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## **New Mexico Economic Development Advisors Announce Public Meetings for 2025**

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 Abel Covarrubias, 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 **April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2024 projects, Announcement of 2025 Grantees, showcase the new NMED Logo and introduce the new NMED advisor, Abel Covarrubias. These projects are 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: April 2, 2025 09:00 AM** Mountain Time (US and Canada)

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89332329300?pwd=WlqdbxHkjAwJ5O9WyFdlq6gJz4dKeo.1>

Meeting ID: 893 3232 9300

Passcode: 366910

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcels33oHX>

The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2025.

Please see attached agenda for further information on the meeting. To RSVP, please email [info@cfsnm.org](mailto:info@cfsnm.org) or call the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico offices at 575-521-4794.