

**PROGRAM:** New Mexico Private Equity Investment Program

**AGENCY:** New Mexico State Investment Council (SIC)

**DESCRIPTION:** The SIC invests in private equity through limited partnerships to enhance the economic climate in the State of New Mexico.

**ELIGIBLE USE:**

The SIC, through the Private Equity Investment Program, provides a source of equity to finance:

- The start-up of new businesses, or
- The expansion or turn around of existing businesses.

**PROGRAM/LOAN STRUCTURE:**

- Maximum Program Benefits: Equity investments provide the potential for a higher rate of return and portfolio diversification, while facilitating job creation.
- The SIC invests in private equity through limited partnerships.
- The investment is long-term, normally 12 to 15 years.

**QUALIFICATION CRITERIA/COMMENTS:**

- The SIC is a silent investor, providing investment capital, but not making investment decisions.
  - The general partners of the limited partnerships are responsible for choosing and monitoring individual investments.
  - The state investment officer may give consideration to investments in private equity funds whose investments enhance the economic development objectives of the state; provided such investments offer a rate of return and safety comparable to other private equity investments currently available.
  - No more than 10% of the allocation may be invested in any one private equity fund.
  - The SIC investment may not exceed 20% of the committed capital of any private equity fund.
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