NEW MEXICO 5311 RURAL CARES ACT Funding Budget and Awards

Program Overview

• 2.1 million population statewide (~ 50% rural), 5th largest State by land area (122,000 sq. mi.)

• 22 rural subrecipients

• Serving 24 of the 29 rural counties in New Mexico
  • Also serving Navajo Nation, Pueblos of Zuni, Laguna, and Ohkay Owingeh
  • Most systems with fixed route went to demand response only in March through June 2020.
  • About 4 systems shut down services fully.
  • All systems are now operating at varying levels.

• Average annual 5311 awards ~ $20M (Federal + Local Match)
  • $16.5M Operating
  • $3.5M Administration

• Average annual 5339 awards ~ $3.9M (Federal + Local Match)
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• $36,474,000 total Federal CARES Act Award
  • $3,647,000 included for State Administration

• FFY 2020
  • $12,768,000 programmed for subrecipients at 100% administrative and 100% operating expenses (March – September 2020)
  • $5,609,000 total expended as of July 2020
    • (Operating - $4,850,000: Administration - $759,000)
  • $1,757,000 – projected operating and administrative cost savings based on expenditures
    • 15% cost savings projected. Usually ~ 8 to 9%
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FFY 2021 (October 2020 to September 2021)

• **Original Plan:**
  - $16,739,000 programmed for subrecipients at 100% of FFY 2020 Operating award levels
  - Remaining requests for additional operating above FFY 2020 awards were programmed using our 5311 formula funding at 50/50, totaling $1,162,000
  - Administrative to be funded at normal 80/20 match using regular Section 5311 funds: $2,790,000 federal

• **Current Plan:**
  - Same for Operations at 100% CARES, except for additional awards over FFY 2020 that will utilize regular Section 5311 funds at 50/50
  - Due to current impact of the pandemic, we are planning on programming subrecipients at 100% of FFY 2021 Administrative award levels: $3,488,000

• **Total CARES Award for FFY 2021:** $20,227,000
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• Balance of CARES funding
  • Evaluate FFY 2020 cost savings in December 2020
  • Program the FFY 2022 awards based on the FFY 2020 final cost savings and projected FFY 2021 cost savings, special projects as needed or unforeseen costs related to the COVID-19 Pandemic: ~$3.5 million
• $3,647,000 State Administration funds remaining in reserve