

Public Involvement Plan for the Clean
Water State Revolving Fund State Fiscal
Year 2022 Draft Intended Use Plan and
Project Priority List Public Comment Period
June 2021

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Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Overview

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department) Construction Programs (CPB) developed this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the public comment period of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Project Priority List (PPL) for State Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22).

The purpose of this PIP is to plan for providing public participation opportunities and information that may be needed to participate in the public comment period related to this document.

This PIP integrates information about the public comment period and identifies resources needed by the CPB to incorporate participation activities into the decision-making process for the public comment period for the CWSRF FY22 IUP and PPL. The PIP identifies the Department staff and resources needed to accomplish these activities.

CPB will meet the public participation requirements for the public comment period by following this PIP, which includes the applicable policy, regulatory, and statutory public participation requirements.

In developing this PIP, participation needs for the public comment period were assessed to ensure appropriate promotion of public outreach by identifying whether there is a combination of environmental and demographic factors that may impact public participation. This assessment identifies outreach opportunities for participation and provides for those opportunities.

As much as possible, public participation and informational activities related to the public comment period will be held within the timelines outlined in the table below. This timeline is tentative and subject to change and activities subject to statutory or regulatory deadlines are noted.

On the first date of the timeline for this formal public review and comment period there will be a legal notice in the Albuquerque Journal and the Santa Fe New Mexican. Additionally, CPB will provide pertinent information in both English and Spanish in email notices, on the Department and CPB websites, and in posts to social media. During the public comment period, documents may be reviewed through any of the announcement venues with links to the website.

Details about planned CPB outreach are provided in this PIP.

This PIP is a “living” document that may be amended after considering public comments and feedback. The CPB Chief provides final approval of the PIP and amendments.

| Activity | Dates |
|---|----------------------------|
| Notice PIP (invite public input) | June 6, 2021-June 18, 2021 |
| Notices published for public review of the CWSRF Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for FY22 in The Albuquerque Journal, the Santa Fe New Mexican, email lists, the department and CPB websites, and on social media | June 6, 2021-June 18, 2021 |
| CPB activity and/or public review period | June 19-July 1, 2021 |
| If no adverse public comments are received, the Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List will be finalized on the CPB website | July 1, 2021 |
| If adverse public comments are received the Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List will be finalized on the CPB website | August 5, 2021 |

Contact

The CPB contact for this Intended Use Plan public comment period is:

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 Santa Fe, NM 87505
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 Email: rhonda.holderman@state.nm.us

A. Non-English Language Speaker Assistance and Accommodations

Non-English speakers may call Saroj Baxter at (505) 470-5287 to request language assistance services, such as an interpreter.

B. Department Websites

New Mexico Environment Department - <https://www.env.nm.gov/>

Construction Programs CPB - <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/>

C. Location of Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Review

Clean Water State Revolving Fund - <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/>

Regulatory Background for Public Participation

Through enactment of the Wastewater Facility Construction Loan Act (Loan Act), Chapter 74, Article 6A, NMSA 1978, as amended, the New Mexico Legislature created a revolving loan fund (Fund). The purpose of the Loan Act "is to provide state agencies, local authorities, interstate agencies and other qualified borrowers in New Mexico with low-cost financial assistance in the construction of necessary wastewater facilities and other eligible projects through the creation of a self-sustaining program to improve and protect water quality and public health" §74-6A-2 NMSA (1978).

The Fund is administered by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) as an agent for the Water Quality Control Commission. State money is appropriated to NMED to carry out the provisions of the Loan Act and is used to match Federal funds allocated to New Mexico pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended.

Federal capitalization grants, loan principal and interest repayments as well as interest earnings on the Fund balance are deposited into the Fund. Administrative fee and refinance fee revenues are deposited into a separate dedicated Clean Water Administrative Fund.

The WQCC approved lowering the interest rate for publicly owned systems to between 0% and 1% in 2020. The rule change went into effect at the end of October 2020.

The Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC), New Mexico's water pollution control agency, has adopted regulations, application procedures, and a projects priority ranking system pursuant to the Loan Act, used by NMED to administer the loan program. The New Mexico Water Quality Act, §74-6-4 NMSA (1978) identifies the duties and powers of the WQCC. The provision states, "The Commission: May accept and supervise the administration of loans and grants from the federal government and from other sources, public or private, which loans and grants shall not be expended for other than the purposes for which provided."

Pursuant to the Loan Act, the WQCC adopted regulations concerning eligibility requirements for financial assistance, application procedures, priority ranking system and administration of the loan program and Fund. The current priority ranking system was approved by the WQCC on September 8, 2020. The CWSRF and NMED staff evaluate and rank eligible projects. All proposed §319 projects must implement the state's §319 Nonpoint Source Management Plan. The state reviews this plan when determining eligibility of project applications.

Public notice of the Project Priority List process is provided through publication in independent newspapers statewide and the NMED website. A project must be on the current New Mexico state fiscal year Project Priority List to be eligible for funding. It is the policy of NMED to make loans in order of priority on the current fiscal year priority list to the extent reasonable considering the following:

1. willingness to accept a loan;
2. financial capability of the applicant to service the loan;
3. the ability of the applicant to operate and maintain the proposed project; and
4. readiness to proceed.

Applicants that do not meet the above criteria and all the funding conditions may be by-passed.

Location and Demographics

The CWSRF Intended Use Plan is a statewide document, and thus contains the proposed projects and program goals for the entire state.

Demographic Summary

Using U.S. Census Quick Facts for the state of New Mexico for 2019, New Mexico has an estimated population of 2,096,829; 49% identify as Hispanic or Latino (that may be of mixed race) and 11% identify exclusively as American Indian. The percentage of persons that communicate in a language other than English at home is 34%, compared to 22% for the United States. Of these individuals, approximately 26% speak English less than "very well" representing 9% of the total population within New Mexico. Almost 80% of these LEP individuals speak Spanish.

The per capita income for New Mexico is \$27,230 as compared to the national per capita income of \$34,103, with eighteen percent of New Mexico's population living in poverty. These results indicate that for the state of New Mexico, the percentage of Spanish-speaking communication is considerable (i.e., substantially greater than the state or national percentage) and there are demographic factors (i.e., low income community, minority community, limited English proficiency individuals, Linguistically Isolated Households, et c.) that may impact public participation.

Therefore, CPB will provide information in Spanish and in English for public comment notices, both on the CPB website and in newspapers.

Public Participation & Outreach Activities

The public may ask questions about the IUP or PPL at any time. Interested parties do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact CPB. However, CPB emphasizes that to be included in the official record, comments solicited by public notices about the IUP or PPL must be submitted during the noticed comment periods, and in accordance with the public notice.

Specific outreach activities related to the draft 2022 CWSRF IUP and PPL include:

- Creating and maintaining specific web links to all pertinent documents (see <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/>)
- Developing a public notice announcing the opening of the 14-day public comment period,
- Posting this notice to the department and CPB website,
- Emailing this public notice to CPB's extensive email list through the GovDelivery e-mail delivery service (over 5000 email addresses as of May 2021),
- Printing the public notice in newspapers.

Copies of the draft 2022 CWSRF IUP and PPL and any supporting documents may be obtained via download from the CPB's website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/>, by contacting Rhonda Holderman at (505) 469-3365, by emailing, NMENV-cpinfo@state.nm.us, or by writing NMED CPB, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502. Based on the demographics report discussed in the PIP, basic information in the public notice will be in both English and Spanish.

A. Postal Mailing or E-Mailing of Notices to Persons on the Construction Programs CPB's Email List

The CPB maintains an extensive email list (over 5000 email addresses as of May 2021) that includes individuals interested in funding information. This list is a combination of all previously interested persons who requested the CPB provide them with information about potential funding for eligible water, wastewater, and storm water projects, as well as underground storage tank remediation and solid waste in New Mexico. The CPB regularly maintains contact information that is updated or supplemented, if additional information is found. Interested persons providing both an address and email may receive an email. Additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties are added to the email list as requested.

B. Email Updates

The CPB's email list and website are regularly updated as new information is submitted. The CPB's website liaison is Saroj Baxter at 505-470-5287 or saroj.baxter@state.nm.us.

C. Public Meeting Notices, Public Comment Notices, and Other Notices

Based on CPB's evaluation of the potential commenters public notices will be translated into Spanish. In addition, CPB may post notices on the Department's Events Calendar at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>

D. Informational Pamphlets

CPB has developed informational pamphlets for the CWSRF loan program that briefly explain the program, entities eligible for funding, interest rates and contact persons. CPB may determine whether the pamphlets will be available in languages other than English, online (e.g., CPB website) and in print (hardcopy) at the information repositories listed in this PIP. Pamphlets may also be distributed via email to interested organizations and individuals, including those who sign up for email notices through the website.

E. Public Comment Period

The public comment period on the draft 2022 CWSRF IUP and PPL will start on June 6, 2021 and run through June 18, 2021.

F. Other Outreach

Other means of outreach such as flyers announcing public comment periods may be posted in locations throughout the state (e.g., local businesses, schools, libraries) and on the Department's website, at the CPB's discretion after consideration of public interest and input.

G. Information Repositories

The draft 2022 CWSRF IUP and PPL and supporting documents are available for review on CPB's website, <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/>, by contacting Rhonda Holderman at (505) 469-3365, Rhonda.holderman@state.nm.us, or by emailing NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us or writing NMED CPB, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502.

The following is a list of locations where hard copies of relevant documents will be available for review at:

None identified at this time.

H. IUP and PPL Final Submission and Approval including Responses to Comments

CPB will amend the draft IUP and PPL and include a response to any comments received following the close of the public comment period. CPB is required to submit the final draft IUP and PPL to EPA Region VI for review and approval. The final draft IUP and PPL and all appendices will be available to the public from the CPB website, or upon request. CPB will also send a copy of responses to comments directly to the commenter.

Census Data 2019 ACS 1-Year Estimates

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=New%20Mexico%20Spanish%20Speakers&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S1601>

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New Mexico Spanish Speakers

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

Survey/Program: American Community Survey
TableID: S1601

Product: 2019: ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables




| Label | New Mexico | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--|-----|--------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-----|---|--------|-------|------|
| | Total | | Percent | | Percent of specified language speakers | | | | | | | | | |
| | Estimate | Margin of Error | Estimate | Margin of Error | Speak English only ... | | Percent speak English only ... | | Speak English less than "very well" | | Percent speak English less than "very well" | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Population 5 years and over | 1,979,851 | ±1 | (X) | (X) | 1,808,939 | ±9 | 91.4% | ±0.5 | (X) | (X) | 170,912 | ±9,466 | 8.6% | ±0.5 |
| Speak only English | 1,307,591 | ±1 | 66.0% | ±0 | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Speak a language other than English | 672,260 | ±1 | 34.0% | ±0 | 501,348 | ±1 | 74.6% | ±1.2 | (X) | (X) | 170,912 | ±9,466 | 25.4% | ±1.2 |
| SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spanish | 524,990 | ±1 | 26.5% | ±0 | 391,056 | ±1 | 74.5% | ±1.4 | (X) | (X) | 133,934 | ±8,435 | 25.5% | ±1.4 |
| Other Indo-European languages | 21,376 | ±3 | 1.1% | ±0 | 17,215 | ±2 | 80.5% | ±5.6 | (X) | (X) | 4,161 | ±1,475 | 19.5% | ±5.6 |
| Asian and Pacific Island languages | 24,791 | ±2 | 1.3% | ±0 | 16,012 | ±2 | 64.6% | ±5.6 | (X) | (X) | 8,779 | ±1,658 | 35.4% | ±5.6 |
| Other languages | 101,103 | ±4 | 5.1% | ±0 | 77,065 | ±5 | 76.2% | ±3.1 | (X) | (X) | 24,038 | ±3,261 | 23.8% | ±3.1 |
| CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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QuickFacts**New Mexico**QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a **population of 5,000 or more**.**Table**

| All Topics | New Mexico |
|---|--------------------|
| Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 2,096,829 |
|  PEOPLE | |
| Population | |
| Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 2,096,829 |
| Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019) | 2,059,199 |
| Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 1.8% |
| Population, Census, April 1, 2010 | 2,059,179 |
| Age and Sex | |
| Persons under 5 years, percent | ▲ 5.8% |
| Persons under 18 years, percent | ▲ 22.7% |
| Persons 65 years and over, percent | ▲ 18.0% |
| Female persons, percent | ▲ 50.5% |
| Race and Hispanic Origin | |
| White alone, percent | ▲ 81.9% |
| Black or African American alone, percent (a) | ▲ 2.6% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a) | ▲ 11.0% |
| Asian alone, percent (a) | ▲ 1.8% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a) | ▲ 0.2% |
| Two or More Races, percent | ▲ 2.6% |
| Hispanic or Latino, percent (b) | ▲ 49.3% |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent | ▲ 36.8% |
| Population Characteristics | |
| Veterans, 2015-2019 | 144,977 |
| Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019 | 9.4% |
| Housing | |
| Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 948,473 |
| Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019 | 67.7% |
| Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019 | \$171,400 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019 | \$1,280 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019 | \$356 |
| Median gross rent, 2015-2019 | \$844 |
| Building permits, 2019 | 5,020 ¹ |
| Families & Living Arrangements | |
| Households, 2015-2019 | 780,249 |
| Persons per household, 2015-2019 | 2.63 |
| Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019 | 86.7% |
| Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019 | 34.0% |
| Computer and Internet Use | |
| Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019 | 85.9% |
| Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019 | 74.6% |
| Education | |
| High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 | 85.6% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 | 27.3% |
| Health | |
| With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019 | 10.5% |
| Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent | ▲ 12.0% |
| Economy | |
| In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 | 57.3% |
| In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 | 53.6% |
| Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 4,349,672 |
| Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 11,236,630 |
| Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 29,102,352 |
| Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 10,720,363 |
| Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 25,179,274 |
| Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c) | \$12,073 |
| Transportation | |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2015-2019 | 22.3 |

Income & Poverty

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| Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019 | \$49,754 |
| Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019 | \$27,230 |
| Persons in poverty, percent | ▲ 18.2% |

 **BUSINESSES****Businesses**

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|---|------------|
| Total employer establishments, 2019 | 43,804 |
| Total employment, 2019 | 644,537 |
| Total annual payroll, 2019 (\$1,000) | 28,177,071 |
| Total employment, percent change, 2018-2019 | 2.1% |
| Total nonemployer establishments, 2018 | 125,925 |
| All firms, 2012 | 151,363 |
| Men-owned firms, 2012 | 71,132 |
| Women-owned firms, 2012 | 59,044 |
| Minority-owned firms, 2012 | 60,622 |
| Nonminority-owned firms, 2012 | 83,857 |
| Veteran-owned firms, 2012 | 14,096 |
| Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012 | 128,693 |

 **GEOGRAPHY****Geography**

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Population per square mile, 2010 | 17.0 |
| Land area in square miles, 2010 | 121,298.15 |
| FIPS Code | 35 |

About datasets used in this table

Value Notes

1. Includes data not distributed by county.

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Fact Notes

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| All Topics | United States |
|---|--------------------|
| Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 328,239,523 |
|  PEOPLE | |
| Population | |
| Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 328,239,523 |
| Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019) | 308,758,105 |
| Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 6.3% |
| Population, Census, April 1, 2010 | 308,745,538 |
| Age and Sex | |
| Persons under 5 years, percent | ▲ 6.0% |
| Persons under 18 years, percent | ▲ 22.3% |
| Persons 65 years and over, percent | ▲ 16.5% |
| Female persons, percent | ▲ 50.8% |
| Race and Hispanic Origin | |
| White alone, percent | ▲ 76.3% |
| Black or African American alone, percent (a) | ▲ 13.4% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a) | ▲ 1.3% |
| Asian alone, percent (a) | ▲ 5.9% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a) | ▲ 0.2% |
| Two or More Races, percent | ▲ 2.8% |
| Hispanic or Latino, percent (b) | ▲ 18.5% |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent | ▲ 60.1% |
| Population Characteristics | |
| Veterans, 2015-2019 | 18,230,322 |
| Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019 | 13.6% |
| Housing | |
| Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019) | 139,684,244 |
| Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019 | 64.0% |
| Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019 | \$217,500 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019 | \$1,595 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019 | \$500 |
| Median gross rent, 2015-2019 | \$1,062 |
| Building permits, 2019 | 1,386,048 |
| Families & Living Arrangements | |
| Households, 2015-2019 | 120,756,048 |
| Persons per household, 2015-2019 | 2.62 |
| Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019 | 85.8% |
| Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019 | 21.6% |
| Computer and Internet Use | |
| Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019 | 90.3% |
| Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019 | 82.7% |
| Education | |
| High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 | 88.0% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 | 32.1% |
| Health | |
| With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019 | 8.6% |
| Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent | ▲ 9.5% |
| Economy | |
| In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 | 63.0% |
| In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 | 58.3% |
| Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 708,138,598 |
| Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 2,040,441,203 |
| Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 5,696,729,632 |
| Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 5,208,023,478 |
| Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c) | 4,219,821,871 |
| Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c) | \$13,443 |
| Transportation | |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2015-2019 | 26.9 |

Income & Poverty

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| Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019 | \$62,843 |
| Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019 | \$34,103 |
| Persons in poverty, percent | ▲ 10.5% |

 **BUSINESSES****Businesses**

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Total employer establishments, 2019 | 7,959,103 |
| Total employment, 2019 | 132,989,428 |
| Total annual payroll, 2019 (\$1,000) | 7,428,553,593 |
| Total employment, percent change, 2018-2019 | 1.6% |
| Total nonemployer establishments, 2018 | 26,485,532 |
| All firms, 2012 | 27,626,360 |
| Men-owned firms, 2012 | 14,844,597 |
| Women-owned firms, 2012 | 9,878,397 |
| Minority-owned firms, 2012 | 7,952,386 |
| Nonminority-owned firms, 2012 | 18,987,918 |
| Veteran-owned firms, 2012 | 2,521,682 |
| Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012 | 24,070,685 |

 **GEOGRAPHY****Geography**

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Population per square mile, 2010 | 87.4 |
| Land area in square miles, 2010 | 3,531,905.43 |
| FIPS Code | 1 |

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