

THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN NEW MEXICO



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THE STATUS OF FREE MONEY

- ✦ Capital Outlay – None last year, none projected for 2010
- ✦ CDBG – Still there, requires local match, capped at \$500,000, competition is stiff and only blight with low MHI qualify
- ✦ Water Trust Board – Now requires a loan component

HOW DO WE APPLY FOR MONEY NOW?

- ✦ Uniform Funding Application (UFA) – Gateway to the funding world
- ✦ One application to access a variety of funding sources, eventually to include capital outlay
- ✦ <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/>
(Click on the welder)

IN THE FUTURE, PROJECTS MUST PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

- ✦ EPA and the State expect projects to promote sustainability
- ✦ All applicants will be reviewed for minimum criteria to determine their level of compliance with applicable regulations and their capacity for sustainability

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA?

- ◆ Human Health & Safety
- ◆ Compliance with regulations
- ◆ Appropriate planning – ICIP, PER
- ◆ Asset Management & Rate Analysis
- ◆ O&M plan and funding
- ◆ Green Projects
- ◆ Conservation, Reuse, and Accountability
- ◆ Adequate Governance
- ◆ Regionalization
- ◆ Leveraging
- ◆ Readiness to proceed – plans & specs

IF YOU WANT TO BE AT THE HEAD OF THE LINE -

- ✦ Consider sustainability in project planning and Green components
- ✦ Use the UFA to access public funding
- ✦ Observe the funding evaluation criteria and plan for it
- ✦ Enlist help of NMED-CPB Community Service Unit – Graham Knowles 505-222-9537
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