

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The Community Benefit Fund (CBF) is a transformative initiative that empowers communities across New Mexico by investing in locally-driven projects that reduce pollution, create jobs, and build resilience in the face of a changing climate. By prioritizing community needs and leveraging innovative solutions, the CBF ensures a sustainable and thriving future for all New Mexicans.

HOW IT WORKS

Immediate Funding: \$340 million allocated in 2025 to kickstart projects that reduce emissions and enhance infrastructure across New Mexico.

Community-Driven Solutions: Local governments, businesses, and organizations collaborate to create solutions tailored to their unique challenges.

Diverse Investments:

- Increasing grid capacity and reliability
- Expanding renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Supporting electric vehicle infrastructure and sustainable transportation
- Promoting workforce development in new sustainable industries

WHAT CBF ACHIEVES

Strengthen Communities: Help rural and underserved areas adapt to climate impacts while improving quality of life.

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Empower communities to take action and reduce the pollution fueling climate change.

Create Family-Supporting Jobs: Invest in clean energy and infrastructure projects, generating high-quality jobs statewide.

Enhance Resiliency: Prepare New Mexico for future challenges by modernizing infrastructure and diversifying the economy.

WHY IT MATTERS

Every dollar invested through the CBF strengthens New Mexico's ability adapt and thrive as we face more unpredictable weather. From wildfire recovery to cost-saving home energy upgrades, this fund creates real opportunities and tools for communities to build a brighter future for generations to come.



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SENATE BILL 48: PURPOSE

SENATE BILL 49: FUND ALLOCATION

Increase grid capacity, resilience & reliability	\$100M	EMNRD: Grid Mod Fund
Increase renewable energy	\$40M	EMNRD: New grant program for energy efficiency & renewable technology
Energy efficiency	\$20M	EMNRD: Community Energy Efficiency Development Block Grant
EV, bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure	\$50M	DOT: New grant program
Reduce impacts on natural environment, agriculture, and public health	\$5M	EMNRD: State supplemental land and water fund via Outdoor Recreation Act
EV school buses	\$60M	Public Schools Facilities Authority
Economic development	\$40M	EDD: Economic Development funds supporting ongoing and related initiatives
Expanded worker training	\$25M	Workforce Solutions

WHY IT MATTERS

- Immediate Impact: \$340M in initial funding jumpstarts projects that directly benefit New Mexicans
- **Economic Growth:** Creates family supporting jobs, workforce training, and sustainable industry expansion
- **Community Resilience:** Strengthens infrastructure and supports New Mexicans in adapting and preparing for climate impacts