

New Mexico Tribal Broadband News & Updates

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NM Tribal Working Group (TWG) Meeting October 25, 2023 12:00pm - 1:00pm, MDT

TWG is committed to ensuring New Mexico tribes are actively part of the historic broadband initiatives that will enhance tribal communities' access to education, healthcare and economic development. You are invited to join the meetings, the next TWG meeting on September 27, 2023.

Agenda Oct 25, 2023

NTIA Letter of Credit (LOC) - (required for BEAD funding)

Congressional representatives have been invited to discuss addressing the LOC requirement.

NM Tribal Broadband Working Group Meetings

- Every other Wednesday at 12:00pm, MT
- Zoom Link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86256047626?</u> pwd=MXdrVDJrdXFqVkNjVVVPc2U2aU1RQT09

Mission

To assist and support New Mexico Tribes in developing and deploying broadband infrastructure through tribal consultation and engagement that leads to expanded access to health care, education and economic opportunity and includes strategies for access to funding, technical assistance, project management support, workforce development and sustainability in ways that protect tribal sovereignty.

Become a Member!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the <u>Tribal Working Group</u>, please send an email to: <u>connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us</u>. In the body of your email, please include a brief statement of interest, including your experience relating to the work group's mission. Also, let us know how best to contact you about the status of your membership request. The Council appreciates your interest!

Connect New Mexico



Connecting Our Communities

Connect New Mexico is a community-driven and community-focused resource to gather and share benchmark data and support local and regional community efforts to plan, fund, and implement broadband initiatives that provide reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband for all in New Mexico.

They honor the many community organizations, agencies, and individuals working to support Broadband for New Mexico, and invite you to get involved.

Connect New Mexico Council Working Groups

- Digital Equity & Inclusion Working Group (Chair Eli Guinnee and Co-Chair Catherine Nicolau)
- Mapping, Data & Evaluation Working Group (Acting Chair Natalie Runyan)
- Regional Planning & Community Engagement Working Group (Acting Chair Jerry Smith and Council Representative Katherine Crociata)
- Tribal Working Group (Chair Godfrey Enjady and Co-Chair Stephine Poston)
- PROP Working Group: Permits, Right of Way, Pole Attachments (Chair: Ovidiu Viorica)
- Connect New Mexico Grant Program and Rule Making Working Group (Chair Kimball Sekaquaptewa and Lead Vanessa Willock)

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of these groups, e-mail: <u>connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us</u>.

Check out their website, and sign up for the newsletter!

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