

# **News Brief**

October 10, 2019

#### **NM Counties Board of Directors Meeting Actions** October 4, 2019

- ⇒ Endorsed affiliate legislative issues: Increase Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Fund, State Fire Marshal/PRC, Allow Sitting PJ from Other Counties to fill in for Absent PJ, HB 407 Property Tax Billing, & CDARS wording
- Did not endorse Residential PACE at this time
- Approved NMC annual conference hosts:
- 2021 San Miguel County
- 2023 San Juan County
- ⇒ Approved 2020 NMC meetings calendar (see website)
- Extended NMC Executive Director contract for 1 year; revisit in 6 months
- Opposed Clerks' Affiliate bylaw revisions-optional technical assistance provider, increase county member dues

**Curry County** was awarded \$1.4 million in grants from DOT! Show us the money!!!

**Doña Ana County** has an Assistant County Attorney vacancy. Pay range is \$54,164 - \$92,570 depending on qualifications. More information **HERE** 



**Eddy County** has recently launched their redesigned website. They published icons on their homepage that link visitors to popular sites. Take a look: <a href="http://www.co.eddy.nm.us/">http://www.co.eddy.nm.us/</a>



**Assessors Affiliate Executive Board meeting** in Ruidoso with affiliate members

**Consider posting** to your employment page and find constituents to help get an accurate **2020 Census** count in your community. Those extra federal \$\$ can help fund services you are already providing.



#### **New Mexico Water Data Workshop** October 24, 2019, NM Tech, Socorro

- Implementation of the New Mexico Water Data Act
- For those who use/collect water data; have interest in guiding how NM finds, accesses, and uses water data
- Macey Center, NM Tech 909 Olive Lane, Socorro, NM Oct. 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Free with lunch provided! Register Now! Get more information or contact Stacy Timmons at

stacy.timmons@nmt.edu, 575-835-6951

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund

DWSRLF finances drinking water projects through NMFA. The New Mexico Environment Department assists communities to improve existing infrastructure and to build new drinking water systems.

- ⇒ Complete online form at: <a href="mailto:swim.water.web.env.nm.gov">swim.water.web.env.nm.gov</a>
- ⇒ Deadline to apply is **November 1, 2019.**

For more information, please call 877-654-8720, and be sure to visit their webpage at: **DWSRLF Webpage** 

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

## <u>Counties shape economy in Pocono region</u>

Adams County, Colo. looked for a way to make its airport distinctive from Denver's. The answer was to aim for the stars by becoming a spaceport. (Doña Ana and Sierra Counties

### Senate introduces spending bill for health, human services and workforce programs

The proposal combines \$178.3 billion in discretionary funding with \$9.4 billion in changes to mandatory spending to boost or maintain funding for federal health, human services and workforce programs important to counties.

## NACo Webinars/Meetings

Wed. Nov. 6-8 2019 Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Symposium Miami-Dade County, FL

Thurs. Nov. 21–22 Stepping Up Peer Exchange Tulsa County, OK

Tues. Dec. 5 Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using Data to Identify and Serve People who Frequently Utilize Health, Human Services and Justice Systems 12 p.m.-1:15 p.m. MT

Search County Employment Opportunities or enter new job posts **here** for up to 30 days.

New Employee? Submit <a href="here">here</a> add/delete/replace to directory.

Did someone forward you this email? Sign up here to Clarissa



**New Mexico Counties will** be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019.

**New Mexico Counties Vice** President Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover and U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland discuss federal public lands, justice reform, infrastructure and other issues important to counties. #CountiesMatter Our Vice President keeping New Mexico on the map!



October

**Wed. Oct. 16-17** Risk Management Affiliate Retreat ABQ Holiday Inn & Suites North I-25

Wed. Oct. 23-25 Infrastructure Finance Conference Las Cruces

**Convention Center** 

Wed. Oct 29-31 Multi-Line Pool Board, Joint Pool Boards Retreat, & Workers' Compensation Board meeting Ruidoso, Inn of the Mountain Gods

November Thurs. Nov 7

Executive Committee meeting 2:00 p.m.

NMC Santa Fe office

Fri .Nov 8 NMML/NMC Joint Legislative meeting 9:00 a.m. Inn at Loretto Santa Fe

Wed. Nov. 13-15 Local Gov't Division Annual Budget Conference

Wed. Dec. 4 Advisory Council meeting 11:00 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

Multi-Line Pool Board meeting 8:30 a.m. Wed. Dec. 11 NMC Santa Fe office

Workers' Compensation Board meeting 9:00

a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

January 2020

Thurs. Dec. 12

Mon. Jan. 20–23 NMC Legislative Conference, Santa Fe

Mon. Jan. 20-22 NM EDGE classes, Santa Fe

## NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to <u>RSVP</u>

Sun. 10/20-23 CIT Crisis Intervention Training, Raton, NM 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thurs. 10/24-25 "Civilian" Crisis Intervention Training, Raton, NM 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tues. 11/19-20 PREA Coordinator Training Dona Ana County Adult Detention Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wed. 12/4 CPR Instructor Training – Medic First Aid Program

NMC's ABQ office conference room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon. 1/9-10 PREA Investigator Training, NM Bar Association

## **TrueConnect Loan Benefit Program for Counties**

12 Counties currently offer this benefit: Bernalillo, Catron, Eddy, Doña Ana, Grant, Harding, Otero, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, and Valencia Counties. <u>Top Five Benefits for the Employee</u>

No credit check or collateral

Conference Room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Under 14% actual interest paid compared to 175% interest cap on title or payday loans

Paid off in 12 months through payroll deduction

- Repayments reported as good credit Six free financial education & credit counseling sessions
- Frequently Asked Concerns for the County No cost or liability to the county
- Secure, confidential online application for small loans \$1,000 to \$3,000
- Less time to process payroll deduction than
- garnishments
- Repayment is negotiated between the ex-employee and the lender with an outstanding loan
- County signs two-page agreement, does implementation training, and launches program

Poll your employees. Contact Susan Mayes, smayes@nmcounties.org, for a presentation to your commission

### 24th Annual NM Infrastructure Finance Conference October 23-25, 2019, Las Cruces

Registration OPEN here: http://w <u>Presentations:</u> Spaceport America, NM DFA capital outlay, census 2020, NM Tourism, USDA, community and economic development, housing, transportation, and utilities. <u>Keynote speakers:</u> NM Lt. Gov. Howie Morales, Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small

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