INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS



"Intergovernmental Relations" refers to interaction among the various levels of government, understanding the roles and responsibilities of each level, and developing effective relationships to improve our ability to meet the challenges.

The Importance of State & Federal Partnerships

Public Policy Debate

Intergovernmental collaboration allows local leaders to build relationships that help influence administrative policies with agencies

Leveraging Resources

Competition for resources and diminishing funding means government leaders can no longer "go it on their own" or work in a vacuum. Intergovernmental relations among all levels of government is critical.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Cooperation among levels of government is critical for responding to an emergency, solving crimes and coordinating logistics for large events. Having these relationships and agreements in place up front avoids confusion and misunderstandings among agencies.

County Role in State and Federal Processes

- Advocate with a collective voice on national policy
- Exchange ideas and build new leadership skills
- Pursue transformational, cost-effective solutions
- Enrich the public's understanding of county government
- Exercise exemplary leadership in public service

NMC State & Federal Partners

Federal

US Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management

- Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program
- Partners for a Clean New Mexico

US Department of Agriculture

State

State of New Mexico – Multiple State Agencies Councils of Government New Mexico Municipal League New Mexico State University - NM EDGE New Mexico Sentencing Commission











National Association of Counties

The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America's 3,069 county governments to advocate collectively at the federal level.

Steering Committees

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Community, Economic & Workforce Development

Environment, Energy & Land Use

Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs

Health

Human Services & Education

Justice & Public Safety

Public Lands

Telecommunications & Technology

Transportation



Regulations & Unfunded Mandates

Legislation

- County Infrastructure Priorities
- Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Criminal Justice Reforms
- Broadband Deployment
- USDA, HUD, Community Services Block Grants
- Marketplace Fairness
- Remote Sales Tax
- Tax-Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds
- Workforce Opportunities & Supportive Services
- Regional and Local Disaster Preparedness

Regulations

- Environmental Protection Act reform
- Definition of "Waters of the US"





Payments in Lieu of Taxes & Secure Rural Schools

In FY20, New Mexico counties received approximately \$41.4 million in PILT and \$10.2 million in SRS

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

- Established in 1976
- Offsets county costs for services provided to the federal government
- Certain federal lands not part of the county's tax base

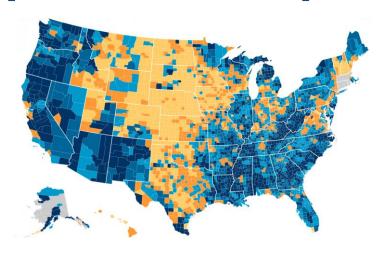
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS)

- Established in 2000
- Assists rural counties and school affected by federal policy changes
- Decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands

PILT and SRS are critical components of local government budgets, providing funding for law enforcement, fire suppression, public health, education services, roads and infrastructure, and natural resource management.

County Explorer — Data Helps to Tell the Story

Explore New Mexico and your county through over 1000 indicators and nearly 100 data sets organized according to topical areas:



- Administration
- Employment
- Finance
- Demographics
- Education
- Federal Funding
- Justice & Public Safety
- Social Services
- Transportation
- Public Lands

