

Infrastructure Planning and Development Division



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Introduction

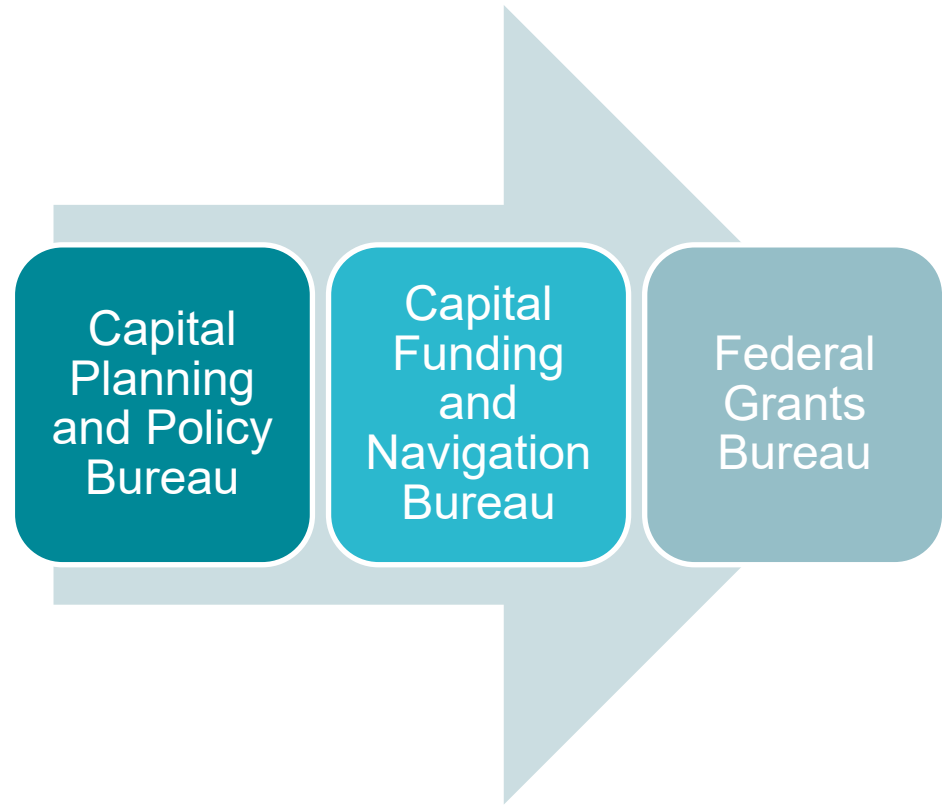


1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION; CREATING THE
3	INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE
4	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TRANSFERRING
5	FUNCTIONS, PERSONNEL, APPROPRIATIONS, MONEY, PROPERTY AND
6	CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.

- Established by the passage of HB 232 in the 2024 regular session as of July 1, 2024
- Essential functions outlined in the legislation include:
 - o Providing technical assistance to political subdivision of the state
 - o Receive and review Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIPs)
 - o Leverage state dollars for the acquisition of federal funds



This division will work closely with all state executive agencies, the legislative branch, the judicial branch and local public bodies to provide planning and funding assistance for all capital projects listed on the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP). The mission is for this division to successfully manage the planning of all capital outlay projects and to assist all entities with fully funding all capital outlay projects appropriated through Federal Bills, the Capital Appropriation Bill, the Reauthorization Bill, the GOB Bill, the HB2 Specials related to capital and any Junior Bill.





Capital Planning and Policy Bureau

- The bureau will assist state agencies and local governing bodies with planning their capital projects.
- Collaborate with the development of the ICIP, the review of the ICIP, as well as direct them to other resources for fully funding their capital outlay requests.
- Work closely with executive agencies and the Governor to prepare the Executive Capital Budget.
- Work in partnership with the Legislative Finance Committee and the Legislative Council Services to create the capital bill(s).
- Assist with the general fund questionnaire process, including audit compliance reviews, and work with the State Budget Division to assure all appropriations are budgeted and available for grant administration.
- Monitor the Capital Projects Management System (CPMS) and work with local governments and state agencies to assist with reporting.
- Also responsible for creating and updating policy for the Division.





Capital Navigation and Funding Assistance Bureau



- The bureau will be responsible for assisting state agencies and local governing bodies with finding funding for their capital projects.
- Responsible for coordinating the funding opportunities and providing guidance with applying for capital grants.
- Administer the NM Match Fund, which includes the match fund, project implementation, and federal compliance applications.
- Update and oversee the maintenance of the Catalog of Local Assistance.
- Collect data and create a rural database that could inventory existing infrastructure and provide real time information for grants and stakeholders.
- Help regions organize and get funding to conduct complete comprehensive asset management plans for unincorporated rural and tribal areas.



Federal Grants Bureau

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- The bureau will work directly with the Infrastructure Division to notify agencies and local governments of federal funding opportunities available.
- They will also aid with federal grant applications, including providing technical assistance or guidance with grant writing.
- Staff will assist agencies with internal federal grant accounting, auditing, and monitoring issues that may hold an agency back from receiving federal funds.
- Manage the reporting of the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Oversee the Direct Pay process



Looking Forward



Future Mission of the Division:

This division will work closely with all state executive agencies, the legislative branch, the judicial branch, and local public bodies to ensure all capital projects are successfully completed from inception to completion. The mission is for this division to successfully manage the planning, budgeting, grants administration, project management, fiscal management, reporting and closeout of all capital outlay projects appropriated through Federal Bills, the Capital Appropriation Bill, the Reauthorization Bill, the GOB Bill, the HB2 Specials related to capital and any Junior Bill.



New Mexico Match Fund



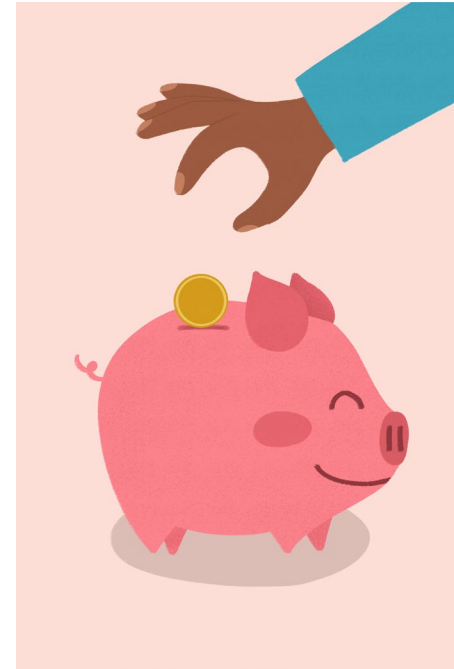
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The New Mexico Match Fund was established through legislation earlier this year with an initial appropriation of **\$75 million**.

The New Mexico Match Fund has the potential to leverage billions of federal dollars in the coming years, including through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) programs, such as:

- Regionally significant road, rail, and transit projects
- Neighborhood access and equity transportation program
- Watershed protection and restoration
- Water conservation, treatment, and supply
- Clean power generation and storage



Purpose

The purpose of the New Mexico Match Fund (“Fund”) is to help eligible entities utilize federal funding for state, tribal and local programs and projects. Using the resources provided through the Fund, the three authorized grant programs provide a unique opportunity to leverage federal funding for infrastructure, research, economic development, the energy transition, and other projects that foster healthy communities.



This funding is available for three grant programs:

1. **Matching Grant**: to an eligible entity for state matching funds for federal grants;
2. **Project Implementation Grant**: to an eligible entity that receives a grant for state matching funds for federal grants to administer that grant provided that a grant shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the combined total amount of the federal grant and state matching funds awarded to an eligible entity; and
3. **Federal Compliance Offset Grant**: to an eligible entity to offset higher project costs incurred due to compliance with federal requirements, such as sourcing US-made materials for construction projects.





Eligibility

The Policy provides implementation guidance to DFA for distribution of funding across the three grant programs.

An eligible entity applying for a Matching Grant shall request the full amount of the state matching funds required by the federal grant; however, the applicant will be required to provide information about other sources and amounts of available match for any portion of the minimum match required for the federal grant. A Matching Grant shall be contingent on the federal grant award for which the state matching funds are sought.

A Matching Grant recipient can apply for the Project Implementation Grant once the entity receives the federal award. This grant will be awarded separate from the Matching Grant.

An eligible entity that applies for a Federal Compliance Offset Grant shall submit proof to DFA of project cost estimates with and without federal compliance.





Eligible entities include:

- County;
- Municipality (city, town or village);
 - Drainage, conservancy, irrigation, soil and water conservation, water or sanitation district;
- Public water cooperative association;
- Community ditch association;
- Public post-secondary education institution;
- State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions;
- Any other political subdivision of the state; and
- Federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, the boundaries of which are located wholly or partially in New Mexico.

Timeline:

- ready to proceed and has either submitted a federal grant application or will be submitting a federal grant application within 120 days
- after receiving a federal grant award that contains a match requirement, the entity must submit the Matching Grant application to DFA within 60 days of receiving the federal award notification





Application and Criteria

Online applications can be found on the DFA website

Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. The review will determine if the eligibility and criteria have been met. The review will be conducted by DFA staff. For some applications from tribal governments, local governments and other political subdivisions of the state, DFA may consult with staff in other state agencies that have expertise in the type of program or project that would be funded with the federal grant.

For Matching Grant applications from eligible tribal governments and entities that meet the definition of rural or frontier, DFA will set-aside 40% of all Matching Grant funds available as of the start of the State Fiscal Year (July 1) to be awarded to rural, frontier and tribal communities that submit qualified applications.



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Questions and Comments

