

Funding Amount: **\$7 million**

Program Details

Program Name: Community Connect Grant Program

Administrator: New Mexico Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

Authorizing Legislation: Connect New Mexico Act

Funding Details

Award: \$2,499,999

Match Requirement: Not required

Key Dates

- OBAE will review applications and award grants in the order they are received
- Community Wi-Fi Grant Program expires on June 30, 2026

Eligible Applicants

- Municipal, county, and regional governments
- Tribal governments
- State agencies
- Public educational institutions
- Internet Service Providers (with the support of the target community)

Eligible Areas

Proposed Public Wi-Fi Projects must take place in New Mexico

Eligible Projects

- Projects that leverage community partnerships among schools, libraries, municipal service providers (e.g., senior centers) and other community anchor institutions
- 100/20 Mbps speed is required

Eligible Costs

Costs associated with leveraging community partnerships among schools, libraries, municipal service providers (e.g., senior centers, to expand Public Wi-Fi in New Mexico communities

Selection Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed in the order received
- Awards will be issued in accordance with <u>NMAC 1.12.21.10</u>
- Grant awards will be issued based on urgency of the identified issue, and the ability of the awardee to execute the project quickly in order to satisfy the issue

Application Process

• Apply on through the Submittable Portal on the OBAE website

Links & Contacts

- Community Connect Grant Program Home Page
- NM Broadband Map
- For Program and Application Assistance, send email to: neala.krueger@connect.nm.gov



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