The New Mexico Congressional Delegation Office is pleased to present a grant advisory that offers a list of grants that may offer federal funding options for organizations, nonprofits, local and tribal governments, as well as other groups in New Mexico. The intent of this advisory is to alert Delegation Staff to upcoming grants that may address common needs among our constituents. Therefore, please use this resource to reach out to any entities that may be interested in the below funding opportunities. Interested parties may also submit requests for grant assistance via the following page on Senator Heinrich’s website.

Grant Topics Covered: Agriculture, Economic Development, Education, Environment/Public Lands, Housing, Science/Technology

Note: This email provides a select list of federal grants offered through various federal agencies. This is not a complete list of all grant opportunities and more specific grant requests should be referred to the Delegation Office. For more information on program guidelines, please click on the links provided to be directed to the official grant announcement.

GRANTS BY TOPIC

AGRICULTURE

- Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture Program

Purpose: NLGCA Institutions may use the funds: (a) to successfully compete for funds from Federal grants and other sources to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, State, and local interest; (b) to disseminate information relating to priority concerns to interested members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities, the public, and any other interested entity; (c) to encourage members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities to participate in priority education, research, and outreach activities by providing matching funding to leverage grant funds; and (d) through: (1) the purchase or other acquisition of equipment and other infrastructure (not including alteration, repair, renovation, or construction of buildings); (2) the professional growth and development of the faculty of the NLGCA Institution; and (3) the
development of graduate assistantships.

**Eligible Applicants**: Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCAs) certified as such by the NIFA at the time of application.

**Funding Information**: $4,800,000 total funding

**Deadline**: November 22, 2021

- **Specialty Crop Multi-State Program**

  **Purpose**: Funds will enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through collaborative, multi-state projects that address the following regional or national level specialty crop issues: food safety; plant pests and disease; research; crop-specific projects addressing common issues; and marketing and promotion.

  **Eligible Applicants**: County governments; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; State governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; and Special district governments.

  **Funding Information**: $1,000,000 total funding

  **Deadline**: December 6, 2021

- **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science**

  **Purpose**: Funding supports six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. Research-only, extension-only, and integrated research, education and/or extension projects are solicited in this Request for Applications (RFA).

  **Eligible Applicants**: 1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Orgs, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed, Other or Additional Information (See below), Private Institutions of Higher Ed, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Ed

  **Funding Information**: $300,000,000 total funding

  **Deadline**: December 15, 2021

- **Solid Waste Management Grant Program**

  **Purpose**: Funds may be used to: Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources; provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of active landfills; provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream; provide technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills which are closed or will be closed in the near future with the development and implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

  **Eligible Applicants**: An organization is eligible to receive a SWM grant if it: a) is a private, non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS); b) is a Public Body; c) is a federally acknowledged or State-recognized Native American tribe or
group; d) Is an Academic Institution; e) Is legally established and located within one of the following: a state within the U.S.; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; a U.S territory. f) Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose; g) Has a proven record of successfully providing technical assistance and/or training to rural areas; h) Has capitalization acceptable to the Agency and is composed of at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership being citizens of the U.S. or individuals who reside in the U.S. after being legally admitted for permanent residence; i) Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt; j) Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements; k) Contracts with a non-affiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide proposed assistance.

**Funding Information:** $4,000,000 total funding

**Deadline:** December 31, 2021

- **Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program**

  **Purpose:** Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to: Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal: assist applicants, that have filed a pre-application with RUS, in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and/or provide technical assistance and/or training to water/wastewater system personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities.

  **Eligible Applicants:** Entities eligible for grants must be private nonprofit organizations with tax exempt status, designated by the Internal Revenue Service. A nonprofit organization is defined as any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that:
  - (1) Is operated primarily for scientific, education, service, charitable, or similar purposes in the public interest.
  - (2) Is not organized primarily for profit.
  - (3) Uses its net proceeds to maintain, improve, and/or expand its operations.

  **Funding Information:** $ total funding

  **Deadline:** December 31, 2021

- **Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)**

  **Purpose:** The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas.

  **Eligible Applicants:** State, City, County, or township governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; and Private institutions of higher education. Rural public entities including, but not limited to: Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of higher education, Federally-recognized tribes, Rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation).

  **Funding Information:** --

  **Deadline:** February 28, 2022

- **REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Program**
**Purpose**: This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA).

**Eligible Applicants**: State, tribal, or local governments; federally recognized tribes; land grant college, university, or higher education; rural electric cooperatives; and public power entities.

**Funding Information**: $100,000 in total funding.

**Deadline**: March 3, 2022

- **REAP Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program**

**Purpose**: The REAP program helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and helps meet the Nation’s critical energy needs. Applications for REAP may be submitted at any time throughout the year.

**Eligible Applicants**: Small businesses; agriculture producers.

**Funding Information**: $500,000 in total funding.

**Deadline**: March 31, 2022

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **Competition for a Cooperative Institute to Support Water Resources**

**Purpose**: Funds will support research under the following themes: (1) Expansion and improvement of water resources prediction capabilities; (2) Advancement and acceleration of water resources modeling; (3) Advancement and augmentation of hydroinformatics; and (4) Application of social, economic, and behavioral science to water resources.

**Eligible Applicants**: Eligibility is limited to non-Federal public and private non-profit universities, colleges and research institutions that offer accredited graduate-level degree-granting programs in NOAA-related sciences.

**Funding Information**: $360,000,000 total funding

**Deadline**: November 29, 2021

**EDUCATION**

- **Environmental Injustice and the Impact of the Increased Frequency of Extreme Weather Events on People with Disabilities**

**Purpose**: Funds will create report that identifies how the increased frequency of extreme weather events and environmental injustice impacts people with disabilities in the United States and in its territories. The report should identify the primary issues people with disabilities encounter because of the increased prevalence of natural disasters and environmental change. This report should also address how environmental injustice has a greater impact on people of color and indigenous tribes leading to an increased prevalence of disability in their community, further complicating these targeted population’s ability to mitigate the impact of increasing and extreme natural disasters. This report will address the impact of the increased frequency of extreme weather events on a person with a disability’s health and access to healthcare, community, housing, employment, and education. The report will also look at the higher prevalence of emergency evacuations, power outages, and their impact on people with disabilities.
Eligible Applicants: All potential applicants are eligible to apply.
Funding Information: $185,000 total funding
Deadline: November 8, 2021

ENVIRONMENT/PUBLIC LANDS

- **Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 - Fostering District and Farmer Water Saving Partnerships**

Purpose: Program supports Reclamation’s priorities, including increasing water supplies, leveraging science and technology to improve water supply reliability, addressing ongoing drought, and improving water supplies for tribal and rural communities.

Eligible Applicants: State, Indian tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in California. Those not eligible include, but are not limited to, the following entities: Federal Governmental entities, Individuals, Institutes of higher education, 501(c)(4) organizations, 501(c)(6) organizations.

Funding Information: $1,000,000 in total funding, 5-7 expected awards.
Deadline: November 1, 2021

- **Cumulative Health Impacts at the Intersection of Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and Vulnerable Populations/Lifestages: Community-Based Research for Solutions**

Purpose: Funds will cover transdisciplinary research with approaches that explore and analyze environmental problems at the intersection of climate change, environmental justice (EJ), and vulnerable populations/life stages.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, public and private institutions of higher education (IHEs), and hospitals located in the U.S. and its territories or possessions; state and local governments; Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments; and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply. Profit-making firms and individuals are not eligible to apply.

Funding Information: $8,100,000 in total funding
Deadline: November 16, 2021

- **FY 2021 Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Water Quality and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water**

Purpose: Funding will provide training and technical assistance for small public water systems, small publicly owned wastewater systems, and communities served by onsite/decentralized wastewater systems, and private drinking water well owners.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants under this competition are nonprofit organizations, nonprofit private universities and colleges, and public institutions of higher education.

Funding Information: $21,700,000 total funding
Deadline: December 3, 2021

- **Environmental Education Local Grants Program for Region 6 -- Solicitation Notice for 2021**

Purpose: Funds support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.
Eligible Applicants: Region 6 covers the state of New Mexico (NM). Any local education agency, college or university, state education or environmental agency, nonprofit organization as described in Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a noncommercial educational broadcasting entity as defined and licensed by Federal Communications may submit an application. “Tribal education agencies” that are eligible to apply include a school or community college which is controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation.

Funding Information: $300,000 total funding, 3 to 4 awards expected.

Deadline: December 6, 2021

- Cooperative Research Units Program

Purpose: Funds will help the mission of education and advance training in fish, wildlife, and natural resource sciences; research and facilities; and technical assistance.

Eligible Applicants: Only CRU Cooperating Universities are eligible to apply to the RWO component of the Cooperative Research Unit Program pursuant to the Cooperative Research Unit Act (Public Law 86-686).

Funding Information: $1,000,000 total funding

Deadline: August 8, 2022

HOUSING

- Rural Energy Savings Program

Purpose: Funds may be used to decrease the cost of energy for rural communities and small businesses by installing energy efficiency measures.

Eligible Applicants: Current and former Rural Utility Service (RUS) borrowers, subsidiaries of current or former RUS borrowers, and entities that provide retail electric needs in rural areas.

Funding Information: Not specified.

Deadline: Ongoing

- Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) - Competitive Grant Program

Purpose: Funds will carry out a range of affordable housing activities. Grant funds may be used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas and carry out other affordable housing activities. Grant funds must be used to primarily benefit low-income Indian families.

Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Funding Information: $95,000,000

Deadline: December 1, 2021

- Fiscal Year 2021 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Purpose: Funds will reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Eligible Applicants: State governments and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Funding Information: $160,000,000 total funding
Deadline: January 28, 2022

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

- Collaborative Science, Technology, and Applied Research (CSTAR) Program

**Purpose:** Funds will improve weather, water, and climate services to historically underserved and socially vulnerable communities. It is well known that underserved and disadvantaged populations are disproportionately impacted by extreme weather events, and are at greater risk for experiencing negative health impacts related to threats such as extreme rainfall, extreme temperatures, winter precipitation, extreme wind events, tropical cyclones, fire weather, and severe weather.

**Eligible Applicants:** United States institutions of higher education.

**Funding Information:** $800,000 in total funding, 5-7 expected awards.

Deadline: November 19, 2021

- Future Scholars for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Workforce Development Programs

**Purpose:** Funds will support STEM Workforce Development programs or projects that align with the Federal STEM Strategy and the DoD STEM Mission. This announcement encourages programs or projects that improve the capacity of education systems and communities to create impactful STEM educational experiences for students and teachers, and prepare the 21st century STEM workforce.

**Eligible Applicants:** Private institutions of higher education; State, County, Special district, City or township governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); Independent school districts; and Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Funding Information:** $50,000,000 total funding

Deadline: June 17, 2025