

AGENCY: New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) **From Advantage**

DESCRIPTION: The NMFA is dedicated to improving the lives of New Mexicans by planning and financing infrastructure, strengthening the economy through public/private partnerships and setting the standard for superior, diverse, innovative and solution-driven financing.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible uses and available services include a public project revolving fund, drinking water state revolving loan fund, local government planning fund, water trust board, primary care capital fund, behavioral health capital fund, child care facility loan fund, smart money initiative, local transportation infrastructure fund, and energy efficiency & renewable energy bond fund.

PROGRAM/LOAN STRUCTURE:

The Public Project Revolving Fund overview:

- Available to all public entities at “AAA” insured rates regardless of the underlying credit of borrower
- Interest rates, set monthly by the NMFA Board and among the best available in the market place
- Historic cash-flow analysis provides comfort to bondholders and does not over leverage borrowers
- Borrower enhancements including, cost of issuance assistance and disadvantaged funding.
 - Projects \$20,000,000 dollars or less incur no additional costs, up to \$200,000 per fiscal year, of issuing costs may be paid by the NMFA.
 - Up to \$200,000 of any project may receive 0% to 3% interest rates to help communities most in need.
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program:
 - Addresses infrastructure needs of public water systems,
 - Prevents future contamination and drinking water problems,
 - Improves system compliance and public health protection, and
 - Assists, with a particular emphasis, small systems serving fewer than 10,000 people by providing greater funding flexibility – extended loan terms & lower interest rates.
- Benefits include

Interest rates of 0% to 2% (public) and 3% (private), a 2 year construction draw period and interest payments only on drawn amounts. Principle & Interest payments start at final closing.

- Loan terms generally 20 years; disadvantaged water systems may receive terms of up to 30 years.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA/COMMENTS:

- Higher Education Institutions, federally chartered colleges in the state, Indian nations, tribes or pueblos located wholly or partially in New Mexico, consortia of tribes, the State of New Mexico, state agencies, state institutions, counties, municipalities, special districts, community water associations, land grant corporations, and school districts all qualify for NMFA programs.
- The process
 - Meet with the NMFA ,
 - The community meets and issues a resolution, submitted with the application, and submit
 - Categorical Exclusion Request,
 - Categorical Request Document,
 - Budgets,
 - Financial Audits,
 - Accounts Receivable Aging,
 - Annual Financial Reports,
 - Debt Summary,
 - Environmental Information Document, and
 - Preliminary Engineering Report.
- A water system is required to be on the State’s fundable priority list, generated annually by the New Mexico Environment Departments, Drinking Water Bureau www.nmfa.net/Funding/DWRLF.html or www.nmenv.state.nm.us/dwb/dwbtop.html .
- Also visit www.nmfa.net or call (505) 984-1454.