year grant to implement the Northeast New Mexico CREATE BRIDGES project in Union, Colfax, Harding, Mora, San Miguel, Quay and De Baca counties. The project is aimed to help rural communities build their capacity for strengthening the retail, tourism, hospitality, and entertainment sectors, which provide jobs and business opportunities that frequently boost rural economies and have been notably impacted by COVID-19.

[Read the Press Release](#)

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## **NM Small Business Continuity Grants**

Finance NM is continuing to compile a list of Local Government Grant Applications.

[Learn more](#)

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## **The Main Street Lending Program for Nonprofits**

The Main Street Lending Program is designed to help credit flow to small- and medium-sized for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that were in sound financial condition prior to the pandemic.

[Learn more](#)

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## **FEMA Resource Guide**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has compiled a Resource Guide for COVID-19 Funding. It lists funding resources provided by agencies across the federal government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Learn more](#)

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## **Perkins Collaborative Resource Network Funding Opportunities**

Perkins grants are available for the improvement of career and technical education programs. In addition, the Department occasionally uses National Activity funds to award grants for specialized purposes.

[Learn more](#)

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## **Using USDA Foods in Disasters, Emergencies, and Situations of Distress**

This webinar is intended for State Distributing Agencies and FNS Regional Office staff and highlights how USDA Foods may be used in congregate feeding or disaster household distribution during a disaster, emergency, or situation of distress response. We discuss the importance of planning, preparation and communication before, during and after a disaster response.

[View the webinar](#)

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## **USDA Implements Immediate Measures to Help Rural Residents, Businesses and Communities Affected by COVID-19**

USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

[Read the Factsheet](#)

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## Request for Proposals: Re-envisioning the COVID Creative Economy

The Albuquerque Community Foundation and the McCune Charitable Foundation are partnering on a grant opportunity to support the creative economy, increase employment opportunities for working artists of all kinds, and help arts and culture organizations rebuild their programs in new and innovative ways due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Deadline: September 30

[Learn more](#)

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## The Brave of Heart Fund

The Brave of Heart Fund was established to provide grants to eligible family members of frontline healthcare workers and healthcare volunteers who lose their lives because of COVID-19. The grants will provide financial support for common needs such as funeral costs, medical care, counseling, food, educational expenses for dependents, mortgage or rent payments, and immediate living expenses, as these family members manage the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and begin to move forward. **Deadline: May 15, 2021.**

[Learn more](#)

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## Housing Aid for Low-Income New Mexicans

The New Mexico Community Development Council, comprised of Gov. Lujan Grisham administration officials and appointees from across the state, will invest more than \$13.3 million of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act funds in emergency housing assistance for low and moderate income New Mexicans.

[Learn more](#)

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## FEMA Lost Wages Grants

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Lost Wages Grants, funded through the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF), are available to states to provide financial assistance to individuals who have lost wages due to the COVID-19. New Mexico is among the first few states to be eligible for these grants.

[Learn more](#)  
[Guidance for The Lost Wages Assistance Program](#)

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## New Mexico Small Business Recovery Loan Fund

Created by the NM Legislature in the June 2020 Special Session, this \$400 million program provides loans up to \$75,000 to businesses and nonprofit organizations that have been affected by the public health orders related to the pandemic. The three-year loans are low interest (currently 1.625%), have no fees, require no collateral or personal guarantees, and payments are interest-only for the first three years.

[Learn More](#)

## Additional Business Resources

### **New!** SBIR Grant Deadline Announced

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants are competitive federal grants that support small businesses engaged in research and development (R&D) with a potential for commercialization. Grants are managed through the Economic Development Department Office of Science and Technology. **Deadline: October 19.**

[Learn more](#)

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## New! SBA Disaster Loan Assistance

Small non-farm businesses in 18 New Mexico counties and neighboring counties in Arizona are now eligible to apply for low interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought that began July 7, 2020.

[Learn more](#)

[Email for more info](#)

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## Women's Business Center Awards

The SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership has recently announced a national competition to open 25 new Women's Business Centers.

The Office of Women's Business Ownership will be holding an Applicant Workshop on Friday, September 18, at 11:00 am.. Those interested in joining this workshop should email [OWBO@sba.gov](mailto:OWBO@sba.gov).

[Learn more](#)

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## Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements

Assists agricultural producers and rural small businesses in installing renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements in order to reduce energy consumption. **Deadline: September 30.**

[Learn more](#)

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# Additional Community Resources

## New! Cornell Douglas Foundation for Environmental and K-12 Programs

The Foundation provides grants, generally ranging from \$15,000 to \$50,000, to nonprofit organizations that address one or more of the following areas of interest: environmental health and justice, land conservation, sustainability of resources, mountaintop removal mining, watershed protection, and K-12 financial literacy. Grant requests are reviewed throughout the year.

[Learn More](#)

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## New! Grants Foster Grassroots Social Change - Resist

Resist offers support to grassroots groups engaged in activist organizing for structural social and economic change. General support grants of up to \$4,000 are provided to groups who are building movements for justice and liberation and resisting systemic oppression through grassroots organizing, art-making, and resilience building. Requests are reviewed four times per year. **Upcoming deadline: December 4.**

[Learn More](#)

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## New! Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship

First Nations Development Institute, in partnership with The Henry Luce Foundation, is offering this fellowship program to honor and support a cohort of fellows as they work to further Indigenous knowledge creation, dissemination, and perpetuation in Indigenous communities. Ten fellowships of \$50,000 each will be awarded to outstanding Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers engaged in meaningful work that will ultimately lead to broad, transformative impacts for Indigenous communities. This fellowship is a 12-month, self-directed enrichment program. **Deadline: October 22.**

[Learn More](#)

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## Clif Bar Family Foundation: Small Grants Program

The Clif Bar Family Foundation supports nonprofit grassroots organizations that have the ability to engage local groups, positively impact their communities, and focus most of their resources on useful and positive actions. The Foundation supports innovative small and mid-sized groups working to protect the earth's beauty and bounty, create a healthy food system, increase opportunities for outdoor activity, reduce environmental health hazards, and build stronger communities. **Deadlines: February 1, June 1, and October 1, annually.**

[Learn More](#)

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## STEM TALENT Challenge

The STEM Talent Challenge seeks to develop or expand regional workforce capacity to support high-growth, high-wage entrepreneurial ventures and innovation-driven businesses that have a high likelihood of accelerating economic competitiveness and job creation in their respective regions. \$2,000,000 in total funds, 10 awards expected.

Eligible Applicants: State, local, and tribal governments, as well as institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and other economic development organizations. **Deadline: October 14.**

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## Comer Family Foundation: Syringe Service Program

The Foundation's Syringe Service Program seeks to support comprehensive harm reduction programs that improve the health and wellness of people who use drugs. Grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 are provided to programs that provide free sterile syringes, education, and community wraparound services to reduce opioid overdose and the transmission of HIV and viral hepatitis. **Upcoming Deadline: November 1.**

[Learn More](#)

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## Annie's Grants for Gardens

Annie's Grants for Gardens are provided to K-12 school gardens to help children start thinking more holistically about their food, their communities, and the planet. Grants may be used to purchase supplies for an edible garden, such as plants, seeds, raised beds, fencing, wheelbarrows, greenhouses, and drip irrigation systems. New applicants may apply for grants of \$3,000; returning applicants are eligible for one of three \$5,000 grants. Public, charter, and private schools, as well as school districts and nonprofit organizations supporting a school garden, are eligible to apply. **Deadline: November 2.**

[Learn More](#)

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## Youth Conservation Opportunities on Public Lands

This opportunity is open to any qualified youth conservation corps established by a state or local government, by the governing body of any Indian tribe, or by a qualified nonprofit organization interested in working cooperatively with the BLM to develop and administer multiple-use conservation projects. Conservation projects must focus on providing employment, education, and public-service opportunities for ages 16 to 30 and veterans up to age 35 recruited from local and surrounding communities to assist with projects on public lands. **Deadline: October 22.**

[Learn More](#)

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## Humanities Connections

Awards support innovative curricular approaches that foster productive partnerships among humanities

faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences, and in pre-service or professional programs (such as business, engineering, health sciences, law, computer science, and other technology-driven fields), in order to encourage and develop new integrative learning opportunities for students. **Deadline: September 30.**

[Learn More](#)

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## Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants

This opportunity includes several grant programs related to brownfield assessment, cleanup, and planning projects, including those incorporating renewable energy and energy efficiency. Use of funds vary by program. **Deadline: October 28.**

[Learn More](#)

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## The Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program

The Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program will build the capacity of community colleges to collaborate with employers and the public workforce development system to meet local and regional labor market demand for a skilled workforce. **Deadline: October 8.**

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## In the News/Links

[Mayor Keller Opens Minority Business Development Center](#)

[Albuquerque in the running for development grant](#)

[More firms are setting up shop at Santa Teresa](#)

[The Five Elements of a Meaningful Statement on Racial Justice](#)

[Novogradac Opportunity Fund List Shows Nearly \\$2 Billion in Additional Investment](#)

[SBA officials discuss 'growing pains,' inequities with PPP loans](#)

[NM Outdoor Recreation Division Announces Outdoor Equity Fund Recipients](#)

## Webinars

### Upcoming Webinars:

#### The Office of Women's Business Ownership Applicant Workshop

September 18, at 11:00 am

[Register by email](#)

#### Live September Webinars from SCORE:

September 22: **Get Your Business Online in a Blink - Stress Free Ways to Find the Right Software**

September 29: **Concrete Strategies to Boost Your Sleep & Double Your Business Impact**

[Register](#)

#### Updates to the EDD Collateral Assistance Program: Info for Lenders and Borrowers

September 22 at 1:30 pm

[Register](#)

#### Women's Global Trade Empowerment Forum:

- September 22: **Protecting the Most Important Asset –Your IP; WGTEF Wrap Up/Certificate Presentations**

[Register for the Forum](#)

#### The Labor Force Implications of COVID-19

September 23 at 1 pm

[Register](#)



## P2 Virtual Assessment Training

September 23 at 2 pm

[Register](#)

## Basics of Cooperatives (Co op 101)

Sept. 24 at 11 am

[Register](#)

## Rural Efficient Business Interview Series: Interview #1 - T or C Brewing

September 30 at 12:30 pm

[Register](#)

## 2020 Outdoor Economics Conference

October 1-2

[Register](#)

## Discover Global Markets Virtual Conference

October 7-9

[Register](#)

**LIVE EVENT! Lean Lego** is in ABQ on Oct 15, 8 am - noon at 8600 San Mateo NE #100 87113. Please join us by experiencing work flow, cross training, inventory, outsourcing and communication. contact Linda Gruber, ABQ MEP 505-314-9124 or [lindag@newmexicomep.org](mailto:lindag@newmexicomep.org) for more details, registration, and to see if you qualify for NMSBA.

## USDA New Mexico Community Prosperity Virtual Summit

October 20 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

[Register](#)

## New Mexico Tourism Dept. Upcoming Events throughout the state

[Learn more](#)

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## Recent Webinars:

[How to Apply for the Outdoor Recreation Division's Special Projects and Infrastructure Grant](#)

(8/18/20)

[Small Business Recovery Loan Fund Eligibility and How to Apply](#)(7/30/20)

[Small Business Recovery Loan Fund Help for Small Businesses](#)(7/29/20)

[Small Business Recovery Loan Fund The Role of Participating Lenders](#)(7/28/20)

[The Governance Project Discusses GroundUp](#)(7/22/20)

To see a full list of upcoming webinars and links to more previously recorded webinars:

- [EDD Finance Dept Webinars and Other COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [NM MainStreet Webinars and Other COVID-19 Resources](#)

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