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More Than \$1.4 Million in State Grants Awarded to 15 Counties, Pueblos and Other Entities to Help Deploy Broadband Across New Mexico



The New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) has announced 15 awardees that will receive state grants as part of the Grant Writing, Engineering and Planning program (GWEP). The state had allocated \$5 million in GWEP funds to help tribes, local governments and cooperatives attain grants to help them provide broadband to unserved areas.

“This is a big step forward to helping unserved regions of our state attain high-speed internet,” said Drew Lovelace, Acting Director of OBAE. “These are critical state funds that will be used as part of the broadband deployment process.”

The GWEP program grants will be used by the awardees for such things as grant writing, engineering and planning. These grants can also be used to attain other grants, like the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Awardees will use the funds to help provide broadband infrastructure, planning services and broadband engineering/design projects.

All GWEP awards are assistance and not merit grants, and the money must go toward infrastructure. Internet Service Providers are not eligible to apply for GWEP dollars.

The grants were awarded in two rounds this month.

Here are the grant awardees:

Round 1		Round 2	
Village of Pecos	\$100,000	Santa Fe County	\$100,000
Valencia County	\$100,000	Colfax County	\$72,635
Pueblo of Isleta	\$100,000	City of Raton	\$100,000
San Ildefonso Services, LLC	\$100,000	Pueblo of Picuris	\$100,000
Pueblo of Laguna	\$100,000	Redi-Net	\$100,000
Pueblo of Jemez	\$100,000	Penasco Valley Telephone Co-op	\$72,500
Otero County	\$100,000	Jemez Mountains Electric Co-op	\$100,000
Luna County	\$99,000		

OBAE's Grant Writing, Engineering and Planning program is urging tribal governments, local governments, rural telephone cooperatives and rural electric cooperatives to submit for assistance grants. ***There is still money available.***

To submit for a GWEP grant, click here: <https://obae.submittable.com/submit>

For more information about GWEP, click here: <https://connect.nm.gov/obae-funding.html>