



Connect NM Disaster Relief Grants Available

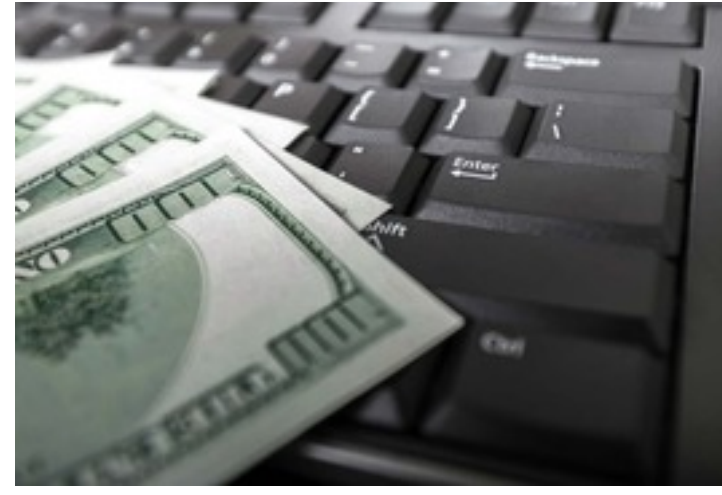
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Application Information for Connect NM Disaster Relief

\$1.25 Million Available to Help Fire and Flood Victims



The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) has announced that, starting January 27, entities may apply for infrastructure grants for broadband deployment to unserved and underserved communities in New Mexico impacted by environmental disasters, including wildfires and floods.

The application portal will open on Monday, January 27.

Applications for the grants are due Friday, March 21.

To go to the portal and for more information on the NOFO, Application, and Scoring Guide, please [CLICK HERE](#).

The Connectivity to Declared Disaster Areas grant funding is \$1.25 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. OBAE will issue these disaster relief grants to foster the deployment of terrestrial-based broadband networks across unserved and underserved locations in those New Mexican communities where environmental disasters have left widespread destruction in their wake.

Entities eligible for these disaster dollars include tribal governments, local government units such as municipalities, counties and other political subdivisions, local and state agencies, for-profit and non-profit entities, cooperatives or mutual organizations, and utilities.

The broadband infrastructure grants would go to last-mile networks that provide connectivity to unserved and underserved households and businesses.

Entities that apply will be required to provide a 25% match, although there may be waivers to allow a lower match depending on circumstances. Grant requests must be at least \$250,000. The relief funds will go to areas the Governor has declared a disaster between 2022 and 2024 or areas where state or federal officials have identified as being impacted by wildfires.

Projects must be completed and commercially ready to offer services by December 31, 2026.

If you have any questions, please go to: Broadband@connect.nm.gov

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