

# **News Brief**

November 24, 2021



#### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration deadline for in-person attendees is Monday, December 27, 2021

The Deadline for NM Finance Authority **\$\$\$ is Dec. 7** NMFA still has funding available to help small businesses with rent, mortgage, and lease expenses. Please share with your communities now. (Program website HERE

#### MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (Share overview HERE)

- •Businesses or nonprofits must operate in NM
- •Businesses or nonprofits must have at least one full-time or part-time employee but fewer than 75
- Businesses or nonprofits had to lay off employees or reduce employee hours due to the pandemic
- •Businesses or nonprofits must be current on all state & local tax obligations
- Businesses or nonprofits must have experienced a decline in business revenue between comparable quarters in taxable years 2019 and 2020

#### Promotional Toolkit Here:

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**Live Radio on Redistricting** Tune in next week on **Thursday**, December 2, 2021 at 9AM streaming on **GMCR.org** live radio (click on Listen button) to hear Lea County Commission Chair

and NMC Past President Rebecca Long express concerns about protecting the integrity of NM's redistricting process and considering the community interest in the southeast portion of the state.



**Grant County Assessor Raul** Turrieta will be sure to keep the discussion open and lively as Commissioner Long and Raul share their ideas.

## **US Department of Transportation New Mexico Fact Sheet Highlighting Benefits** of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

New Mexico would expect to receive approximately \$2.8 billion over five years in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges. On average, this is @ 29.7% more.

### **NACo Analysis of Build Back Better Act**

NACo Analysis for Counties: The Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act

State, Local, Tribal, & Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, & Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (County flexibility allocations here if passed by the House)

### Top County FAQs on Recovery Fund Q&A

**Q**: My county is offering premium pay for the work I perform as an eligible worker during the COVID-19 pandemic. If I receive such a payment, must I include the amount in my gross income?

A: Yes, you must include the payment in gross income as compensation for services. **Q:** If Recovery Funds are used to provide an individual with direct cash transfer for use in paying a utility bill, must the individual

include it in their gross income? A: No. These payments are considered qualified disaster relief payments and are



**County Managers and NMC Defend GRTs** Presenting before the Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee, Bernalillo County

Manager Julie Baca, Roosevelt County Manager & Affiliate Chair Amber Hamilton, and NMC Finance & Administration Director Leandro Cordova explain how county GRTs have been de-earmarked (but capped), allowing counties the ability to raise GRTs as needed. The managers noted increasing county expenses with little revenue offset to cover union demands, rising employee benefit costs, increasing operational costs, and the constraints on counties with caps on property taxes and GRTs. The team stated that it is too early to have valuable trends in data that need more time to develop. Internet sales tax promised a windfall for counties. Stay tuned as this is a give and take among cities and counties.



## **Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP**

All trainings open to county elected officials & employees Tue Nov 30 Advisory Council meeting 11 AM **TBD** Wed Dec 8 Virtual NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 AM

Live online NMEDGE Classes Jan. 11, 13, 17, Tue & Thu Jan 18, 25, 27

Live online NM EDGE Classes Mon Jan 17-18 Tue Jan 18-20

NMC Legislative Conference Hybrid-In person & virtual, Santa Fe County Legislative Session Begins Noon Tue Jan 18 Tue Jan 18 NMCIA Membership meeting 9AM **TBD** Tue Jan 18 NMC Board of Directors meeting 2PM

Wed Feb 2 Deadline for Bill Introduction

Sat Feb 5 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM

> Santa Fe County **Virtual NMC Executive Committee meeting**

Thu Feb 10

Sat Feb 12-16 NACo Legislative Conference D.C.

Thu Jan 27

Thu Feb 17 Legislative Session ends Noon Tue & Thu Mar

NM EDGE Classes Live Online, Mar. 8, 10, 15,

17, 22, 24, 29, 31 Wed Mar 16

NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM

Virtual NMC Executive Committee meeting

Wed Mar 23 Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Dona Ana

Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Chaves Thu Mar 24

County

Tue Mar 29 Legislative Regional meeting 10AM

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