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2022 Legislative Session Reports: United to Support Recovery



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The following reports were developed by New Mexico MainStreet (NMMS) for the 2022 Legislative Session. They include information on NMMS's Capital Outlay funding request (\$10 million), completed and in-progress public infrastructure projects and district success stories.

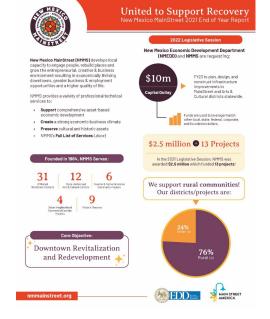
Please <u>review the reports</u> and contact NMMS or your district's Executive Director with any questions.

The <u>NMMS Network Directory</u> includes program contact information or you can contact NMMS's Director, Daniel Gutierrez, at (505) 827-0151 or Daniel.Gutierrez2@state.nm.us.

Thank you for your continued support, and helping us *engage people, rebuild places and revitalize economies* in New Mexico.

NMMS is a program of the <u>New Mexico Economic Development Department</u> (NMEDD), and a <u>Main Street America</u> Coordinating Program.

 NMMS 2021 End of Year Report.
 NMMS Capital Outlay Program.



NMMS's core objective is **downtown revitalization and redevelopment**. NMMS provides a variety of professional technical services to support comprehensive asset-based economic development, create a strong economic business climate, and preserve cultural and historic assets.

In this report, learn about:

- NMMS's impact
- Public infrastructure projects
- Success stories
- Communities served



NMEDD is requesting **\$10 million** in the 2022 Legislative session to plan, design, and construct infrastructure improvements in MainStreet and Arts & Cultural districts statewide.

Why is investing in public infrastructure important?

• Visible improvements build confidence in business owners

- Creates employment opportunities
- Strengthens the local economy
- Creates vibrant destinations
- Improves pedestrian safety
- Incentivizes commercial property improvements

Reach Higher New Mexico



Education is the first step for people to gain the knowledge, critical thinking, empowerment and skills they need to make New Mexico a better place. Many jobs in today's economy require an education beyond a high school diploma. With the ever-changing workforce environment, the proximity to the military bases and national laboratories, and top industry leaders deploying operations and research within the state, New Mexicans will need opportunities to continue to learn and grow their skills for career success and family-sustaining wages in New Mexico.

But for too many, earning a degree or other credential after high school is oftentimes unaffordable. For others, their education saddles them with so much debt it prevents them from buying a home or saving for retirement.

We believe every New Mexican deserves a bright future.

That future, which has been only a distant dream for many New Mexicans, is now within reach. We have the chance, right now, to secure this future by providing free higher education to EVERY New Mexican that chooses to reach higher.

Do you want to learn more about FREE higher education for every New Mexican? Visit **FreeCollegeNM.org**.

New Mexico MainStreet (NMMS) develops local capacity to engage people, rebuild places & grow the entrepreneurial, creative & business environment resulting in economically thriving downtowns, greater business & employment opportunities and a higher quality of life.

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