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Community Improvement Funding Awarded

Community Development Council awards \$1.5 million to our region

Santa Fe, NM – On January 11th, the New Mexico Community Development Council (CDC) allocated and awarded funds for two projects in Northwest New Mexico that will provide access to services and healthcare in our region. These investments are made possible by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is a national program provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the State of New Mexico through the Local Government Division and its Community Development Bureau.

The two awards were:

San Juan County received \$745,318 for projects that will improve access to County services and facilities in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). These improvements will make the County more accessible for all citizens to do business, vote, participate in programs, and receive County services. This investment represents the second phase of such improvements and showcases the County's commitment to making its ADA transition plan a reality.

McKinley County received \$750,000 for the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital to upgrade heating and cooling controls to provide stable temperatures for optimal healthcare and patient treatment. This is part of a \$10M investment raise to improve this critical access facility to maintain health services in the region.

On behalf of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (COG), I want to congratulate and commend the two counties and their management teams for their top-notch effort led by Managers Mike Stark and Anthony Dimas, Jr. I also wanted to recognize our staff who helped to guide the application process, namely Carrie House and Angelina Grey.

We want to thank our Region 1 CDC representative Carol Bowman-Muskett for her support and leadership in making these awards possible. Anyone interested in finding out more about this program is encouraged to contact our office or visit:

<https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/local-government/community-development-bureau/cdbg-information/>

About Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is a 52-year-old regional development organization (RDO) recognized and empowered by the State of New Mexico and the US Economic Development Administration. We serve the entire three-county region of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan counties and the communities and tribes therewithin to improve community and economy for the region and its people. The NWNMCOG is association of nine local governments governed by a Board of Directors unified by the belief that we are stronger together and only united can we advance regional opportunities and tackle regional challenges from sustainable water supply to strategic infrastructure to foster community and economic development.

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