

New Mexico Pueblos Get More Than \$22 Million in Broadband Grants

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Awards to Provide High-Speed Internet, Broadband Technical Support and Training



Three New Mexico pueblos are receiving \$22.6 million in federal broadband grants, expanding high-speed internet access and digital equity for Tribal communities.

The funding comes from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, which has nearly \$3 billion, as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's *Internet for All* initiative. The awards will support broadband infrastructure deployment, affordability programs, telehealth and education programs.

These grants will fund infrastructure, training, and services for the Pueblos of San Felipe, Jemez, and Picuris.

- **San Felipe Pueblo:** \$18.6 million to build broadband infrastructure that will connect 550 households via fiber and fixed wireless technologies.
- **Jemez Pueblo:** \$2.4 million for broadband technical support, training, and awareness initiatives to boost participation in its tribal broadband program.
- **Picuris Pueblo:** \$1.5 million to pre-pay broadband services for households, businesses, and community anchor institutions, as well as provide workforce development opportunities.

"These awards mark an extraordinary investment in Tribal communities," said Victory Quintana, Tribal Coordinator & Liaison for the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE). "Providing broadband access will change and enrich lives in these three pueblos and surrounding communities, offering digital opportunities in such areas as education, health and other essential services."

San Felipe and Jemez pueblos are in Sandoval County. Picuris Pueblo is in Taos County.

The New Mexico Tribal grants are part of \$276 million released by NTIA to 44 Tribes nationwide. All funds are designed to build or expand broadband in Tribal communities.

In 2024 OBAE awarded eleven Tribes in New Mexico more than \$35 million in state grants.

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