

## **News Brief**

July 28, 2022



New Mexico counties well represented at the NACo Annual Conference in Adams County, Aurora, CO. Breakout sessions eyed the next farm bill, that one size doesn't fit all when growing rural prosperity, how to invest the opioid settlement payout, and wages and benefits are always the bedrock of employee attraction and retention.

The NM Broadband Program (NMBBP) Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) is providing the following link to County Specific Data informing on Internet Service Providers (ISP) that operate within each county. These data include three spreadsheets that lists ISP by Technology Type, ISP Doing Business As (DBA) by Technology Type, and those ISP providing Mobile Wireless Services. These data may not be totally accurate, yet will provide some guidance in planning and outreach. If there are errors or omissions, please contact Ms. Gladys Valentin **gvalen**tin@edac.unm.edu.

County ISP Listing: <a href="https://">https://</a> edacftp.unm.edu/NMBBP/ ISP List By County S22/

Currently the OBAE is reaching out to NM ISPs and requesting their updated serviced coverage by technology type. This will assist in providing justification for funding proposals and to inform your communities. A copy of the Broadband Benchmark Data can be found here: <a href="https://www.nmcounties.org/wp-">https://www.nmcounties.org/wp-</a> content/uploads/2022/07/ **BB Benchmark Data.pdf** 



Santa Fe **County** wins NACo Achievement Award for its CONNECT program. The CONNECT is a network of navigators at

clinics, community service organizations, and governmental programs within Santa Fe County to provide residents with housing, food, transportation, utilities, and other social determinants of health.



San Juan **County** Mental Wellness Resource wins NACo Achievement Award for exemplary work for its residents.

Congrats to all our NM counties doing such good work for their communities!



**Public Input** Requested on the Future of Conservation

in New Mexico (30 by 30)

Request for Information to gather broad input on the conservation activities most important to New Mexicans. The RFI solicits ideas for a "uniquely New Mexico" vision for conservation.

All are welcome to respond to the RFI by filling out a survey using the following link: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/ e4c54c93351a4730b6cc05b2057f629e

Responses will be most helpful if submitted by **August 25, 2022.** 





## New Mexico True Day & **Gathering of Counties**

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 10AM-3PM

**Counties:** Register for a booth and highlight the best of your county!

https://statefair.exponm.com/f/63

Please contact Clarissa Baca, NMC Member Services Coordinator at: <a href="mailto:cbaca@nmcounties.org">cbaca@nmcounties.org</a>



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON US DOT Reconnecting Communi-

ties Grant Program Open Now! Apply for the \$1 billion Reconnecting Communities Pilot discretionary grant program for highways, rail lines, infrastructure removal, and main street revitalization. Deadline Thu. Oct. 13, 2022. Register TODAY for the webinar "Interested in Applying?" overview TODAY, Thu. July 28 at Noon.

## **New Mexico Land and Water Con**servation Fund (LWCF) Grant As-

Grant funds available in 2022 for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas.

- Opens September 1, 2022 with applications submitted by 4PM October 15, 2022.
- Up to \$3 million available
- Requires at least 1:1 non-federal match
- Project sites must be managed/ maintained for outdoor recreation in perpetuity
- Website: State Parks Division LWCF
- Contact Program Coordinator Robert Blankenship, 505-570-7942, <u>robert-</u>

fblankenship@state.nm.us

Link to NMC Meetings <u>Annual Calendar</u> **Link to Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP** Fri Aug 5 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Valencia County

Mon Aug 8-9 12-Hour Suicide Prevention Eddy County

Tue Aug 9 Webinar: Overview of Drug & Alcohol Testing in the Public Sector 10AM Wed Aug 10 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Bernalillo County, ABQ Wed Aug 31-2 NMML Annual Conference Al-

buquerque **Mon Sep 12-16** Instructor Development T4T

Las Cruces **Tue Sep 13-14** 16-Hour De-escalation Train-

ing Taos **Wed Sep 14** Affiliate Legislative Initiatives

Review w/Legislative Committee 11AM NMC Santa Fe Thu Sep 15 Gathering of Counties NM State

Fair; Sign up for a County Booth Tue, Thu Sep NM EDGE Classes Live Online 9/8, 9/13, 9/15, 9/20. 9/22, 9/27, 9/29 **Thu Sep 29-30** NMC Board of Directors Legislative meeting 2PM & Board meeting

8:30AM Wed Oct 19-20 NMCIA Board of Directors Retreat 8:30AM TBD

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