



"LEADING THE FIELD TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES
AND MOVE THE REGION"

2019 Annual Report

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Bicyclist in Northwest NM



Zuni Mountain Trails Ceremony - (Left to Right) Attila Bality, Larry Winn, Alvin Whitehair, Senator Martin Heinrich, Elaine Kohrman



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I deliver to you the COG's Annual Report to highlight the tremendous work they do to move forward our region. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all present and past Board members that volunteer their time and expertise.

I wanted to use my remarks to reflect on the biggest change at the Northwest NM Council of Governments, and that being the transition of the Executive Director.

The COG has been served by only a handful of Executive Directors over its 47 years in business. For almost all those years, the COG has been managed by only two Directors in Patty Lundstrom and Jeff Kiely. Compared to most governmental entities in our region and throughout our country, this is a rare occurrence. The vision, stability, and institutional knowledge has burned bright under this leadership. In early 2019, Jeff Kiely began his plan to retire the reins in April and transition the organization into its next chapter.

Jeff Kiely has been the workhorse and the backbone of the innovation, quality services, facilitation, and programmatic excellence for 30 years. He is Northwest New Mexico and embodies what it means to be a Regional Champion. He has led at every level from Navajo Chapter Houses to the halls of Congress, and he is one of only three New Mexicans to ever be the President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). With that, our Board celebrated the career of Jeff Kiely at an Honor Reception on his last day led by partners in the work that walked through the years by project and accomplishment from Fighting Back to Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project to Adventure Gallup & Beyond. It was a remarkable tribute to a great leader, who has built the foundations of Northwest New Mexico and the Four Corners.

And as transitions go, it would not be complete without naming a successor to hand the mantle over to. The Board of Directors decided there was only one choice and that was Deputy Director Evan Williams, who has served the region and the COG for 17 years. We are excited in the direction and passion that Mr. Williams brings and the team that he will cultivate to accept the challenge of moving the region forward. We know the COG stands on some great shoulders and expect the COG to elevate our region and communities to new heights.

I firmly believe that by working together we can make great things happen and with the COG supporting us -- we can achieve what others say is impossible,

— Billy Moore, Chairman of the Board

NO ONE CAN FILL THOSE SHOES ...

A Humble Message from the Executive Director

First, let me dispel any myths about myself. I was born and raised in New Jersey. The only commonality between NM and NJ is the word “new” and the fact that the entire State of New Jersey would fit in our region. I found my way to the Land of Enchantment via the Americorps*VISTA program – think the Peace Corps but only in America. Our mission was to develop and promote adventure tourism as an economic driver in Gallup and surrounding Native American communities. This is something I have never stopped working on.

I was lucky to be recruited to work at the COG and my site supervisor was Patty Lundstrom. My first assignment was to produce a national presentation for an award for the Adventure Gallup model, which I never heard of, let alone knew anything about. At the COG, we refer to this as being “throw into the deep end of the pool”. Lucky for me, I had Jeff Kiely to coach me and guide me through it. A pattern that would continue through my career.

Another determination made at the COG is whether you are “COG material” or not. This really means being able to step up to any challenge laid in front of you and going to the wall for our communities and region. I must have passed the initial test because my second week I was invited to drive with Patty and Jeff to meet the COG Chairman. First, the drive up US666 (re-named one year later) was mind-blowing as my feeble brain could not place the images and vast spaces undisturbed by human life. I realized that life exists outside the rat race and it is beautiful. Then I met Doctor William “Doc” Hall and I was instantly charmed by the storybook character who stepped out of the chapter of history he penned himself. A principled man that lived deliberately for the betterment of those around him. I was sold that I had found an organization with real leadership and a mission to do great things.

Second, I am not a planner and never intend to be one. I do have great admiration of planning and understand President Eisenhower’s quote “plans are worthless, but planning is everything”. I have a diploma from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College and tend to understand things through a business lens. I have made my career at the COG simply by listening to the needs of communities, developing a plan and strategy to get there, and working incessantly to achieve results.

Third, I was a long hair for most of my time at the COG, but do not let that fool you. I have been an ultimate competitor most of my life. This passion translates when I am helping communities compete for things they truly need. I do not accept losing and only use losses to develop a better strategy to win next time. At the COG, we do not believe that anything is impossible or out of reach for our region. “The impossible just takes a little longer”.

Fourth, I like to keep things simple. My four-point vision for the COG in the short-term was:

- (1) **Suring up our books.** An organization cannot move forward without this foundation.
- (2) **Staffing.** Building the best team, molding staff in my management style and COG culture.
- (3) **Delivering Expectations.** Deliver well on large contracts and projects on our plate.
- (4) **Economic Development.** Re-focus the COG as the economic development district for the region and roll-up our sleeves to deal with the looming crisis.

With that simple plan, I have also made every mistake from not hiring up quickly; to throwing every iron I could find in the fire; to taking on several fights on multiple fronts. But I will not sit by and watch our region bleed out economically, the COG stands ready to fight shoulder to shoulder with our communities for a resilient and prosperous future. It is “Join or Die” time.

Finally, I will be the first to tell you I will never fill the shoes of Jeff Kiely or the heels of Patty Lundstrom, but I’m ready to put my boots on!

— Evan Williams, Executive Director

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

COUNTIES

Cibola County

McKinley County

San Juan County

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Northwest New Mexico Regional
Solid Waste Authority

MUNICIPALITIES

City of Farmington

City of Aztec

City of Bloomfield

City of Gallup

City of Grants

Village of Milan

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

Sean Sharer, Chair, Councilor: Farmington

Sherri Sipe, Vice-Chair, Commissioner: Aztec

Curtis Lynch, Councilor: Bloomfield

Jeanine Bingham-Kelly, Councilor: Farmington

Julie Baird, Asst. City Manager: Farmington

Mark Duncan, Mayor: Kirtland

John Beckstead, Commissioner: San Juan County

Glojean Todacheene, Commissioner: San Juan County

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Nick Porell, Chair: San Juan County

Jason Thomas, Vice Chair: Bloomfield

Steven Saavedra: Aztec

Virginia King: Farmington

Andrew Montoya: Red Apple Transit

Dan Flack: Kirtland

Fran Fillerup: San Juan County

David Quintana: NMDOT District 5 Asst. Engineer

NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

JOINT POLICY & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Judy Horacek, Projects Coordinator: Cibola County

Jeff Irving, Roads Superintendent, Chair: McKinley County

Nick Porell, Deputy Public Works Administrator: San Juan County

Stan Henderson, Director of Public Works: City of Gallup

Don, Jaramillo, Projects Coordinator: City of Grants

Jack Moleres, Director of Public Works: Village of Milan

Dave Duetsawe, Director of Planning and Engineering: Pueblo of Acoma

Gaylord Siow, Transportation Specialist: Pueblo of Laguna

Royce Gchachu, Transportation Program Manager: Pueblo of Zuni

Larry Ute Joe, Northern Agency; Eastern Agency (Vacant): Navajo Nation

Shane Lewis, Transportation Director: Ramah Navajo

Robert Kuipers, RTP Program Manager: NWNMCOG

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRIMARY MEMBERS

Martha Garcia, Commissioner, 2nd Vice-Chair: Cibola County

Billy Moore, SWA Director, Board Chair: NWNM Solid Waste Authority

Tommy Nelson, District 2 Commissioner: McKinley County

Bill Lee, District 3 Commissioner: McKinley County

Anthony Dimas, Manager: McKinley County

Fran Fillerup, Administrative Officer: San Juan County

GloJean Todacheene, Commissioner, 1st Vice-Chair: San Juan County

Steve Mueller, Manager: City of Aztec

Jason Thomas, Lead Engineer: City of Bloomfield

Rob Mayes, Manager: City of Farmington

Fran Palochak, Councilor: City of Gallup

Allan Landavazo, Councilor: City of Gallup

Maryann Ustick, Manager: City of Gallup

Louie Bonaguidi, Treasurer: City of Gallup

Martin “Modey” Hicks, Mayor: City of Grants

Manuel Vasquez, Councilor: City of Grants

Ellen Baca, Board Trustee: Village of Milan

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Kate Fletcher, Manager: Cibola County

Doug Decker, Attorney: McKinley County

Larry Hathaway, General Services Manager: San Juan County

Austin R. Randall, Commissioner: City of Aztec

George Duncan, Manager: City of Bloomfield

Julie Baird, Assistant Manager: City of Farmington

Jackie McKinney, Mayor: City of Gallup

Laura Jaramillo, Manager: City of Grants

Helen Dayan, Board Trustee: Village of Milan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Martha Garcia, Commissioner, 2nd Vice-Chair: Cibola County

Louie Bonaguidi, Treasurer: City of Gallup



2019 NWNMCOG Leadership: (Left to Right) Billy Moore, Evan Williams, Jeffrey Kiely, Martina Whitmore



Members of COG Board: (Top Row; Left to Right) Evan Williams, Manuel Vasquez, Bill Lee, Billy Moore, Fran Palochak, Jeff Kiely, Martha Garcia, Ellen Baca, Steve Muller, Doug Decker, Julie Baird (Bottom Row; Left to Right) Fran Fillerup, GloJean Todacheene, Laura Jaramillo, Helen Dayan, Rob Mayes.

REGIONAL CHAMPION FOR ALL OF NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO

Each year, the COG Executive Committee select individuals from each of the COG's three county areas for the annual award of "Regional Champion". These are civic leaders who demonstrate outstanding regional vision, engagement, and commitment to processes of cross-boundary collaboration and dedication to the goals and values of the COG, as we work together – collectively – to "lead the field and move the region".

This year, the Committee felt that it needed to side step tradition and spotlight Jeff Kiely as the sole Regional Champion.



Jeff Kiely - Former NWNMCOG Executive Director & NADO President - NADO Presentation

WHEREAS, Jeff has served as a visionary leader and the backbone of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (COG) for his 29-year career. Initially starting out as the planning director for the regional substance abuse prevention initiative "Northwest New Mexico Fighting Back", then 17 years as the organization's Deputy Director, and finally for 9 years as its Executive Director and Captain.

WHEREAS, Jeff has gifted the Four Corners region with his world-renowned facilitation skills to build bridges and empower partnerships including the Colorado Plateau Forum and serving as professional staff for the inter-governmental steering committee of Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the COG, Jeff has been active in the New Mexico Association of Regional Councils (NewMARC) and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), serving for many years on the NADO Board of Directors and as NADO President in 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's legacy will continue to be the foundation from which the COG stands and serves the region, his name will continue to be read on documents that he penned to improve lives and communities, his career allows future generations a better place to dream larger and reach further, and his brand of service leadership will be forever admired; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of his exemplary career in educational, social, and public sector leadership and his devotion in building regional collaboration and partnership, does the Board of Directors of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments bestow upon **Jeffrey G. Kiely** the award of "**REGIONAL CHAMPION**" representing the people and communities of Northwest New Mexico, the State of New Mexico, and the United States of America.

BESTOWED in the City of Farmington, New Mexico in the County of San Juan this 17th day of July 2019.

COG ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The COG Board of Directors hosts an annual luncheon in concert with our annual meeting. This year, it was held on July 17, 2019 at the lovely Farmington Civic Center. Again, this event was focused on celebrating the career of Jeff Kiely.



**NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

July 17, 2019

Farmington Civic Center
Farmington, New Mexico

★★★★ PROGRAM ★★★★★

WELCOMING REMARKS

Billy Moore, Board Chair

INVOCATION

LUNCH SERVED

STATE OF THE COG—2019

Evan Williams, Executive Director

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Moving Our Region Forward"

Jeffrey Kiely, Past COG Executive Director

REGIONAL CHAMPION AWARDS

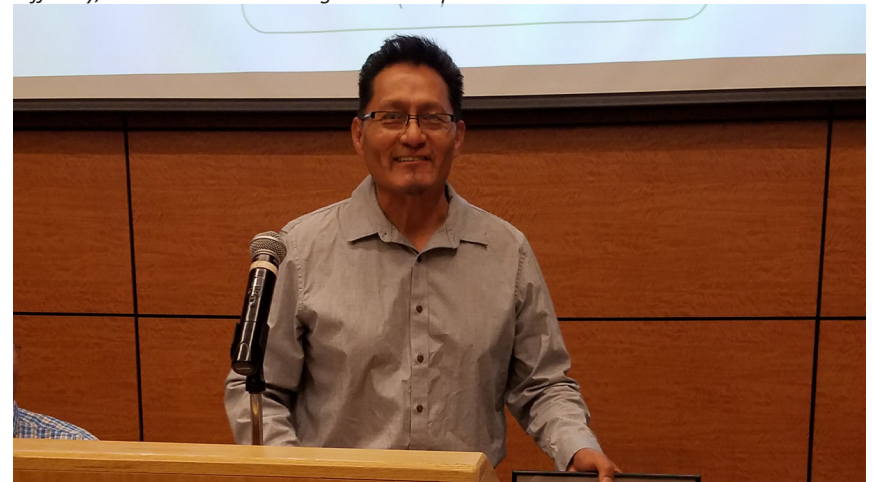
CLOSING REMARKS



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Jeff Kiely, NWNMCOG - 2019 Regional Champion



Arnold Wilson, USFS - Former Regional Champion



2019 Annual Luncheon Event

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

TOP TEN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Area Legislators standing with our local students on Impact Aid

1. **Serving and supporting Senator John Pinto**
2. **Participating in McKinley County/Gallup Day**
3. **Hosting the Cibola Area Legislative Forum**
4. **Funding Transportation infrastructure including \$250M for major projects and \$50M for a new Local Road Fund**
5. **\$80M of Capital Outlay investment in critical projects throughout the region**
6. **Passage of House Bill 2 Junior for much needed special projects - the first since 2008**
7. **Work on P3 Legislation to create a public-private partnership act**
8. **Allowing New Mexico lottery scholarships to be used at Tribal Colleges**
9. **Increasing funding to State Planning & Development Districts in the State**
10. **Support of fixing Impact Aid and Hold Harmless**

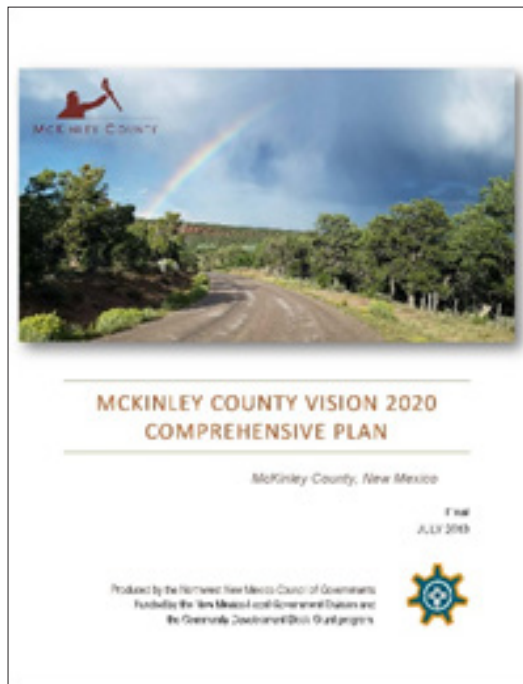
Your Council of Governments participates and maintains a presence for the entire Session, as a service to our members, our rural and tribal communities, and our Legislators. We are here to serve your needs and track items of interest for our members. Our organization does not lobby but we understand our region and communities, making us valuable to Legislators, staff, and your hired Lobbyists as an informational resource.

McKINLEY COUNTY

VISION 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



In 2017, McKinley County received a \$50,000 CDBG Planning Grant to update its 2012 Comprehensive Plan. The COG played a vital role in developing the McKinley County Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan through months of public engagement workshops, meetings and presentations.

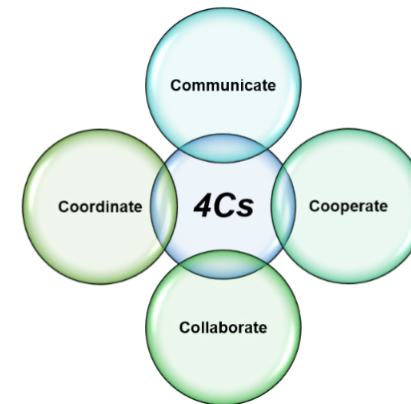


The project was initially launched in May 2018 with the designation of a steering committee that consisted of County and COG staff. Working together, a series of workshops were facilitated to get first-hand account on some of the major issues and concerns in certain sectors, such as in Infrastructure, Transportation, Education, Economic Development, etc. There were 9 main elements identified in addition to other management and implementation sections.

A Comprehensive Plan is an important planning resource that guides the visionary responsibilities of elected officials to ensure the plans of today indeed consider the needs of tomorrow.

The County has worked hard to employ knowledge and understanding to the processes of planning by establishing an organized approach to addressing local issues and needs. This Comprehensive Plan helps to establish a distinctive framework for decision-making and leadership that prioritizes the needs and well-being of citizens through preparedness planning.

Main focal points that developed from the extensive planning process are as follows:



- Promote the 4Cs across all local governments to meet local needs with local resources.
- Develop a cooperative and efficient intergovernmental framework.

The goal is to improve the overall quality of public planning within McKinley County and its neighboring regions by promoting efficient implementation practice to assist with everyday planning efforts.

Next steps should include the integration of all other existing regional plans (i.e. Strategic Plan, etc.) into several key approach and strategies to increase support.

ZUNI MOUNTAIN TRAILS

This season, the Southwest Conservation Corps (SWCC) provided four crews; Acoma, Albuquerque, Navajo, and Zuni who began work this summer on the Zuni Mountain trail system. The Milk Ranch Trailhead parking lot has taken shape with McKinley County Roads Department with road grading, wooden fence perimeter, and large boulders delineating the parking lot. July 20th Wood provided a trail construction workshop to area volunteers to assist with the Zuni Mountain trail system, empowering those who are interested to construct trails in the forest or surrounding communities. The COG secured funding for 200 miles of recreational trails development in the Zuni Mountains within McKinley and Cibola Counties; staff member Carrie House is helping lead development with the Youth Conservation Corps Crews. All recreational trails are being built to U.S. Forest Service standards, bringing durability and safety attributes to the construction of these trails.



Local Southwest Conservation Corps and area partners engaged in trail construction within the Zuni Mountains

DASH

DATA ACROSS SECTORS of HEALTH

Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) received a 6-month grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to improve the capacity for data access and analysis by forming a task force of data users and data producers throughout the state engaging diverse communities. Carrie House, NWNMCOG's data user was asked to participate on the formal New Mexico Community Data Collaborative's (NMCDC) Program Advisory Group (PAG). The PAG met monthly to design the NMCDC Annual Data Assessment Process (ADAP), which will help detect key population health and disparity data and analysis needs. House contributed to the framework development and provided feedback to the design process. With the assistance and support of Tom Sharmen, NMCDC/NMDOH, House continues to create interactive web mapping through NMCDC's ESRI ArcGIS Online systems. House could host a workshop utilizing the NMCDC site or explore on your own. <https://nmcdd.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html> Another health data website to use is NM IBIS (Indicator-Based Information System) <https://ibis.health.state.nm.us/> Those interested in scheduling a training workshop on NMCDC and mapping, please contact Tom Sharmen thomas.scharmen@state.nm.us and also visit <http://nmcdd.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>.



UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU CENSUS 2020



The NWNMCOG assigned Carrie House to participate at every process with the US Census Bureau and governing entities within the northwest regions of New Mexico. House participated in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) to help ensure accurate decennial census count, to help distribute over \$400 billion in funds annually for infrastructure, programs, and services. The Census then provided GIS and QGIS data to House for review and update selected statistical area boundaries, Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP), for 2020 Census data tabulation following Census specific guidelines and criteria. Statistical geographies include: Census tracts, Block groups, Census designated places (CDPs), Census county divisions and tribal areas. The Census Bureau will use these defined statistical areas to tabulate data for the 2020 Census, American Community Survey (ACS), and the Economic Census. House worked closely with the northwest counties of San Juan, McKinley and Cibola especially with CDPs. House used the US Census Bureau's Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS) The Census may modify or reject statistical geographic areas submitted that may not meet established criteria and guidelines. The Census will provide House with updated statistical geographies material for further review and changes in the next several months. The next opportunity to review and delineate statistical areas is planned for the 2030 Census. In the interim of waiting for Census material, House has participated and helped organize counties with the

next process of establishing Complete Count Committees (CCC) program. The 2020 Census provides an opportunity for everyone to be counted. Tribal, State, and local governments; community-based organizations; faith-based groups, schools, businesses; the media; and others play a key role in developing partners to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census. CCCs know the best way to reach the community and raise awareness. April 1, 2020 is CENSUS DAY. The US Census is hiring for Office and Field positions. 2020Census.gov/jobs.

NEW MEXICO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

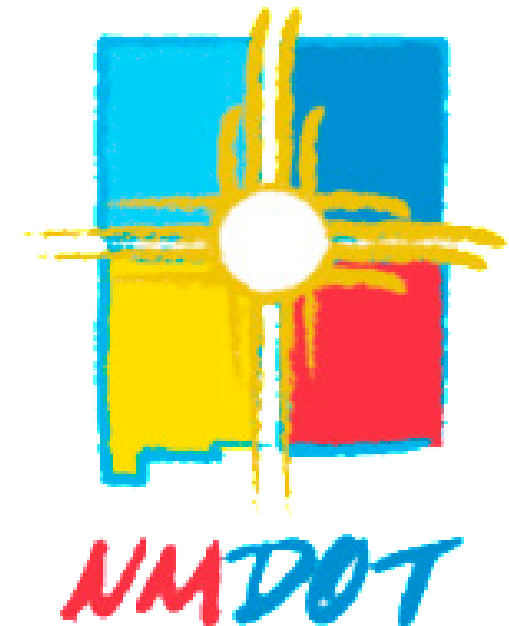
AWARDS \$50M IN CRITICAL LOCAL & TRIBAL PROJECTS

RUIDOSO – On August 15th, the New Mexico Transportation Commission approved \$50 million worth of local and tribal transportation projects throughout the State of New Mexico. The funding was appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature and signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. During the 2019 Legislative Session, Representatives Patricio Ruiloba (D-12, Bernalillo) and Patricia Lundstrom (D-9, McKinley & San Juan) introduced and passed House Bill 694, which created the Local Government Transportation Project Fund that allows the State to invest in a wide range of local transportation project types, at all stages of readiness, and only requires a minimum local match.

A special call for projects was announced in April, and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) reviewed applications for various entities throughout the State. Ultimately, NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Michael Sandoval provide a final list of recommendations to the Commission for approval. The NMDOT received 166 applications statewide and selected 57 for award totaling \$42.4 million. Remaining funds were invested into US Highway 82 and hardship waivers. Tribal entities were awarded just shy of \$7M. Special thanks to our District 6 Commissioner Charles Lundstrom from Grants, New Mexico.

Projects funded in Northwest New Mexico and the counties of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan included:

District	Entity	Project Title	State	Entity	Total
5	City of Bloomfield	East Blanco Bridge Project Phase II	\$90,250	\$4,750	\$95,000
5	City of Farmington	San Juan Boulevard Resurfacing Project	\$546,250	\$28,750	\$575,000
5	San Juan County	County Road 5500 Bridge Replacement Project	\$2,375,000	\$125,000	\$2,500,000
6	Cibola County	County Road 18B	\$902,500	\$47,500	\$950,000
6	City of Gallup	East Nizhoni Blvd Reconstruction Project	\$332,500	\$17,500	\$350,000
6	City of Grants	Washington Bridge Replacement	\$1,425,000	\$75,000	\$1,500,000
6	McKinley County	Manuelito Canyon Bridge and Road Improvements	\$2,850,000	\$150,000	\$3,000,000
6	Village of Milan	Haystack Phase II	\$120,248	\$6,329	\$126,577
6	Navajo Nation – Baahaali Chapter	Baahaali Transfer Station Access Road Improvements	\$281,437	\$14,813	\$296,250
6	Navajo Nation - Bahast'ah Chapter	Highway 491 Roadway Safety Audit	\$142,500	\$7,500	\$150,000
6	Navajo Nation – Mexican Springs Chapter	Navajo Route 30 and US Highway 491 Safety Audit	\$19,000	\$1,000	\$20,000
6	Navajo Nation – Tohatchi Chapter	Highway 491 Roadway Safety Audit	\$71,250	\$3,750	\$75,000
6	Pueblo of Acoma	SP 130 Veterans Blvd Roadway Project	\$1,136,912	\$59,837	\$1,196,749
6	Pueblo of Laguna	Interstate 40 Concrete Box Underpass	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL			\$12,192,847	\$641,729	\$12,834,576



COG TWEETS

YEAR IN REVIEW



Gallup cuts ribbon on solar farm! ow.ly/aJTa30l2Zoh



♡ 1 11:02 AM - Jul 20, 2018



Skate Park opens in Downtown Gallup - let the energy, passion, and creativity of our community be lead by the next generation. [#CreativePlacemaking](https://twitter.com/NWNMCOG)



♡ 3 5:24 PM - Aug 7, 2018



Gallup: "All they do is win". This time Wyland's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Over 30% of the citizens took the challenge to reduce their use by 32 million gallons of water over the next year. Join Us, as Water is life! ow.ly/LvI730ljk9T



♡ 1 5:38 PM - Aug 7, 2018



Coal Avenue Commons has harnessed Gallup's creativity and passion for downtown - check out the design options! ow.ly/QyUy30ly37F [#CreativePlacemaking](https://twitter.com/NWNMCOG)



♡ 6:01 PM - Aug 24, 2018



COG TWEETS

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Southwest Conservation Corps is hard at it - building out the Zuni Mountains Trail Project in the McGaffey Area. #ZMTP



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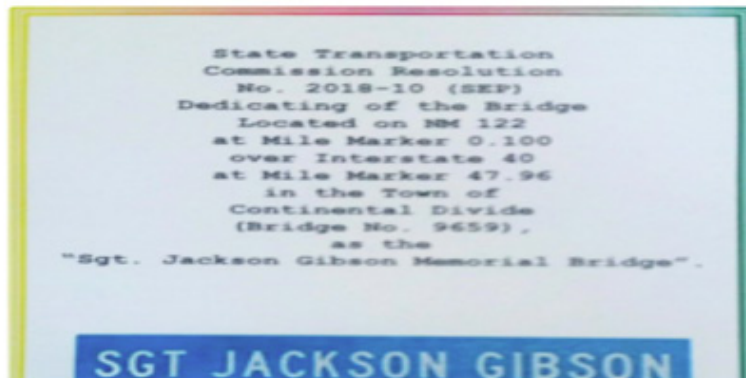
Gallup YCC presents annual report of trail and conservation work to McKinley County Commission and a packed house. #KidsTheseDays #ZMTP | Report: ow.ly/83nV30m5o4d



11:59 AM - Oct 3, 2018



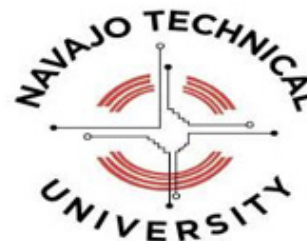
COG honors its Regional Champion at the Top of the World in a ceremony dedicating the Interstate 40 bridge at Continental Divide, Exit 47 as the Sgt. Jackson Gibson Memorial Bridge. Jackson Gibson was a hero and honorable public servant - may he be remembered always.



1 3:31 PM - Sep 21, 2018



@NWNMCOG applauds Navajo Technical University for its \$1M EDA grant to build a Metrology and Materials Testing Center, which will house space for 3D metal printing, material testing, sensor development, and offices. Press Release: ow.ly/d/7WXv



3:46 PM - Sep 21, 2018

COG TWEETS

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@NWNMCOG welcomes newly elected McKinley County officials and celebrates the many generations of leadership that continues on.



1:38 PM - Dec 21, 2018



The City of Gallup completes a decade of focused investment for the Sky City neighborhood and the quality of life of its citizens. Standing ovation! #CDBG



9:05 AM - Apr 1, 2019



Rhino Health welcome to McKinley County, may this be the start of a prosperous partnership. #EDA #POWER ^
ow.ly/3fxx30n04O6



2:28 PM - Dec 15, 2018



The COG family celebrated Jeff Kiely's career of service leadership. His impact changed lives and made a difference. He sacrificed greatly for our region and his home in the Four Sacred mountains. His legacy will now be the shoulders we stand on to reach a better tomorrow.

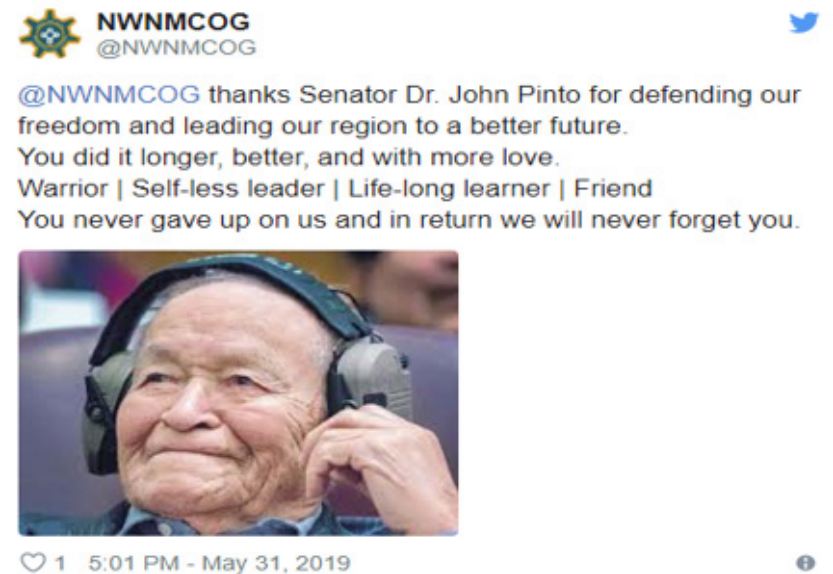
LUNCHEON IN HONOR
OF JEFFREY G. KIELY
April 26, 2019
Gallup Cultural Center
201 Historic Highway Route 66
Gallup, New Mexico
***** PROGRAM *****
WELCOMING REMARKS
Betsy Moore, Board Chair
Patty Lundstrom, Mayor of Canyonville
INVOCATION
LUNCH SERVED
STORIES BY ERA FROM SPECIAL GUESTS
Fighting Back and For: Stables Center, Inc.
Enterprise Zones/Empowerment Communities
Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project
Transportation
Local Government Support
Adventure Gallup & Beyond



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COG TWEETS

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\$50M invested in New Mexico for local and tribal transportation projects. Major investment in Northwest NM region.
#RTPO #MPO #NMDOT



Evan J. Williams
Executive Director
Robert Kuipers
RTPO Program Manager
August 19, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NM Transportation Commission Awards \$50M in Critical Local & Tribal Projects

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6	City of Gallup	East Nizhoni Blvd Reconstruction Project	\$332,500	\$17,500	\$350,000
6	City of Grants	Washington Bridge Replacement	\$1,425,000	\$75,000	\$1,500,000
6	McKinley County	Manuelito Canyon Bridge and Road Improvements	\$2,850,000	\$150,000	\$3,000,000
6	Village of Milan	Haystack Phase II	\$120,248	\$6,329	\$126,577
6	Navajo Nation – Baashaali Chapter	Baashaali Transfer Station Access Road Improvements	\$281,437	\$14,813	\$296,250
6	Navajo Nation – Bahastah Chapter	Highway 491 Roadway Safety Audit	\$142,500	\$7,500	\$150,000

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Senator #ShannonPinto taking the oath of office. She was appointed by #NewMexico Governor #MichelleLujanGrisham to take late Senator #JohnPinto's seat as representative for District #3.



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@NWNMCOG receives an Impact Award from the National Association of Development Association (NADO) for its work on the Zuni Mountains Trail Project.
#NADO #COG #Awardnado.org/congratulation...

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COG FINANCIAL WELLNESS FOR FY2019

Here are some snapshots from the COG's Financial Reports for FY2019

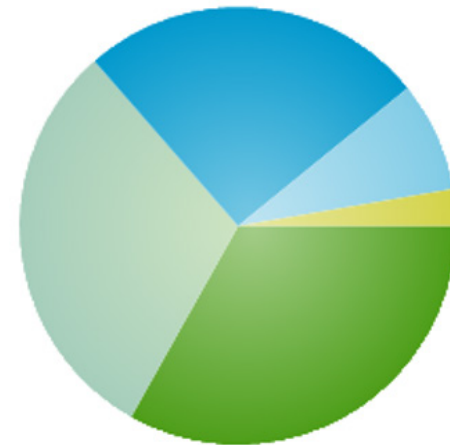
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Income Breakdown

Last year



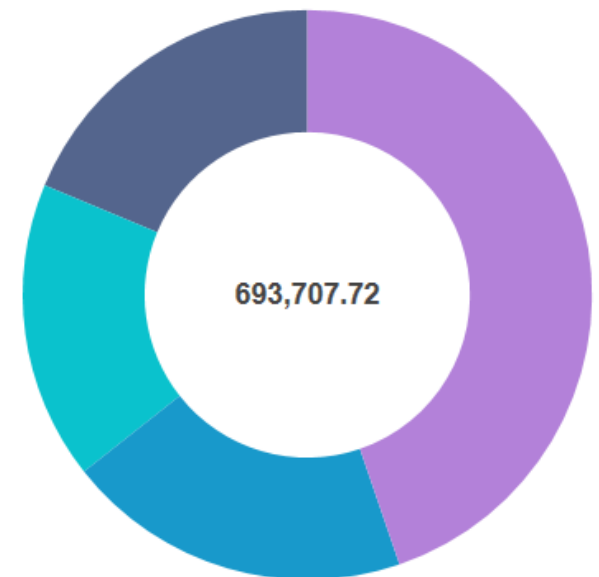
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Last Fiscal Year

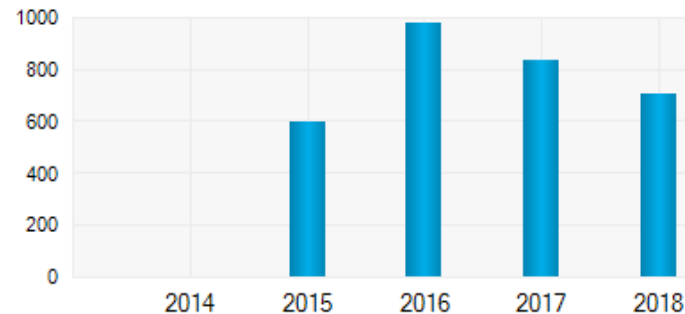
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A. PERSONNEL
135,947.35
F. CONTRACTUAL
117,519.81
B. FRINGE BENEFITS
129,783.07
OTHER ACCOUNTS



Prev Year Income Comparison

All

\$ in 1000s



Prior Year(s) Current Year

YOUR 2019 NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TEAM



*With deep appreciation to our Board of Directors,
And the Counties of McKinley, San Juan and Cibola;
And municipalities of Farmington, Aztec, Bloomfield,
Kirtland, Gallup, Grants, and Milan;
And the Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of Laguna,
Pueblo of Zuni and all communities within our region:
We are honored to serve on your behalf to continue leading
The field to empower communities and move our region forward!*