

USDA Rural Development Increases Grant Fund Limits for Those Homes Damaged by Forest Fires in New Mexico *Those applying for the funds must meet certain regulations to qualify for the expanded funding* The once in a lifetime grant will increase from \$10,000 to \$36,520 for those elderly low-income residents living in rural Colfax, Lincoln, Mora, San Miguel, and Valencia counties that were directly affected by the wildfires. ([Click here](#) to see FEMA presidential declaration disaster map.) An additional one percent loan up to \$40,000 is also available to those living in rural areas of less than 20,000 residents including those affected by the forest fires.

To qualify for the 504 loan and grant funding program you must:

- Be the homeowner and occupy the house
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income
- For grants, you must be 62 years old or older and not be able to repay a repair loan



September is National Suicide Prevention Month and National Celebrate Recovery Month. All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, persons with lived experience, and community members unite to promote prevention and recovery awareness.



Effective Employee Discipline Training
Fri Sept 16,
9:30AM-Noon Online

Any county supervisor, manager, and HR employees tasked with advising on discipline.



Registration link:

<https://registration.anymeeting.com/E950DB8383493966/registration-form>

- Correct poor performance in a fair and equitable manner without inviting litigation
- Understand the role of discipline and when it is warranted: progressive discipline and determining appropriate discipline; drafting effective disciplinary documents; conducting predetermination (Loudermill) hearings and understanding the principles of due process
- Learn roles of the supervisor/manager; HR, and legal in the disciplinary process, and the keys to avoiding liability when imposing disciplinary action. The principles taught (if followed) will increase the odds of avoiding disciplinary appeals and winning if appealed.



WUFS
Wildland
Urban
Fire
Summit

SAVE THE DATE
2022 Wildland Urban Fire Summit
November 16-18, 2022
The Lodge, Santa Fe

\$75 Registration
\$150 Exhibitor Table

Registration to open early October



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 Joy Esparsen, NMC Deputy Executive Director at: jesparsen@nmcountries.org

Price Change for NACo Leadership Academy

Effective October 1, the cost will increase from \$1,695 to \$2,995. NACo & PDA will offer a \$1,000 scholarship for every person enrolled in the Academy so no county will pay more than \$1,995 through 2023. You may reserve seats for the future (2023 and 2024) at the current cost through the end of this month. Please contact Luke Afeman lukea@pdaleadership.com for more info.

DFA Local Government Division to host webinar for New Mexico Capacity Building Grant \$1.5M is available for local governments to hire a grant manager or writer The New Mexico Capacity Building Grant funding opportunity to provide resources to local and tribal governments to secure grant professionals. LGD will host a pre-application webinar to provide information to all governments interested in applying for the grant to be held on **Thursday, September 8, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar. **The webinar will be recorded and available for future viewing on the DFA website.*

Wed Sept 14 NACo [Top Trends Counties Need to Know About GIS](#) Noon-1PM MDT

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)

Link to Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

Mon Sep 12-16 Instructor Development T4T Las Cruces

Tue Sep 13-14 16-Hour De-escalation Training Taos

Wed Sep 14 Affiliate Legislative Initiatives Review w/Legislative Committee 11AM-1PM NMC Santa Fe

Thu Sep 15 Gathering of Counties NM State Fair; Sign up for a County Booth

Fri Sept 16 Effective Employee Discipline training Online 9:30AM-Noon [Register](#)

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 Doña Ana County, Las Cruces

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

Wed Oct 26-28 Infrastructure Finance Conference ABQ, Bernalillo County

Thu Nov 3 NMC Executive Committee 10AM Santa Fe County

Fri Nov 4 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative meeting 9AM Santa Fe County

Wed Nov 16-18 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit Santa Fe County, The Lodge

Tue Dec 6-8 NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Bernalillo County

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