



New Mexico Match Fund FAQs

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Who can apply for the New Mexico Match Fund Grants?

Any political subdivision is eligible to apply, if the grant associated with their application is a federal grant that requires a match (voluntary non-federal matches, or federal grants with no match are not eligible). For a list of eligible political subdivisions please review section IV. Eligibility in the NM Match Fund Policy.

If the entity applied for 2023 NM Match Funds, can they apply for the 2024 NM Match Funds?

Yes, entities can apply again, as long as the application isn't for the same funds. Entities can also re-apply if the previous federal grant associated with the 2023 NM Match Fund application was not funded. The entity can only receive the Implementation Grant funds if they are awarded 2024 NM Match Funds.

How soon will applicants receive an award letter?

Barring unforeseen circumstances, DFA will review each application and make a determination within 20 business days of receiving the complete application.

If the application is eligible to receive a Matching Grant, DFA will send the applicant a contingent award letter that specifies the amount of the Matching Grant award that is contingent upon the entity's successful application for federal funding.

Will there be a review committee?

The review will be conducted by DFA staff. For some applications from tribal governments, local governments and other political subdivisions of the state, DFA may consult with staff in other state agencies that have expertise in the type of program or project that would be funded with the federal grant (5 business days review time).

What supplemental documents/information will need to be provided?

Each applicant for a Matching Grant will need to report the total match required, total amount of match from other sources, and total amount requested from the Match Fund.

If a federal grant application was submitted, please provide a copy of the submission, If the federal grant application was awarded, please provide a copy of the award letter.

Will funds be disbursed or reimbursed?

It is DFA's intention to disburse these funds, rather than process requests for reimbursement.

What if the award letter received is not for the full amount requested?

Application will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. If funds are close to being exhausted it's possible the NM Match Fund couldn't cover the entirety of the amount requested, resulting in a partial award.

What will be the reporting protocol if awarded funds through the NM Match Fund?

DFA will create a standard reporting form and will require the entity receiving a grant to submit the report to DFA on or before the dates specified in the grant agreement.

What if the federal grant we're applying for doesn't have a deadline?

If your federal grant doesn't have a deadline enter the deadline into the NM match fund grant application the maximum amount allowed (120 days) and submit. Please include the grant number and name, so DFA can review.

**Is rural/frontier status dependent on where the project/program will be implemented?
Or based on the service area?**

The purpose of the NM Match Fund is to fund where you serve, therefore rural/frontier status will be determined based on where the funds will be utilized. Please review section VIII Definitions in the NM Match Fund Policy for definitions of rural and frontier.

Is there a list of federal grants that are eligible for the NM Match Fund?

There is no list of eligible federal grants, if the federal grant requires a match, it's eligible.

Where can you find how much the required match for a federal grant is?

The amount of match required (percentage) will be outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the federal grant.

Are formula grants eligible to apply for the NM Match Fund?

Yes, as long as they require a match, they are eligible.

If the entity applying has previously been awarded a federal grant, can they still apply to the NM Match Fund?

Yes, as long as the award was no longer than 60 days prior to the NM Match Fund application period.

What information should be entered regarding federal grant information, if the entity is applying through a state agency?

The federal grant information required in the application can be obtained from the state agency in which you are applying to for the pass-through federal funding. Reach out to your point of contact at that agency.

Can you apply to the NM Match Fund if there is a deficit in funding due to increasing costs of construction?

The match grant is only for federal grants that require a match; therefore, this grant cannot be used to cover a deficit in funding due to increasing construction costs. It is possible that this may be funded through the federal compliance offset grant. Entities will need to provide documentation showing how the cost increase was calculated, including a comparison of project cost estimates with and without federal compliance.

If an entity has multiple projects, can they submit multiple applications?

Yes, you can submit an application for each project. There is a \$10 million cap for any entity that is not a state agency; state agencies are capped at \$2.5 million.

Does the eligible entity for match application have to be the prime applicant for the federal grant, or can the match applicant be a partner to the prime federal grant applicant?

If an eligible entity is a sub awardee of a federal grant and the project is consistent with the goals/objective of this funding source, then the eligible entity shall be able to apply for this funding with the condition that they are the primary applicant for this funding source. Thus, the eligible entity must be the primary beneficiary of the program.

If an entity has received a Congressionally Direct Spending (CDS) award, are they eligible to apply for a matching grant?

For CDS awards, an entity must have documentation from the federal awarding agency (USDA, EPA, etc.), such as an application, award letter, or agreement. Documentation

from the congressional office notifying an entity of a CDS award is not sufficient to qualify for a matching grant.