

# NEW MEXICO 5311 RURAL CARES ACT Funding Budget and Awards

## Program Overview

- 2.1 million population statewide (~ 50% rural), 5<sup>th</sup> 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