



The #33StrongNMCCounties Campaign is Gaining Momentum!
Our third video release will be for Eddy County, which is scheduled to be released on Fri., February 18. The video will be live and sharable from the [New Mexico Counties official Facebook page](#). Please share this video on your county's FB page and be sure to use the hashtag, #33StrongNMCCounties.

We have seen wonderful engagement so far from the videos and graphics that you all have been sharing! Our first video went live on January 19 and has been viewed nearly 3,000 times and continues to grow. Keep up the great work sharing the #33StrongNMCCounties message!

Check out social media spotlights from [Quay](#) and [Union](#) County FB pages where they are using social media assets to uplift county services and opportunities. Keep sharing and posting the [social media assets!](#)

NMC Legislative Team is on Your Side!



L:R- Executive Director Steve Kopelman, General Counsel Grace Philips, Deputy Ex. Director Joy Esparsen, Government Relations Brian Moore, Finance & Admin. Director Leandro Cordova, and Government Affairs Specialist Aelysea Webb.

- Highlights few bills on way to Governor's desk:**
- HB 2** General Appropriation Act of 2022 (state budget bill; @\$8.5 billion)
 - SB 212** Capital Outlay Projects (@\$830 million)
 - HB 68** Criminal Code Changes ("omnibus" crime package; changes to LE Protection Fund; retention \$\$; enhancing penalties; etc.)
 - HB 163** Tax Changes ("omnibus" tax bill; reducing GRTs by 1/4% over 2 years; exemption for social security tax; removed 5-year moratorium on local governments to raise taxes; etc.)
 - HB 219** Increase Elected County Official Salary Cap
 - SM 6** Study Unified Jail & Prison System (NMC to convene task force)
 - HB 132** Lowers Maximum Permitted Interest on Small Loans (caps at 36%)
- Thank you, counties! Together, 33 Strong!

NMC Loss Prevention Training—16 Hour De-escalation Class



Counties that participated in Albuquerque were from Bernalillo, Cibola, Curry, Lea, McKinley, Quay, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Sandoval, and Taos Counties.

Continue to check out the NMC calendar below for more loss prevention trainings for your county employees.

Legislative Regional Meetings

10AM-2PM
Invite your legislators to attend and receive an update on the bills that passed. Find out how it affects your county.

- Thu Mar 31** San Juan County
- Wed Mar 30** Bernalillo County
- Wed Mar 23** Dona Ana County
- Tue Mar 29** San Miguel County
- Thu Mar 24** Chaves County

Construction Programs Bureau
Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program

NEED MONEY FAST?
Infrastructure Funds Available in 4-6 Weeks

Eligible Infrastructure Projects

- Water Tanks and Pipelines
- New Sewer Interceptors and Collectors
- Engineering Studies and Feasibility
- Water and Sewer System Rehabilitation
- Solid Waste Collection, Disposal, Storage and Recycling
- Stormwater and Right-of-Way
- Water Rights Acquisition Costs
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Eligible Borrowers

- Communities with population of less than 20,000
- Counties with a population of less than 200,000
- Water and Sanitation Districts
- Mutual Domestic Water and Wastewater Associations
- Solid Waste Authorities

Loan Terms

- 2.875% Interest Rate
- Repayment Term of up to 30 Years
- Maximum of \$2 Million per Year per Borrower
- Subsidy Available for Qualified Projects

APPLY HERE!
Questions? Call 505-469-3459 or email NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us

Apply Now! 2022-2023 Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program for Rural Communities

- CWPP updates up to \$20,000/project
 - Education & outreach activities up to \$15,000/project
 - Hazardous fuels reductions projects up to \$75,000/project
- March 7, 2022** deadline to BLM for required signature
March 31, 2022, 5PM deadline to NMC Aelysea Webb, awebb@nmcounties.org
- Control/Click on photo for complete program packet and applications

****APPLY OR NOMINATE A LEADER TODAY****
2022 Local Government Leadership Program

Program Dates & Location:
Feb. 24-26, 2022 (Santa Fe)
April 6- 8, 2022 (Albuquerque)

The Local Government Leadership Program is open to all municipal and county officials, school boards members, members of the New Mexico National Guard, tribal governments, and regional councils of governments. The class is selected to represent the various geographic regions of the state. Special consideration will be given to ensure diversity of gender, race, geography, and sector.

To apply or nominate someone from your community please click the button below or contact Leadership New Mexico at 505-398-1500.

LGLP Applications Deadline Extended to:
Friday, February 18th, 2022

Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar

- All trainings open to county elected officials & employees
- Thu Feb 17** Legislative Session ends Noon
 - Mon Feb 21-25** First Line Supervisor 40-Hour Training 8AM-4:30PM Register: ccorn@nmcounties.org
 - Tue & Thu Mar** NM EDGE Classes Live Online, Mar. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
 - Wed Mar 23** Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Doña Ana County
 - Thu Mar 24** Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Chaves County
 - Tue Mar 29** Legislative Regional meeting 10AM San Miguel County
 - Wed Mar 30** Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Bernalillo County
 - Thu Mar 31** Legislative Regional meeting 10AM San Juan County
 - Wed Apr 6** NMC Executive Committee Budget meeting 10AM Santa Fe County
 - Wed Apr 20** Advisory Council meeting 11AM Bernalillo County
 - Fri May 6** NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM San Miguel county
 - Wed May 11** NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM TBD
 - Wed May 18-20** WIR Annual conference Anchorage, AK
 - Mon Jun 13-17** NMC Annual Conference Bernalillo County
 - Mon Jun 13-14** NM EDGE Classes Live Online /TBD
 - Thu Jun 16** NMC Board of Directors meeting 4PM Bernalillo County
 - Thu Jul 21-24** NACo Annual Conference Adams County, Aurora CO

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