



State Awards \$40 Million in Grants to Help Deploy Broadband Infrastructure
Grants Issued Through the State's Connect New Mexico Fund



Today, the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) announced that it's awarded more than \$40 million in state grants to internet service providers, telephone cooperatives, pueblos and a tribal company to deploy broadband across the state.

The grants are from the state's Connect New Mexico Fund. This \$70 million state-led broadband grant program is designed to expand high-speed internet access and deploy infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities. An underserved area is one that has access to a broadband connection less than 100 download/20 Mbps upload.

Grant recipients include seven entities, some of which will handle multiple projects.

“These state grants signify tremendous progress towards building reliable broadband infrastructure that helps connect communities in rural parts of New Mexico,” said Gov. Lujan Grisham. “New Mexicans can rest assured that my administration will remain aggressive about delivering scalable and sustainable high-speed internet to broadband-dry areas of the state.”

The grantees include Comcast Corporation, Resound Networks, Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Valley Telephone Cooperative, Isleta Pueblo, Picuris Pueblo and San Ildefonso Services, the business arm of the San Ildefonso Pueblo.

Here are the Connect New Mexico Fund grants:

Comcast Corporation	\$12,532,773 (4 projects)
Resound Networks	\$8,100,000 (3 projects)
Valley Telephone Cooperative	\$5,682,261
Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative	\$4,858,602 (2 projects)
Picuris Pueblo	\$4,072,430
San Ildefonso Services, LLC	\$3,474,312
Isleta Pueblo	\$1,554,891
Total Awards:	\$40,275,269

The state grants will be used for broadband deployment in 16 counties. Nearly 400 miles of fiber will be constructed to complete the projects.

Construction will begin as soon as awardees complete preliminary work including permitting, right of way access, labor contracts and supply purchases.

OBAE is planning to award more Connect New Mexico Fund state grants soon, totaling millions of dollars.