

U.S. SENATOR BEN RAY LUJAN'S BROADBAND FOR NEW MEXICO WEBINAR SERIES

U.S. Senator Ben Ray Luján in collaboration with the National Telecommunications Information Administration, the Federal Communications Commission, National Association of Counties and the NM Office of Broadband Access and Expansion present:

Federal Broadband Funding 101: Resources for Local Government

Wednesday, December 7th, 11 AM – 1:00 PM MT

10:45 Presenters should log on.

11:00 – 11:05 Senator Luján kicks off the webinar and provides remarks.

11:05 – 11:07 Senator Luján introduces Valencia County Commissioner Jhonathan Aragon, Chair of NM Counties.

11:07-11:09 Senator Luján introduces Alison Nichols, Director of Policy, New Mexico Municipal League.

11:10 Senator Luján turns it over to Dianne.

11:10 – 11:35 **NM Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) Update** – Dianne Lindstrom, Deputy Director, NM Office of Broadband Access and Expansion. [*Dianne may introduce Ovidiu Viorica to discuss mapping tools*].

[11:30 Senator Luján departs webinar and Melanie will take over as emcee]

11:35 – 12:05 Broadband 101 and Deep dive on BEAD and Digital Equity grant funding – Heidi Byrd Federal Program Officer- New Mexico, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth (OICG) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) U.S. Department of Commerce and Knowledge Build Hudson, NTIA Digital Equity Advisor, US. Department of Commerce

12:05 – 12:30 National Broadband Maps: Timelines & Challenge Process, Ed Bartholme, Deputy Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

12:30 – 12:55 Panel: Local Government as Essential Partners for Broadband

- Seamus Dowdall (**presenter and moderator**), Associate Legislative Director for Telecommunications & Technology Policy issues, National Association of Counties
- Kitty Clemens, Destination Strategies
- Jerry Smith, Broadband Manager, Los Alamos County
- Misti Willock, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Sacred Wind/CommNet/Ethos Broadband
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12:55 – 1:00 Closing – Senator Lujan's Staff (Melanie)