

**USDA Makes Grants Available to Help Rural Communities in New Mexico to Repair Water Infrastructure Damaged By Disasters in 2022** For presidentially declared disasters such as last years forest fires in calendar year 2022. USDA is making over \$247 million in grants available through supplemental disaster funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Funds available until expended and may be used to:

- Repair damaged water infrastructure
  - Develop resiliency to reduce long-term risks from future disasters
- Presidentially declared disaster areas: Big Hole Fire, Calf Canyon Fire, Cook's Peak Fire, Hermit's Peak Fire and the Nogal Canyon Fire

Application must be submitted via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or directly to the Rural Development State Office. For more information, contact Christine Griego at 505-761-4944.

### Attention County Managers:

Please join the NM Economic Development Dept. and NM Finance Authority on **Friday, July 7 at 9:00 a.m.** for an [informative webinar about the new Opportunity Enterprise Revolving Fund](#).

Apply for low-interest loans to be used to increase the inventory of commercial facilities in NM. The loan funds can be used to create a new building or renovate an existing building, and the building's tenant does not need to be known - the building can be built on spec, for instance. Projects are expected to attract businesses to the state, create jobs, and diversify the economy.

The application deadline for the first round is **July 31, 2023** funding \$17.5 million in loans, which is 25% of the \$70 million total loan fund. The interest rate is fixed at 60% of the Wall Street Journal prime rate. The loan term will be 15-30 years and the loans may be paid off in advance with no pre-payment penalty. The maximum loan amount is \$17.5 million.

Governed by the Opportunity Enterprise Review Board in partnership with the NMEDD and the NMFA, the Opportunity Enterprise Revolving Fund was created by the New Mexico Legislature in 2022 with a \$70 million appropriation. The OERF application process is administered by the New Mexico Finance Authority.

## COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT (CWDG) WORKSHOP

Sharpen your CWDG Application with us at the Forestry Division's Free Event



The State of New Mexico had 5 out of 22 applications funded for Cycle 1. Ranking 4th nationally in number of projects awarded and dollars allocated.

### CWDG Workshop Overview and Expectations:

- Lessons Learned from Cycle 1
- CWDG Process Updates
- EMNRD Forestry Division Compliance, Procedures and Resources
- Cycle 2 Application Review from workshop panel - Yes, please bring your most recent application!

**July 17, 2023 9:00-1:00**

Ruidoso Community Center 501 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM

**July 21, 2023 9:00-1:00**

La Cienega Community Center 136 Camino San Jose Santa Fe, NM

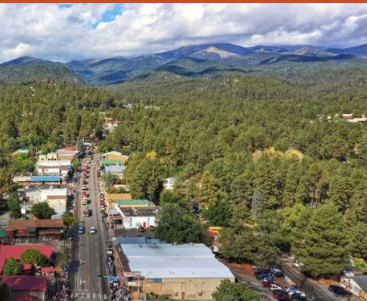
**Virtual Option Facebook Live**

<https://m.facebook.com/NMForestryDivision>



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

## NM Wildland Urban Fire Summit

### Cycles of Wildfire Risk Reduction: from Mitigation to Recovery

Field trips include Mescalero, Bonito Lake, & Moon Mountain

October 11-13, 2023

Ruidoso, Lincoln County

Recent [Supreme Court decisions](#) have significant implications for counties:

- In the case of *Sackett v. EPA*, the Supreme Court weighed in on what constitutes Waters of the United States, or WOTUS. The court imposed a new test based on whether wetlands are "adjacent" to navigable waters.
- In *Tyler v. Hennepin County*, the court held that county governments cannot keep surplus proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited property but can impose interest and late fees.

### Mental Health Policy Reform

The Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy revokes Medicaid coverage for people in jail - even those who have yet to be convicted of a crime. This policy creates a double standard that strains local systems and leads to higher recidivism rates and healthcare costs for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

⇒ **NACo** is urging our members to urge members of Congress to cosponsor the Medicaid Reentry Act and the Due Process Continuity of Care Act to allow continuous Medicaid coverage for pretrial detainees.



## ADA Discrimination Prevention and Handling Accommodation Requests Training

**Friday, June 30, 2023**  
**10am-11:15am Online**

Learn ADA best practices, compliance:

- Individual coverage under the ADA
- ADA's definition of disability
- Mandated interactive process
- Requesting medical records Do's, Don'ts
- Examples of reasonable/unreasonable accommodations
- Exceptions to the duty to accommodate
- Recordkeeping/confidentiality requirements
- Prohibited retaliation
- Related federal/state laws to consider



**Registration link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_32DZzdgTRGKzTT\\_m68z63A](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_32DZzdgTRGKzTT_m68z63A)

Link to NMC [2023 Annual Meetings Calendar](#)  
Link to Loss Prevention 2023 [Trainings Calendar](#) & [RSVP](#)

**Wed Jul 6** UPDATED NMC Legislative Initiative Review w/affiliates 11am NMC Santa Fe

**Tue Jul 18-19** LP Suicide Prevention Curry County

**Fri Jul 21-24** NACo Annual Conference Travis County, Austin, TX

**Thu Aug 3-4** Thu NMC Board Code of Conduct 10am, Legislative Initiatives Review Noon, Fri Board meeting 8:30am Eddy County

**Wed Aug 9** NM CIA Board meeting UPDATED to Bernalillo County ABQ

**Mon Aug 14-18** Instructor Development ABQ, SWTC

**Wed Aug 30-01** NMML Annual Conference Farmington

**Tue, Thu Sep** NM EDGE classes Live Online 6/6, 6/7, 6/12, 6/14, 6/19, 6/21, 6/26, 6/28

**Mon Sep 11-15** 1st Line Supervisor training ABQ, SWTC

**Thu Sep 14** Gathering of Counties, NM State Fair

**Tue Sep 19** NMCR Captive Board meeting 10am Zoom

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