New Mexico MainStreet (NMMS) is an asset-based community economic development program that develops local capacity to engage people, rebuild places and grow the entrepreneurial, creative and business environment. NMMS’s initiatives and assistance results in economically-thriving downtowns, greater business and employment opportunities, and a higher quality of life for New Mexicans.

Founded in 1984, NMMS provides professional technical assistance, services, training, and resources to local affiliates who are committed to downtown revitalization and redevelopment.

NMMS is a program of the NM Economic Development Department and is an accredited Main Street America™ Coordinating Program.

To transform downtowns and accomplish economic development goals, NMMS implements the following economic transformation strategies:

- Build Capacity for Local Economic Revitalization and Redevelopment
- Enhance the Entrepreneurial and Creative Economy
- Create Thriving Places

More than 75% of NMMS districts and projects are in rural communities! Learn more about affiliated communities at nmmainstreet.org.
New Mexico MainStreet
NMMS uses a community asset-based economic development approach in partnership with local accredited and affiliated districts to rebuild downtown economies.

Art & Cultural Districts
State-authorized and affiliated districts capitalize on the creative economy.

Frontier & Native American Communities Initiative
Rural communities with less than 15,000 in population develop a catalytic economic development project within a traditional or historic commercial district in 12-18 months.

Urban Neighborhood Commercial Corridor Initiative
Urban neighborhood commercial corridors located in cities with more than 50,000 in population develop a catalytic economic development project in 12-18 months.

Capital Outlay Public Infrastructure Investment & Great Blocks on MainStreet Projects
NMMS's Capital Outlay Legislative appropriations leverage private sector reinvestment and demonstrate visible improvements in downtown to create vital spaces for economic growth. Great Blocks Projects upgrade a core two to three block commercial area in an affiliated district through the implementation of urban and landscape design, architecture, and creative economy projects.

New Mexico Historic Theaters Initiative
An ongoing statewide effort to support publicly-owned theaters, serving as anchor institutions in NMMS Districts, with rehabilitation, and digital projection and sound conversion.

Choose MainStreet
NMMS encourages New Mexicans and tourists to shop, eat, and play in MainStreet districts for the love of local. Choose MainStreet marketing campaigns promote shopping at small businesses throughout the year and annually during the holiday season.