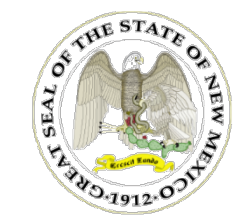


# Water & Infrastructure Updates

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April 21, 2026



# Scale of Investment

\$4.15B in Community Infrastructure & Housing Investment  
Senate Bills 2 & 240 | House Bills 2 & 248

\$1.65  
billion

- General fund, STBs, General Obligation Bonds and other state funds for **Capital Projects**, local and statewide. **SB240 & HB248**

\$1.5  
billion

- New State Transportation Commission bonding authority for state road and bridge project. **SB2**

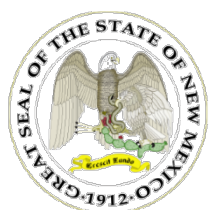
\$1 billion

- \$300M for higher ed institution facilities
- \$277M for water programs and projects
- \$210M for transportation
- \$135M for housing and homelessness initiatives
- \$40M for clean energy projects
- \$20M for New Mexico Match Fund

**HB2**

*Across multiple funding sources and legislative actions, this session reflects a historic level of investment in New Mexico's infrastructure system.*

*Equivalent to roughly \$2,000 per resident of new, one-time investments in communities.*



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# More Forward Progress

## Water Wins in 2026 Legislative Session (BUDGET - \$277M)

### Conservation & Infrastructure (\$178.8M)

- \$100M to water project fund
- \$22.5M for lower Rio Grande depletion reductions
- \$15M for Indian water rights settlements
- \$13M Strategic Water Reserve Fund
- \$10M to Rural Infrastructure Program Fund
- \$10M to ag water resilience grant program
- \$5.75M for wastewater facility construction loan fund (aka, state match for CWSRF)
- \$2.5M for water planning and education

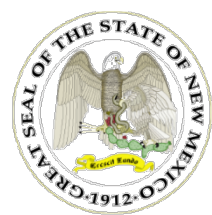
### New Sources (\$58M)

- \$35M for strategic water supply
- \$22M for aquifer monitoring and mapping
- \$2M for weather modification (split between NM Tech and OSE)

### Protection & Restoration (\$40.5M)

- \$25M to clean up contaminated sites, including \$20M for uranium mining cleanup
- \$10M for river stewardship program
- \$4M to address drinking water needs, including testing for PFAS contamination
- 1.5M for state surface water permitting program

*All numbers on this slide are new nonrecurring appropriations.*



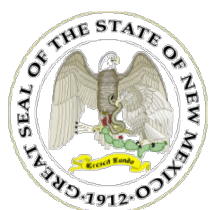
# *More Forward Progress*

## Water Investment in 2026 Legislative Session (BILLS)



Governor Lujan Grisham signs legislation enacted during the 2026 legislative session.

- ✓ **NMFA Water Project Fund Projects (\*HB 63)**
- ✓ **Public Projects Revolving Fund Appropriations (HB 64)**
- ✓ **Watershed District Taxes and Directors (HB 108)**
- ✓ **Water Project Fund Changes (HB 109)**
- ✓ **Water Law Violation Maximum Penalty (HB 111)**
- ✓ **Acequia and Ditch Infrastructure Fund Transfer (SB 193)**
- ✓ **Investment of Conservation and Legacy Funds (HB 184)**

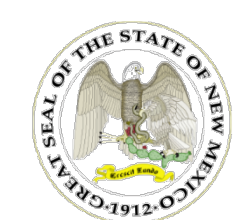


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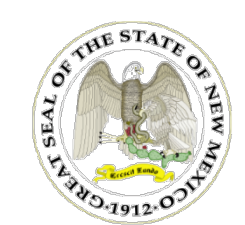
# NM Key Resources and Tools (General)

Category	Resource	What It Helps With
Identify Funding	Grants.Gov Search Tool <a href="https://grants.gov/">https://grants.gov/</a>	Search current federal funding opportunities across agencies and sectors
	NM Catalog of Local Assistance Programs: <a href="https://www.thegrantplantnm.com/opportunities/">https://www.thegrantplantnm.com/opportunities/</a>	Browse state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities for local projects
	New Mexico Match Fund: <a href="https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/nmmatchfund/">https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/nmmatchfund/</a>	Provides matching funds to support eligible projects applying for federal funding
Tech Assistance	Technical Assistance Gateway (TAG): <a href="https://tag.dfa.state.nm.us/wordpress/">https://tag.dfa.state.nm.us/wordpress/</a>	Centralized intake for technical assistance across planning, funding, and project development
	Infrastructure Planning & Development Division (IPDD): <a href="https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/budget-division/federal-grants-bureau/">https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/budget-division/federal-grants-bureau/</a>	Support with infrastructure planning, funding navigation, and implementation coordination
Manage Grants	Federal Grants Management Bureau: <a href="https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/budget-division/federal-grants-bureau/">https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/budget-division/federal-grants-bureau/</a>	Guidance on federal compliance, reporting, and grant administration
Stay Connected	DFA Infrastructure Division e-Newsletter	Updates on funding, trainings, and grant opportunities; sign up at <a href="https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/ipdd-constant-contact-sign-up/">https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/ipdd-constant-contact-sign-up/</a>



# NM Key Resources and Tools (Water)

- **50-Year Water Action Plan** at <https://www.nm.gov/water-security-in-new-mexico/>
- **NMISC Regional Water Planning** at <https://mainstreamnm.org/>
- **NM Environment Dept. Funding Opportunities** at <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>
- **Water Trust Board** information at <https://www.nmfinance.com/water-trust-board/>
- **Colonias Infrastructure Fund** at <https://www.nmfinance.com/colonias/>
- **Tribal Infrastructure Fund** at <https://www.iad.nm.gov/programs-and-funding/tribal-infrastructure-fund/>
- **Acequia construction** funding programs at [https://www.ose.nm.gov/Acequias/isc\\_acequiasConstruction.php](https://www.ose.nm.gov/Acequias/isc_acequiasConstruction.php)
- **State Board of Finance emergency** funding at <https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/board-of-finance/emergency-loans/>

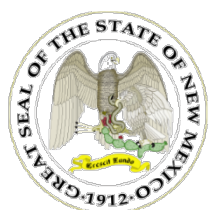


# Infrastructure Team Projects in 2026



Groundbreaking for wastewater line project in the Village of Pecos (June 2024)

- Continue supporting state agencies and our partners in infrastructure program implementation, including the 50YWAP
- Launching demonstration phase of NM BUILD – Businesses United for Infrastructure and Local Development – *where community projects meet the partners to build them*
- Ensuring success of infrastructure funding and policy wins in 2026 session
- Advocating for federal program support and funding
- Growing the workforce to build and maintain infrastructure, with emphasis on water workforce
- Improved metrics and milestone tracking of infrastructure projects statewide



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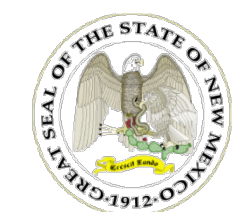
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