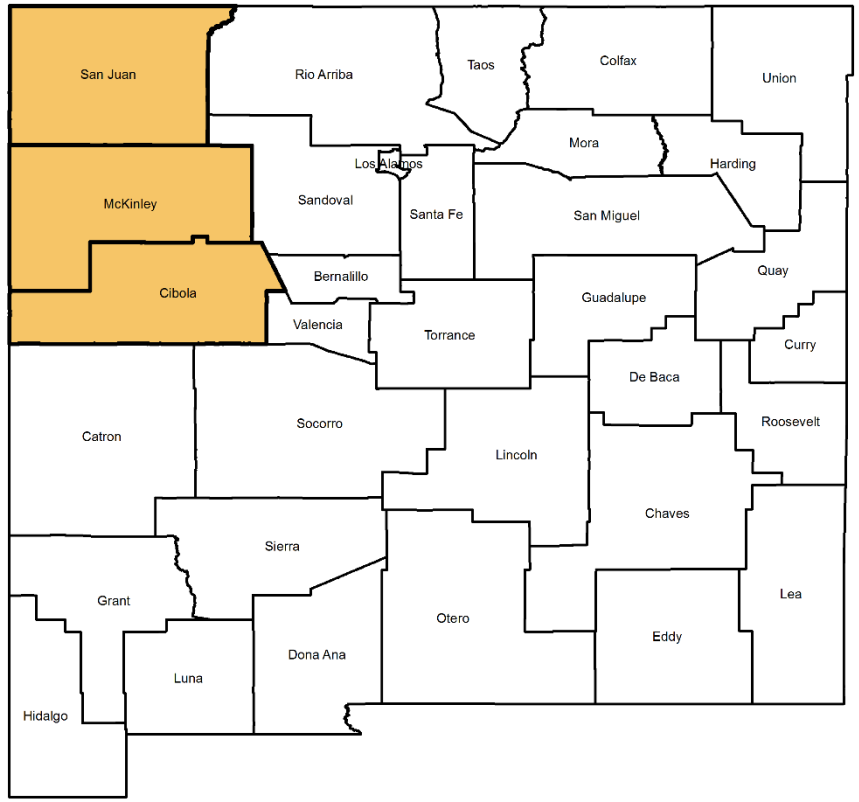
NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

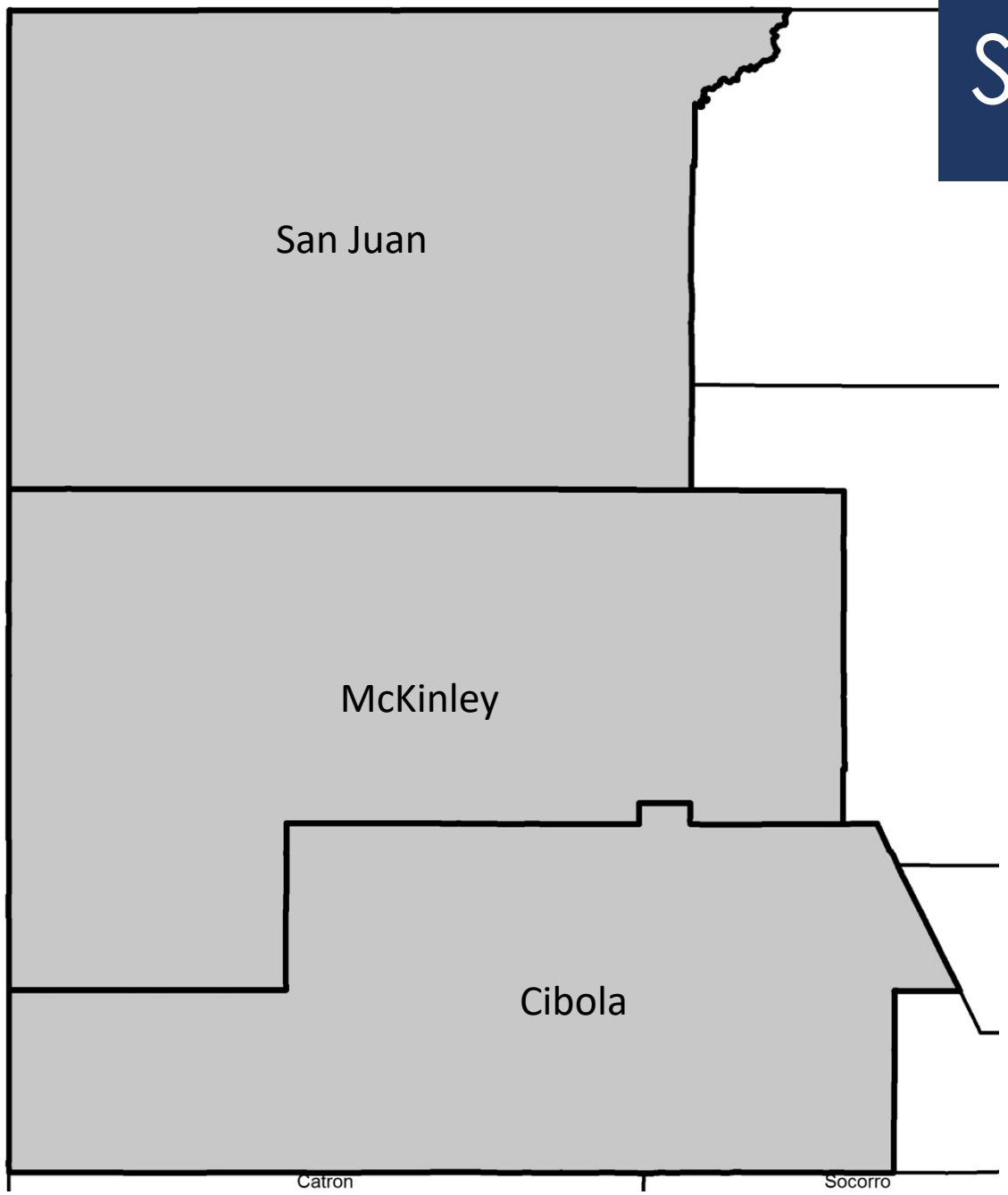
"Leading the field to empower communities and move the region"



OUR REGION

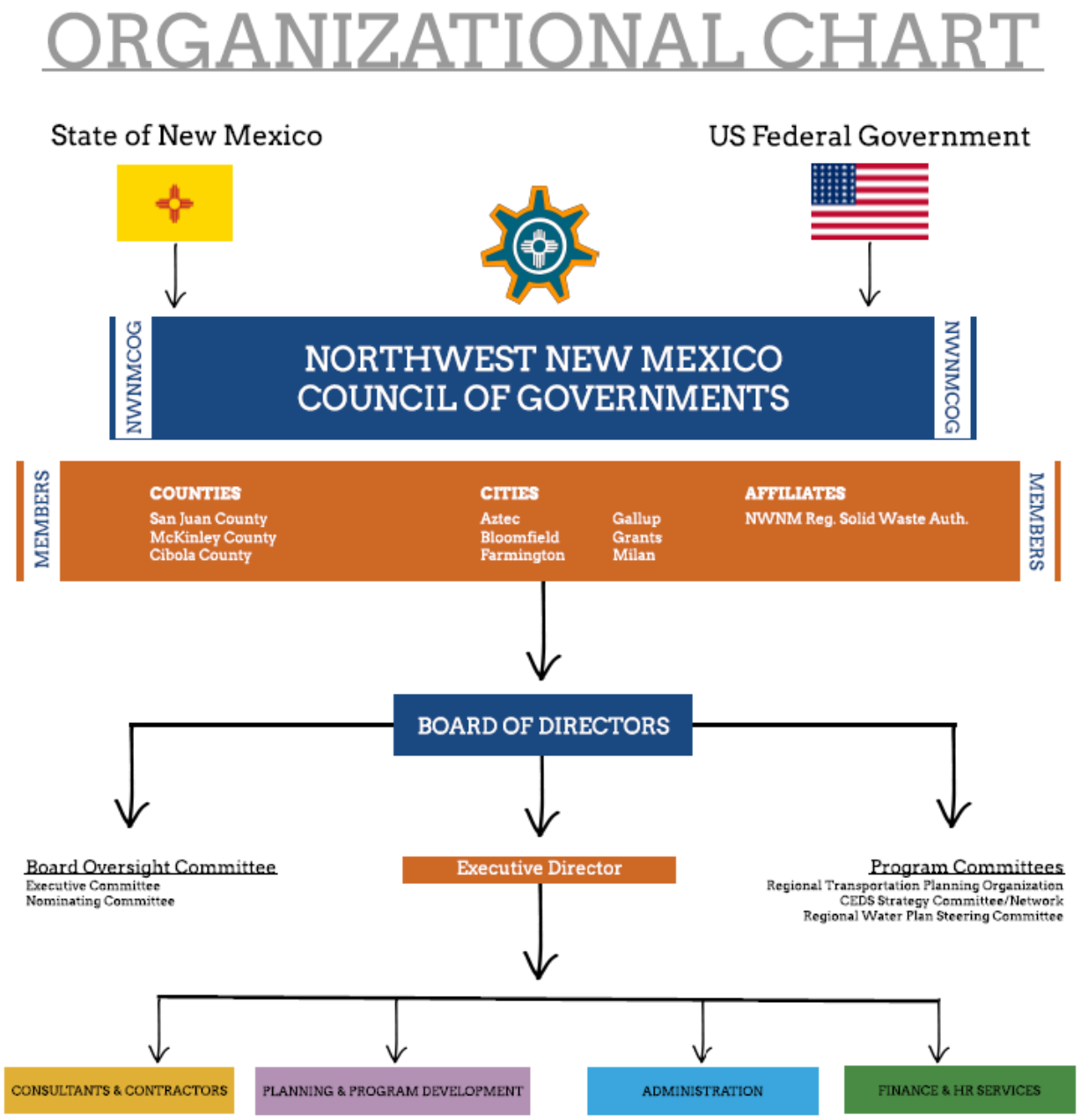
NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO

SNAPSHOT OF OUR REGION



Just a Glimpse

- Cover a 3-County Area *(San Juan, McKinley, Cibola)*
- Cover 15,000 square miles
  (which if it were a state, it would rank 42nd behind West Virginia)
- Serve over 235,000 people
- Serve a rural Population with a density of 11 persons per sq. mile



COG Structure

The COG has supported the planning and development needs of Northwest New Mexico for over 50+ years. The COG has a dual designation as a quasi-governmental and regional planning agency for the State of New Mexico Local Government Division and the US Economic Development Administration as a Planning & Development and Economic Development district.

GRO: What is it?

- In 2024, the NM Legislature created a new process called “Government Results and Opportunity” or GRO
- Similar to House Bill 2 Jr. appropriations of previous years
- Different in that funding is for two fiscal years
- In 2026, the New Legislature appropriated funding for GRO 2.0 and Department of Finance & Administration (DFA) has created program rules, requirements, and policy manual to guide the program.
- Different in that some appropriated funding for public entities and non-profits flows through the councils of governments (COGs):
  - ✓ DFA issues master agreement to the COG:
  - ✓ COGs procures and issues contract to recipients
  - ✓ Recipient is required to submit and get approval of Exhibit A.
  - ✓ COG issues Notice to Proceed and from that date expenses are reimbursable.
  - ✓ COGs are responsible for tracking, reporting, and evaluating on each appropriation
- Reason for changing the process is to ensure accountability and efficient expenditure of the funding.
- Please note that our process for Northwest (NWNMCOG) may differ from that of other COGs.

GRO 2.0: What is New?

- In 2026, the New Legislature appropriated funding for GRO 2.0 and Department of Finance & Administration (DFA) has created program rules, requirements, and policy manual to guide the program.
- Policy Manual – all requirements and provisions will be passed down and be the responsibility of any grantees.
- Exhibit A – this pre-award form is required and must be approved by DFA before a Notice to Proceed or any spending can happen.
- Exhibit B – this progress report will also be required as an upload into COG's payment portal for each reimbursement request.
- Evaluation Requirements – House Bill 158 creates requirements for GRO program in terms of program evaluation that will be further enumerated in the manual and contracting.
- Cost Provisions – there are more standards for documentation including timesheets, cost allocation plan for shared costs, etc.

GRO Government Results & Opportunity (GRO) Program

GRO 2.0

Fiscal Year 2027-2028

GRO Appropriations - NWNMCOG

Legislator	ID#	Title	Description	Amount
SLANIER	26-KD116	SCHOOL OF ENERGY AT SAN JUAN COLLEGE	Provide programmatic resources and services for the center of excellence in the school of energy at San Juan college	$150,000
SPINTO	26-KD117	STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AT NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Programmatic resources and services for student leadership programs at Navajo preparatory school	$150,000
RGARCIA	26-KD118	CIBOLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	Programmatic costs and resources for Cibola county sheriff's department	$180,000
RJOHNSON	26-KD119	YOUTH PROGRAMMING AT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS IN GALLUP AND MCKINLEY COUNTY	Programmatic resources and services for youth programming at domestic violence shelters in Gallup and McKinley county	$150,000
RJOHNSON	26-KD120	COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR MCKINLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	for programmatic costs and resources for McKinley County sheriff's department	$180,000
SPINTO	26-KD121	FOOD BANKS AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN MCKINLEY COUNTY	Programmatic resources and services for food banks and food distribution in McKinley County	$150,000
RJOHNSON	26-KD122	HEALTHCARE IN MCKINLEY COUNTY	Support healthcare and hospital services and resources in McKinley county	$180,000
SSHARER	26-KD123	ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE UNIT AT SAN JUAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	Provide programmatic resources and services for the alternative response unit at San Juan regional medical center	$300,000
RDUNCAN / RHALL / RMONTOYA / SLANIER	26-KD124	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SAN JUAN COUNTY	For Behavioral health services in San Juan county	$1,350,000
RDUNCAN	26-KD125	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM CITY OF FARMINGTON	Fund behavioral health services in the city of Farmington	$180,000
SSHARER	26-KD126	PROGRAMMATIC COSTS AND RESOURCES FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SAN JUAN COUNTY	Provide programmatic costs and resources for behavioral health services in San Juan county	$150,000
SLANIER	26-KD127	RESOURCES FOR AGRICULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS IN SAN JUAN COUNTY	Provide programmatic resources and services for agricultural youth education and leadership programs in San Juan county	$150,000
RLUNDSTROM	26-KD208	GALLUP MCKINLEY STEM PROGRAM SUPPORT	for program services and resources for arts and cultural programming in the city of Gallup and McKinley county	$180,000
RLUNDSTROM	26-KD018	BI-COUNTY FAIR SUPPORT	to support program services and resources for the bi-county fair in McKinley and Cibola counties	$180,000

Public vs. Private Non-Profit Entities

NWNMCOG is a public entity.

PUBLIC

As such, we can contract directly with other public entities such as counties, cities, and other special districts.

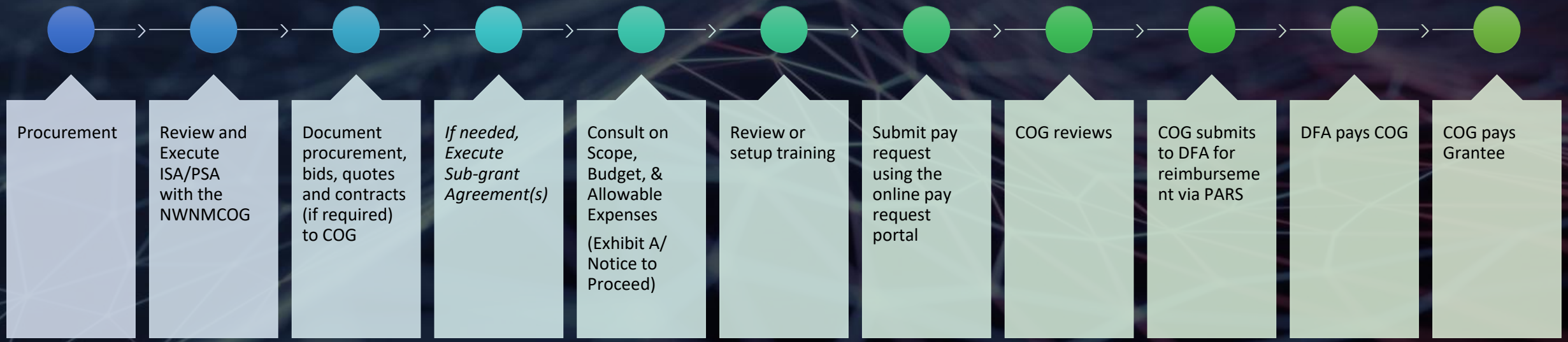
- NWNMCOG is drafting contracts for most appropriations intended for public entities. The contract instrument we are using for public entities is an *Inter-governmental Service Agreement* (ISA).

PRIVATE

Non-profit entities cannot receive state money directly. Therefore, they are not named in HB 2. Generally, an open and competitive process is required to award state funds to non-profits.

- Several appropriations are assigned to the NWNMCOG, which will be procured properly.
- The contract instrument we are using for non-profit entities is a *Professional Services Agreement*.

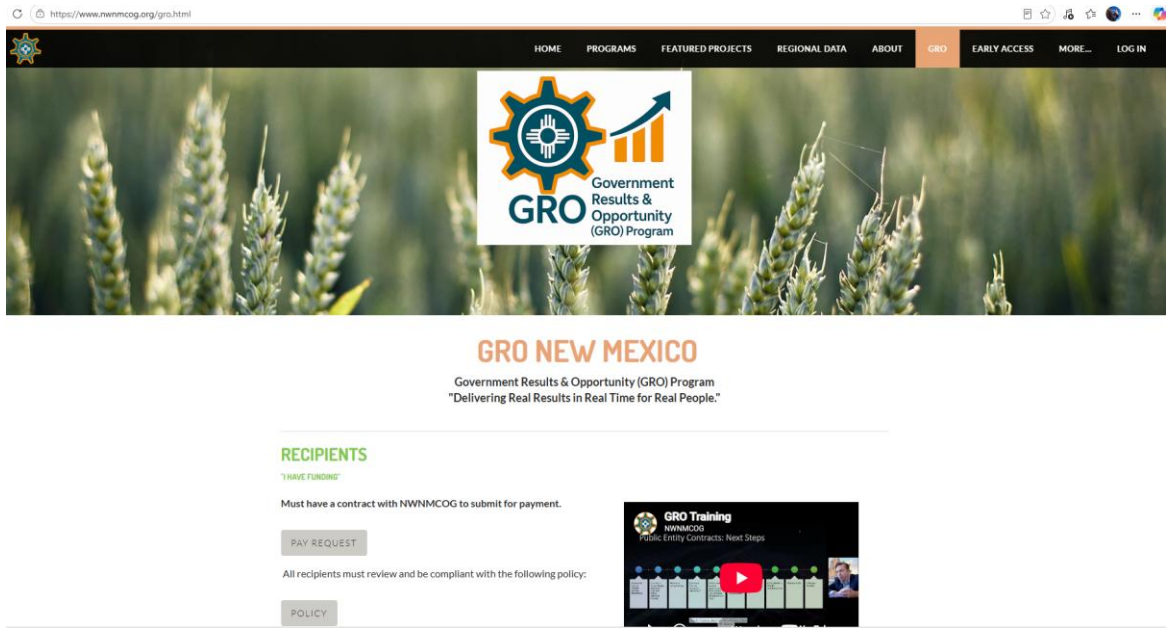
Entity Contracts: Next Steps



https://www.nwnmcog.org/gro.html

Reimbursements and Pay Requests

- If you have worked with Department of Finance & Administration, all requirements should be the same.
- The only difference is that NWNMCOG has created an online portal (via SurveyMonkey) to submit pay request.
- GRO webpage tab: https://www.nwnmcog.org/gro.html
  - Public and non-profit entities receiving their GRO funding through NWNMCOG will be required to use our portal.
  - Please ensure at least one person from your organization is trained at all times. We can schedule a training with you at any time.
  - There is no registration, login, or password needed at this time.



Who will you be working with?

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Compliance Officer (Contractor)
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Our GRO Team also includes:
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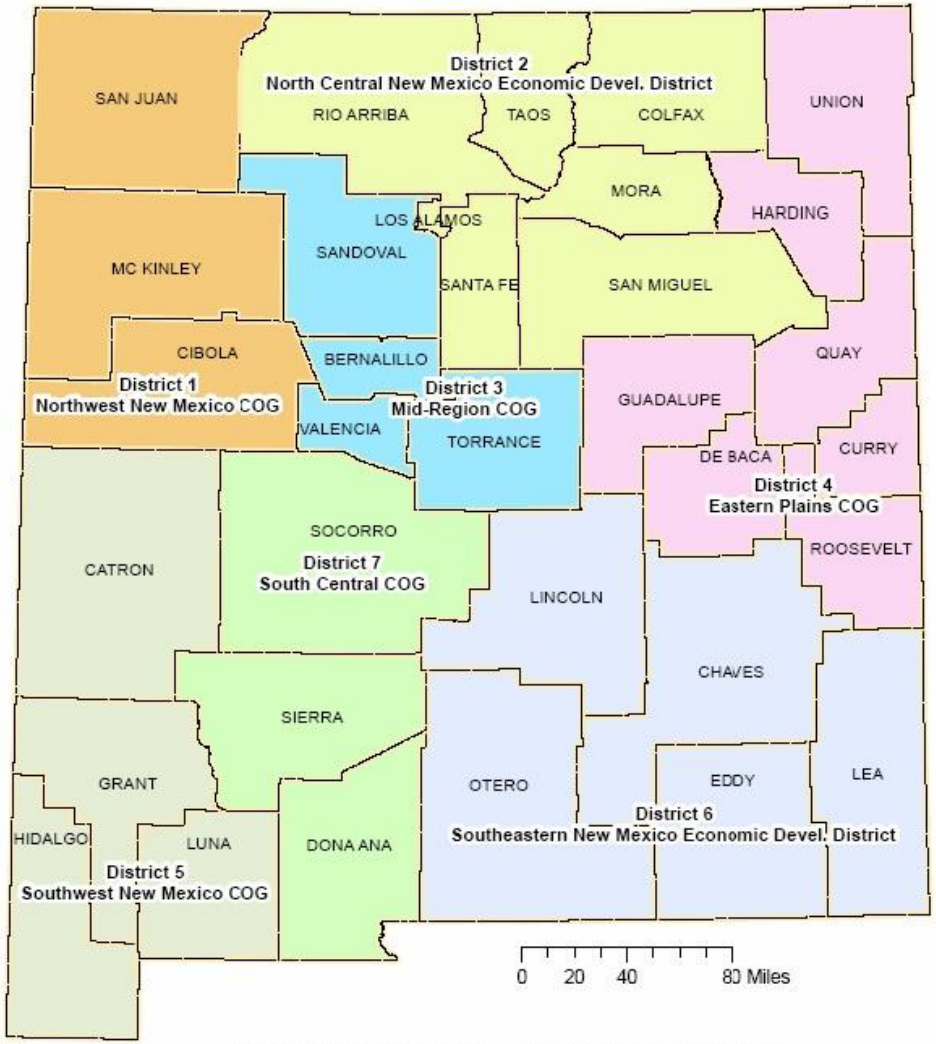
Brandon Howe, Deputy Director
Martina Whitmore, Office Manager



State Planning and Development Districts
in New Mexico

Pay Request Training

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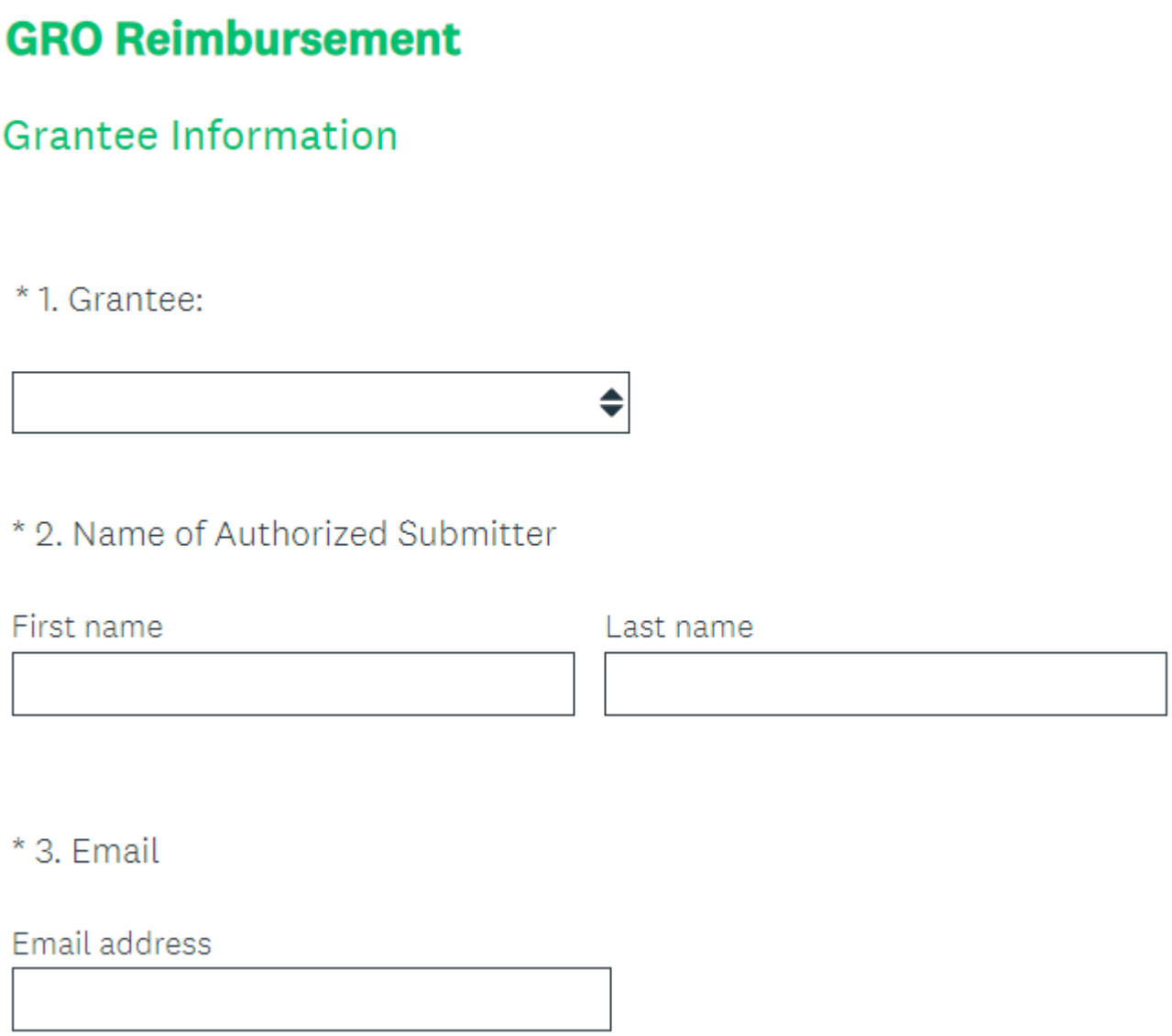

1. **Grantee** – find and select your entity in the pull-down list.

2. **Name of Authorized Submitter** – please enter first and last name of the person submitting this pay request that is authorized by the Grantee to do so.

3. **Email** – please enter email of the person submitting this pay request that is authorized by the Grantee to do so.

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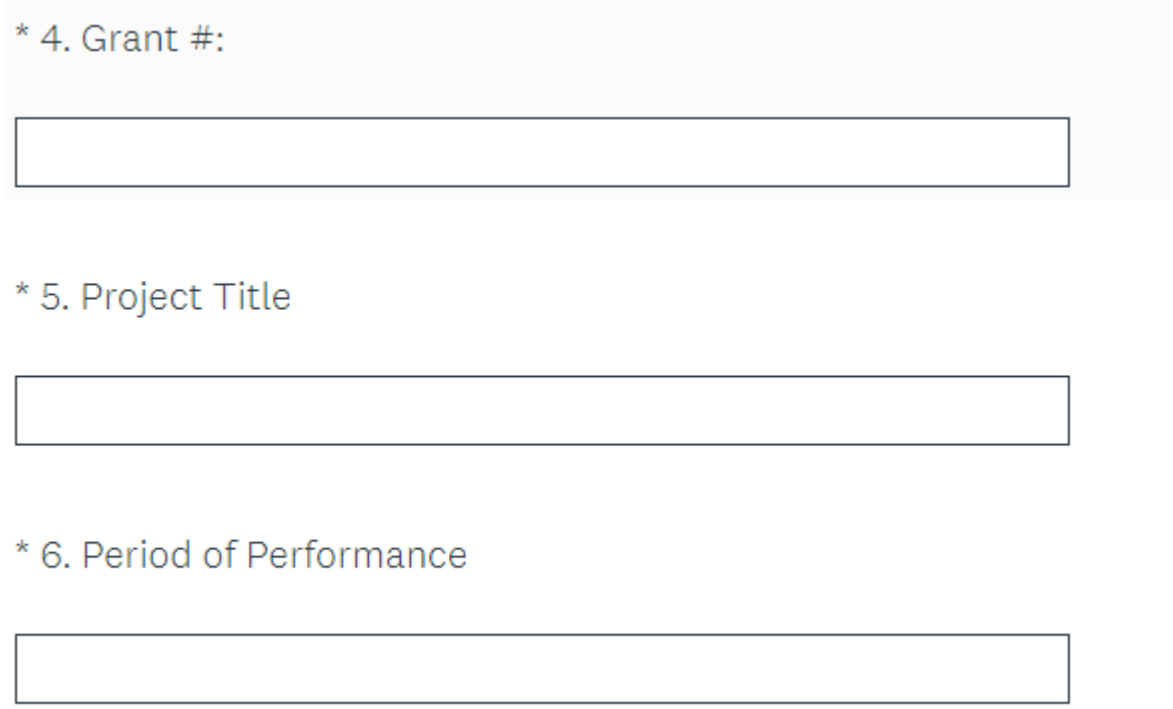
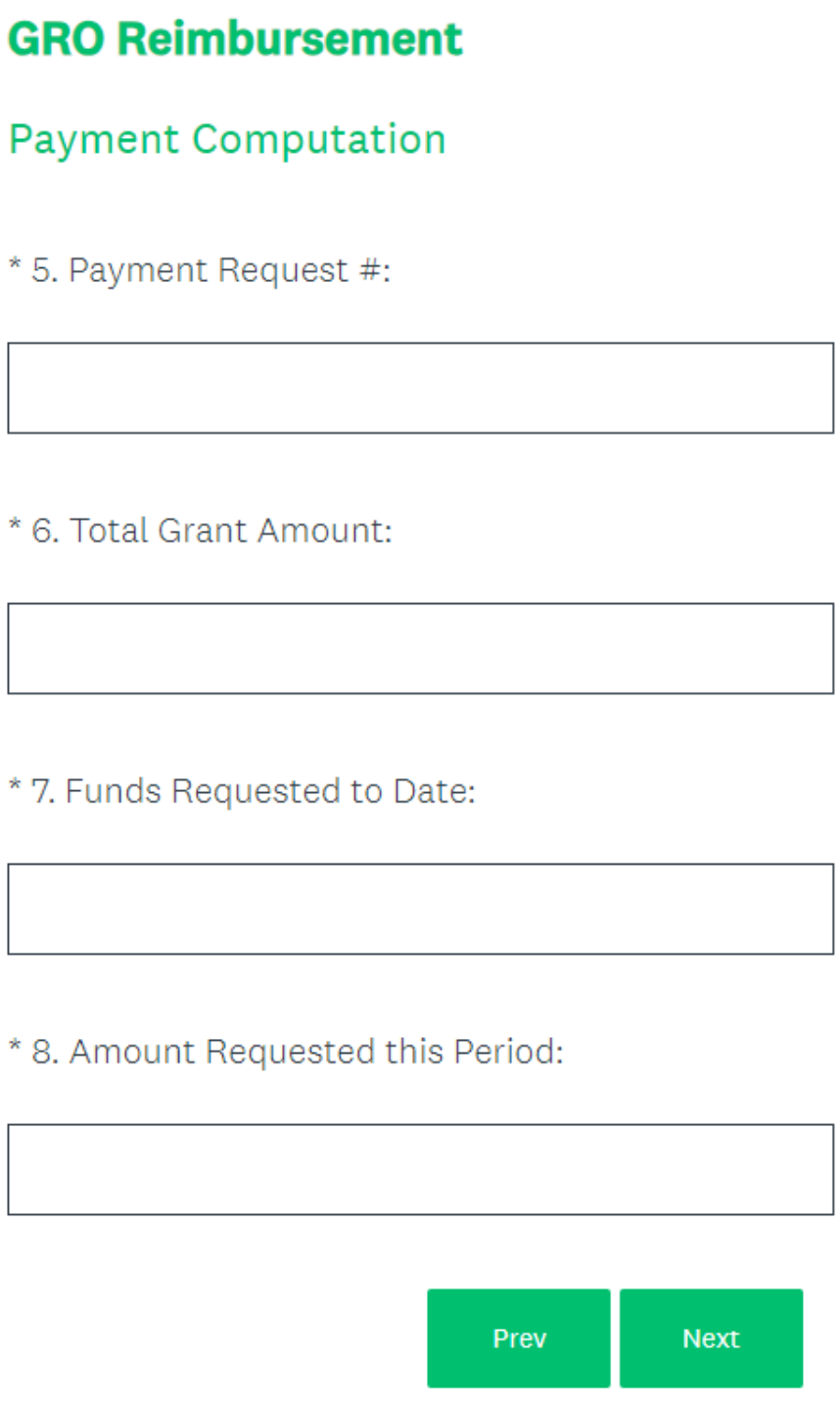


4. Grant # – insert the Grant Number related to your appropriation and ISA/PSA.
Numbers should look like 26-KD###.

5. Project Title – insert the Project Title related related to your appropriation and ISA/PSA.
Titles are typically your entity name, plus type of services – example: Bloomfield Library Services

6. Period of Performance – insert the period of time you are billing on, so if billing monthly (Month-Date or July 2026) and if Quarterly (Month-Month Date of July – September 2026)

Remember no expenses will be reimbursed before effective date of the Notice to Proceed.



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5. **Payment Request #** – to help us keep track please insert the number of draw requests (1, 2, 3, etc.)

6. **Total Grant Amount** – this is the starting amount based on appropriation and stated in your grant agreement and will be the same for every pay request.

7. **Funds Requested to Date** –total the amounts previously requested for reimbursement, so for example this is PR#3 and PR #1 was $50,000 and PR#2 was $100,000, then you would add PR#1 and PR#2 together and enter $150,000.

8. **Amount Requested this Period** – insert the amount you are requesting for the period of performance and supported by documentation.

GRO Reimbursement

Reporting & Documentation

Please submit progress report, invoice(s), proof of payment, pay stubs, and all other required documentation.

1. Progress Report (Exhibit B)
2. Documentation

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* 11. Documentation

Please upload documentation packet

Choose File | No file chosen

This section will allow you to upload one .pdf document with all supporting documentation.
This should match what is required by DFA. Please refer to GRO Policy Manual for more guidance.

So, in a single .pdf document please compile:

(1) Progress Report (Exhibit B)
(2) Your Invoice – requesting the amount matching Question #8 (Amount Requested this Period)
(3) Pay stubs and *timesheets* to showcase personnel and fringe costs (please blackout any SSN or protected information)
(4) Other expense documentation or invoices from sub-contractors or items procured from vendors
(5) Cost Allocation Plan (if applicable for shared costs or services)
(6) Proof of Payments like cancelled checks that you paid for these expenses as this is reimbursement.
(7) HB158 reporting on Accountability and Evaluation Plan (if applicable)

GRO Reimbursement

Project Status & Certification

* 12. Compliance Certification: Under penalty of law, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided is correct, expenditures are properly documented, and are valid expenditures and actual receipts; and that the grant activity is in full compliance with Article (X, Sec. 14 of the New Mexico Constitution known as the anti-donation clause.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

* 13. Date of Submission: (by a fixing the date/time, you are effectively signing off that you are the Grantee Representative approved and authorized to do so.

Date / Time

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Time: hh : mm

AM/PM: -

Time-around Goals & Questions?

The COG understands that turn-around times to get reimbursed are needed by most entities for cashflow purposes as is our case as a public body. Our goals are from the day after a pay request is submitted:

- *COG Internal Review – 5 day*
- *COG Submission to DFA – 5 day*
- *DFA Review, Approval, and Payment – ?*
- *COG Payment – within 14 days*

About 30-45 days

FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions

Can I get money advanced to my entity? No, these funds are all reimbursement based.

Can I buy equipment, supplies, or expend on capital outlay? No, unless specifically in legislative language and explicitly approved. NWNMCOG have not received written approval from DFA that this will be reimbursed or allowed as these appropriations were focused on operational costs only.

Can I expend the amount sooner than the two-year period ending June 30, 2028? Yes, we actually encourage entities to use this money as needed and front load if possible.

When is the last day I can submit my final pay requests? While expenses can be incurred up to June 30, 2028, NWNMCOG would prefer these by June 9, 2028 in order to close-out projects by June 30, 2026, but absolutely by July 7, 2028. Please note submitting on July 7, 2028 will delay payment as NWNMCOG/DFA will be closing out our Fiscal Years.