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New Mexico Economic Development Advisors Announce Public Meetings for 2024

In 2021, El Paso Electric (EPE) in partnership with Infrastructure Investments Fund (IIF) created the New Mexico Economic Development (NMED) Grant. The funds are held in partnership with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and a three-member board of advisors. The fund has awarded \$4.0 million since its inception and continues to drive regional growth and economic vibrancy in Southern New Mexico. Each year, \$1 million is provided to economic development organizations focused on job creation, import and export business creation and entrepreneurship.

The fund is governed by three independent board advisors which includes members Jerean Camunez Hutchinson, Dr. Andrea Tawney and Brandy K. Darden. We invite you, your organizations, economic development professionals, potential grantees, and community members to learn more.

A hybrid meeting will be held on **May 10th at 9:00 am**, per the Open Meeting Act of New Mexico, for applicants, as well as the public to learn more about the grant and those behind it. The Economic Development Grant meeting will provide a final grant report in regards to the 2023 projects. These projects focused on job creation, business support, and general economic growth achievement. This meeting will be held in person at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico offices at 2640 El Paseo Rd. Attendees can also attend the meeting via Zoom with the following information:

Time: May 10, 2024 09:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86870144865?pwd=Q1BWdTlvU2Y3ZFN6WFV2UHpkVFZoQT09

Meeting ID: 868 7014 4865

Passcode: 451005

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdvHxaHYux

The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11, 2024.

To RSVP, please email <u>info@cfsnm.org</u> or call the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico offices at 575-521-4794.