

NM Regional Recreation Centers/Quality of Life Grant Application Instructions

GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS JULY 18, 2022

OVERVIEW

The NM Department of Finance & Administration is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for NM Regional Recreation Centers and Quality of Life grant. \$45 million is available for communities statewide to plan, design, furnish/equip and construct recreational projects.

This funding exists to improve the quality of life for New Mexico residents by creating new or expanding existing regional recreational facilities. These recreational facilities are defined as any project that will contribute to the quality of life for regional residents. Some examples of these recreational facilities could be a community center, skatepark, rodeo grounds, picnic shelters, or structures that enhance public based recreational activities.

Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis through June 30, 2025. All contracts awarded under this Invitation to Submit Project Applications will terminate on June 30, 2025.

Pre-Application Webinar

NM Regional Recreation Centers/Quality of Life Grant Pre-Application Webinar

Wednesday, July 18, 2022 – 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Potential applicants must register for the webinar to attend. The link to register for the webinar:

NM Regional Recreation Centers/Quality of Life Grant Webinar Registration

NM Regional Recreation Centers/Quality of Life Grant Application (must submit application via Microsoft form)

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants must be a legally recognized government or quasi-governmental entity. A local government must submit a project proposal on behalf of a non-profit entity in support of the project.

The following list of applicants includes eligible government or quasi-governmental entities:

- Municipalities
- Counties
- Tribal Governments
- Special Districts (Acequias & Land Grants)

What documents are required?

- Completed application form (submitted online) – [NM Regional Recreation Centers/Quality of Life Application](#)
- This is a competitive application process. A local governing body must be the lead applicant in this application.

Local or quasi-governing body must serve as the lead applicant and submit on behalf of the eligible partner(s).

- An Operating and Use Agreement from an eligible political subdivision is required within 60 days after the execution of contract to document that they will own the capital asset and ensure the asset is maintained. This agreement is required to comply with the Anti-Donation Clause of the New Mexico Constitution, Article XIII, Section IX.
- A current full project budget must be submitted including funding gaps and all sources of secured and anticipated revenue. (Exhibit 1)
- Applicants must provide quotes or estimates for equipment, vehicles, and real property/buildings the application. Equipment and vehicle line items without quotes will not be eligible for consideration. State and local procurement policies must be complied with for the duration of the project.

All documentation must be emailed to [**RegionalRec.NM@state.nm.us**](mailto:RegionalRec.NM@state.nm.us)

* The Department reserves the right to offer an award amount different than the amount requested.

Funding Categories & Selection Criteria:

Project proposals from an eligible organization and its local government partner will be considered in two areas: (A) Economic Impact: Project must show demonstrable benefit to the local community, either by attracting and retaining residents or attracting visitors. (B) Recreational Access: The project must be open for public use. Note: Projects on tribal lands are eligible and do not have to be open to the general public but should be open to tribal members.

Project Type:

- Plan/Design: Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), planning and design
- Equipment: indoor or outdoor equipment to include playground equipment, etc.
- Construction: for small and large projects to include community centers, skateparks, splash pads, rodeo grounds, outdoor theatres, picnic shelters, or structures that enhance public based recreational activities

Collaborative proposals and partnerships are eligible and encouraged. Applicants must specify the lead entity for contracting purposes.

The Department will select applications for funding based upon analysis of the submitted response. Selections will be made based on the following criteria.