



New Mexico Tribal Broadband News & Updates

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Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

Connect New Mexico Pilot Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Deadline Extended to **April 3, 2023**

The Connect New Mexico Pilot Program (“Pilot Program”) aims to bridge the digital divide and foster socioeconomic progress by providing infrastructure grants for broadband deployment to unserved and underserved communities across New Mexico.

The NOFO formally establishes the funding opportunity for the Connect New Mexico Pilot Program. Please review the NOFO to learn about the program purpose, eligibility factors (e.g., project types, service areas, entities), allowable expenditures, key performance requirements (e.g., network performance, service offerings), evaluation criteria, and compliance requirements.

For technical assistance on this NOFO, contact Alex Trujillo (*please be advised of corrected email address*) aquiles.trujillo@doit.nm.gov.

[Link to NOFO.](#)



Important FCC Broadband Data Collection Deadline March 15, 2023

The FCC recently announced that challenges to the current version of the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric (version two) should be filed by March 15, 2023 in order to have the best chance of being resolved in time for results to be included in the next version of the Fabric (version three). Version three of the Fabric will be released in conjunction with the BDC filing window for provider availability data as of June 30, 2023 and will appear along with provider reported availability data on Broadbandmap.gov in the Fall of 2023.

Click here for more details.

NM Tribal Working Group Join the Meeting, Become a Member

The Tribal Working Group 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.

Mission of Tribal Working Group

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.

NM Tribal Broadband Working Group Meetings

- Every other Wednesday at 12:00pm, MT
- Next Meeting - **March 15, 2023**
- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86256047626?pwd=MXdrVDJrdXFqVkJVVVFc2U2aU1RQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 862 5604 7626; Passcode: 602095

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tribal Working Group, please send an e-mail to: connectnmcouncil@state.nm.us. In the body of your e-mail, 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!

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