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New Mexico Economic Development Advisors Announces 2nd 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 include 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 **October 15th 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 regard to the mid-year reporting on 2025 projects, review of financials including investments, and a discussion and vote on a new NMED advisor. Dr. Andrea Tawney will be fulfilling her term and will be stepping off of the NMED Advisors. **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: October 15th, 2025 09:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83897161037?pwd=AXyebTcb0fxjOF2kJwApkEfls7eAHu.1>

Meeting ID: 838 9716 1037

Passcode: 826955

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83897161037?pwd=AXyebTcb0fxjOF2kJwApkEfls7eAHu.1>

The next public meeting will be scheduled at this meeting for 2026.

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