

# NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



## Message from Executive Director Monica Abeita

As we settle back in from our summer routines, our team at North Central is hard at work assisting communities and organizations throughout the region with EDA American Rescue Plan funding opportunities. While several of these opportunities have deadlines in 2022, all are open now and we understand that funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have an infrastructure, tourism, or workforce project you think might be eligible, please reach out to us as soon as possible.

Congratulations to communities and organizations in our region who recently received awards from the 2022 Transportation Project Fund and the Outdoor Equity Fund. Since our last news letter, the Town of Taos was awarded an EDA CARES Act grant of \$2 million to build out water and wastewater infrastructure for the Taos Regional Airport and its adjacent aviation and technology park. In total, the North Central region received three EDA CARES Act awards, which is a good showing for the region. We look forward to announcing more awards and successful projects for our region in the year that lies ahead.

Best Regards,

*Monica Abeita*

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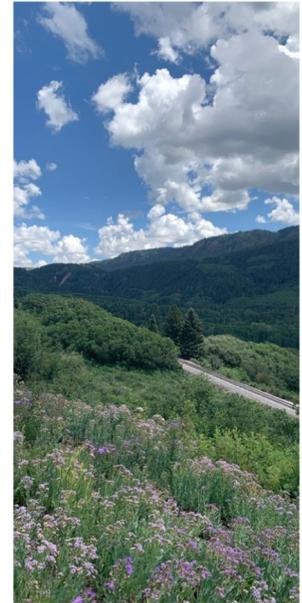
### A New Environment for Outdoor Recreation

During their 2021 grant cycle for the Outdoor Equity Fund, the New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division granted 15 awards throughout the North Central Region. The New Mexico Economic Development Department created the fund to increase equitable access to the outdoors for all youth by programming outdoor experiences. The programs will focus on stewardship and respect for our land, water, and cultural heritage. Examples of grant recipients include River Source Inc, Santa Clara Pueblo, Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance and more. The full list of funded projects can be found in their [press release](#).

As part of the NCNMEDD 2021-2026 [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#), we highlighted the opportunities of our region within the outdoor recreation sector. The NM Outdoor Recreation Division is making strides to include more municipalities, non-government organizations, and programs into their funded projects. They will be hosting panels with outdoor recreation businesses and teams from across the state at their Outdoor Economics Conference and Expo this Fall where communities and organizations can learn more about how to get involved in this growing economic sector.

EndeavOR New Mexico offers another well-developed resource to help expand your area's outdoor recreation potential in partnership with the Outdoor Recreation Division. EndeavOR provides free membership to cities, counties, and tribes committed to making outdoor recreation bigger and better in New Mexico. For more information or to become a member visit the [EndeavOR's website](#).

The Outdoor Economic Conference will be at the Farmington Civic Center from Wednesday, September 29 to Friday, October 1, 2021. Interested parties can register [here](#).



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## Transportation Updates

On August 26, the State Transportation Commission considered nominations from cities, counties, and tribes across New Mexico for the 2022 Transportation Project Fund (TPF). The Commission supported New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Secretary Sandoval's suggestions, and with that, approved almost \$38 million dollars of transportation planning, design, and construction projects in the NCNMEDD region. The Commission will be sending out award letters the first week of September 2021, and awardees will need to provide cover letters and resolutions to confirm their acceptance of the awarded funds and conditions.

In 2022, Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD Transportation Planner, will work with members of Northern Pueblos and Northeast RTPOs to develop applications for the 2023 TPF application cycle, which is expected to be more competitive. The state legislature dedicated \$160 million for TPF projects in fiscal year 2022, and the FY 2023 call will have \$40 million to award across the state, unless the state legislators dedicate additional funding. Please join us in thanking our state legislators for their ongoing support to address transportation needs across the state.

NMDOT also manages a combined call for three federal funding sources, for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. NCNMEDD has received six applications from the North Central region and is assisting these entities in completing their applications ahead of the October 4 deadline. If you're interested in getting funding for active or alternative transportation (pedestrian, bicycle, and transit primarily), the initial "notice of interest" deadline has passed for this call for these three funding sources, but it's never too early to plan for the next funding opportunity. Please reach out to [Paul Sittig](#) at 505-356-9694 and he'll work with you to discuss options and opportunities.



## Updates to the NCNMEDD VISTA Program

NCNMEDD currently works with 10 partner organizations across the region to place AmeriCorps VISTA members. These members have done incredible work toward anti-poverty efforts in the region serving in local government offices, like Nate Crail at Santa Fe County, and for community oriented organizations, like Shannon Latham at the Community Learning Network in Santa Fe.

VISTAs have brought an incredible amount of resources to the region. Evan Crystal has been working with Rio Arriba County on grant initiatives, including the EDA grant discussed in last month's newsletter, and a LEADS grant from NMEDD. He also developed the County's tourism from the ground up through a grant he wrote to NMEDD, and a presentation to the Lodger's Tax Board. You can see some examples of his work for the county [here](#). Sara Martinez, at the Mora Creative Council, has helped to educate students during five summer camps in Mora, and in turn has renewed excitement about our youth throughout north central NM.

We are proud to announce that we were awarded an additional 5 slots for the upcoming fiscal year for the VISTA program, further expanding the important work that these individuals do. If you are interested in the VISTA program, and how your organization might be eligible to host a VISTA member, we welcome you to attend our [VISTA 101 training](#) on September 2, 2021 or to visit our [VISTA portal](#) on our website for more information.

## ICIP Deadlines:

Special Districts – Friday, September 3, 2021

Tribal Governments – Friday, September 17, 2021

Counties and Municipalities – Friday, September 17, 2021

Senior Citizen Facilities – Friday, October 1, 2021

If you need assistance with your ICIP, please contact our  
Community Development Director, [Christopher Madrid](#) at (505) 920-9257 .

## American Rescue Plan Funds Through EDA

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced six new funding opportunities on June 23, 2021. The total of \$3 billion in funding targets specific sectors of economic development through six tranches of funding. These targets include job creation and regional economic development planning. NCNMEDD has been working closely with applicants on preparing materials for submission. Our office has also created a summary of programs that can be found [here](#).

If you have questions about the new funding opportunities or how to apply, please reach out to either [Christopher Madrid](#), Community Development Director, at (505) 920-9257 or [Alison Turner](#), Community Development Planner, at (505) 716-5580.



## Working Now Loan Program Picks Up

The last month has seen new interest in the NCNMEDD's *Working Now* loan program. With the increased lending cap of the *Working Now* loan program to \$25,000, and the important small business needs in our region, we are looking to expand the number of participants in the program. These funds, backed by an EDA CARES grant, are available to small businesses in the NCNMEDD region for relief from the impacts of COVID-19. NCNMEDD has also been providing business consulting through our consultant Trish Abbin to both English and Spanish speaking business owners. If you are a small business owner looking for additional assistance, including with a loan application, please contact [Trish Abbin](#) at (505) 280-6502 for consultation.

### Working Now Loans Now Available

*Working Now* loans are available to help small businesses affected by the pandemic with expenses like payroll, rent, inventory, marketing, ecommerce development, personal protective equipment and small capital improvements.

Our maximum loan amount has been increased to \$25,000. The *Working Now* loan process is simple and straightforward. Our office is here to help you every step of the way.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit [www.ncnmedd.com/rlf](http://www.ncnmedd.com/rlf) or contact Alison Turner at (505)-716-5580 or [alison@ncnmedd.com](mailto:alison@ncnmedd.com)



## Available Positions and RFQs with NCNMEDD

### NonMetro AAA VISTA Member

The AmeriCorps VISTA program works across the US on anti-poverty efforts. NonMetro AAA is hiring a VISTA to address gaps in food security, healthcare, and transportation systems and services. Contact [Crystal Sanchez](#) for more information.

All job postings and requests for qualifications can be found at the [NCNMEDD website](#).



## Funding Opportunities—Loans

These loan products will help our local businesses through the recovery by allowing them to provide a safe working environment, attract and retain employees, and stay current on their bills.

### [NCNMEDD Working Now Loan](#)

The Working Now Revolving Loan Fund offers interest-deferred loans up to \$25,000 to pandemic-impacted businesses in the counties of Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, and Sandoval outside of Rio Rancho. Businesses in need of additional funding can contact [Christopher Madrid](#) at (505) 920-9257 for more information.

### [NMFA Small Business Recovery Loan Fund](#)

New Mexico owned businesses with net revenue of less than \$5 million that have experienced a decline in revenue or disruption due to the coronavirus pandemic are eligible to apply for loans of up to three times their average monthly business expenses at a 1.625% interest rate. Contact [Christopher Madrid](#) at (505) 920-9257 for more information.

### [Community Facilities Loan Program](#)

The Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) offers loans up to \$25,000 for early property acquisition, predevelopment, interim construction costs and long-term permanent financing. Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments are eligible to apply. Contact [Georgianne McConnell](#) at (916) 917-4319 for more information.

# Funding Opportunities—Grants

Grant funding opportunities provide needed investments for future local government projects. NCNMEDD will continue to maintain an updated list of existing state and federal grants along with related information provided by the granting agencies. If you have questions about any of the following opportunities contact [Alison Turner](#) at (505) 716-5580.

## [NM Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)

**Deadline: September 30, 2021**

Rental and utility assistance is available for unpaid, current or future payments for households who are obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling.

## [Emergency Rural Health Care Grants](#)

This program provides up to \$500 million in grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities. Public bodies, nonprofits, and Tribes located in rural areas (population of 20,000 or less) may apply.

## [Brownfields Job Training Grants](#)

**Deadline: October 5, 2021**

Grants support programs that recruit, train, and place unemployed and underemployed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field specifically related to brownfield assessment or cleanup activities, as well as training in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER).

## [Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program \(RMAP\)](#)

**Deadline: June 30, 2022**

RMAP provides direct loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDO). Grant funds are used by the MDO to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurship training to rural individuals and businesses.

## [FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

**Applications will be accepted until funds are no longer available**

The Emergency Broadband Benefit helps households pay for internet service and hardware during the pandemic. This benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 towards one month of broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase eligible computer hardware.

## [Loans and Grants for Small Businesses](#)

While the PPP and Restaurant Revitalization programs are now closed, this website highlights programs that are still available such as the EIDL Advance Program and the Community Navigator Pilot Program.

## Other Grant Finding Resources

- [The Grant Plant Inc. COVID-19 Emergency Grants](#)
- [NM Grant Makers Association](#)
- [GrantStation Database of COVID-19 Related Grant Opportunities](#)
- [Covid-Cap online Database of recovery resources](#)
- [State and Federal Grants Advisory](#)
- [Economic Development Department Weekly Resource Wrap-up](#)

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