



State Awards \$15 Million in Broadband Grants

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Funds Will Go to Infrastructure Projects in Six Counties and Two Pueblos



The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) has announced it has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to entities through the state's Connect New Mexico Fund to go toward deploying broadband infrastructure. The eight grants were awarded to Resound Networks, an internet service provider based in Pampa, Texas, and the Pueblos of Tesuque and Laguna.

The newly awarded grants total \$15,440,719.

Resound Networks received awards for six broadband infrastructure projects. Those projects are in Luna, Sierra, San Miguel, Colfax, Chaves and Eddy counties. The Pueblo of Laguna received \$4.86 million, the largest grant for a single project in this latest round of awards. The Pueblo of Tesuque was given \$1.26 million.

The awards will lead to broadband infrastructure that will connect more than 4,600 homes, businesses, farms and other locations in unserved and underserved areas. An underserved location is one that does not have access to broadband speeds of at least 100Mbps download and 20 Mbps uploads.

OBAE Acting Director Drew Lovelace says these vital projects will mean connectivity to thousands of people, enabling them to participate in the digital world and allowing them access to such necessities as telehealth, education, economic development and government services.

With these latest awards, nearly \$56 million from the Connect New Mexico Fund have been issued to internet service providers, telephone cooperatives and tribal communities. The Fund is a \$70 million state-led broadband grant program designed to expand high-speed internet access and deploy infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities.

OBAE plans to award more Connect New Mexico Fund grants in the near future, totaling millions of dollars.

For more information on the Connect New Mexico Fund and other broadband funding programs, [CLICK HERE](#).

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