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# **Colonias Infrastructure Funding 2025 Application Cycle Training January 22, 2025**

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## Colonias Infrastructure Board (CIB)

- Colonias Infrastructure Act (the “Act”) created the 12-member CIB: 7 voting members and 5 advisory members
- The NMFA, on behalf of the CIF, annually accepts applications for projects to be funded from Colonias Infrastructure Fund
- The CIB prioritize projects that:
  - Are identified as “urgent”;
  - Are shovel-ready;
  - Leverage local and federal funds;
  - Demonstrate regionalization; and
  - Address the needs of populations in cost-effective manner



## Eligibility Criteria

- Qualified Entity – county, municipality or other entity recognized as a *political subdivision of the state*
  - *Political subdivision of the state – municipality, county, water and sanitation district, association organized and existing pursuant to the Sanitary Projects Act, or any other entity recognized by statute as a political subdivision of the state.*
- Qualified Project - Colonias Infrastructure project that may include a water system, a wastewater system, solid waste disposal facilities, flood and drainage control, roads or housing infrastructure.
  - ***Does not include:*** *general operation and maintenance, equipment, housing allowances payments or mortgage subsidies*
- Colonias – rural community with a population of 25,000 persons or less located within 150 miles of the US-Mexico border that:
  - *Has been designated as a colonia by the municipality or county in which it is located because of lack of potable water supply, a lack of adequate sewage systems, or a lack of decent, safe and sanitary housing;*
  - *Has been in existence as a colonia prior to November 1990, and*
  - *Has submitted appropriate documentation to the board to substantiate the conditions under the above bullet points.*

## Parameters for CIB Funding

- CIB Policies require:
  - minimum contributions of at least 10% from all applicants in the form of local or federal matching funds
  - mandatory loan component of 10% for all entities
  - to the greatest extent possible, awards will be sized to projects that represent a functional project or stand-alone phase of a project that can be accomplished within 12-24 months of award
- Colonias Infrastructure fund annually receives 4.5% of senior Severance Tax Bonds (STB) and is subject to additional STB regulations; estimate for the 2025 cycle is **\$62,600,000.**
- To ensure a fair allocation of funding for all qualified entities, no single project may receive more than 15% of the available funds in any given funding cycle. **15% of cap estimate \$9,390,000.**

## Application Overview

- Notice of Intent: January 6 - January 17, 2025
- On-line Project Application: January 27 – March 6, 2025
- Application Review
  - Legal, Application Completeness, Compliance: March 10 to March 18, 2025
  - Policy/Regulatory Compliance Deadline: **April 7, 2025**
  - Application Evaluation: March 17 – April 22, 2025
    - Project Urgency
    - Project Readiness
    - Leverage of Other Funds
    - Regionalization
    - Cost/Benefit
    - Long Term Community Benefit
    - Sustainability Maintenance and Operations
- Expected CIB Funding Recommendation: May 15, 2025
- Securing Funding



## ***“Am I Ready for Funding?”***

***Anticipated Funding Recommendation (May 15, 2025)***

***Anticipated “RTP” Deadline (October 31, 2025)***

### ***Application Submission***

- ☑ Regulatory / Policy Compliance:
  - Project Continuation
  - EO Compliance
  - Budget/State Audit Act
  - Water Rights Secured (if applicable)
  - Asset Management Plan
- ☑ Permits / Licenses / ROW / Easements complete
- ☑ Required funding match secured
- ☑ Completed planning documents
- ☑ Completion of plans/specs (construction projects)

### ***Securing the Funding***

- ☑ Approved plans/specs (construction projects)
- ☑ Secured Match
  - ☑ Additional loan can be substitute for local match
- ☑ ROW / Easements Secured/Certified
- ☑ Expenditure of Funds within 12-24 months (completion of project)
- ☑ Consent of Debt from Funders



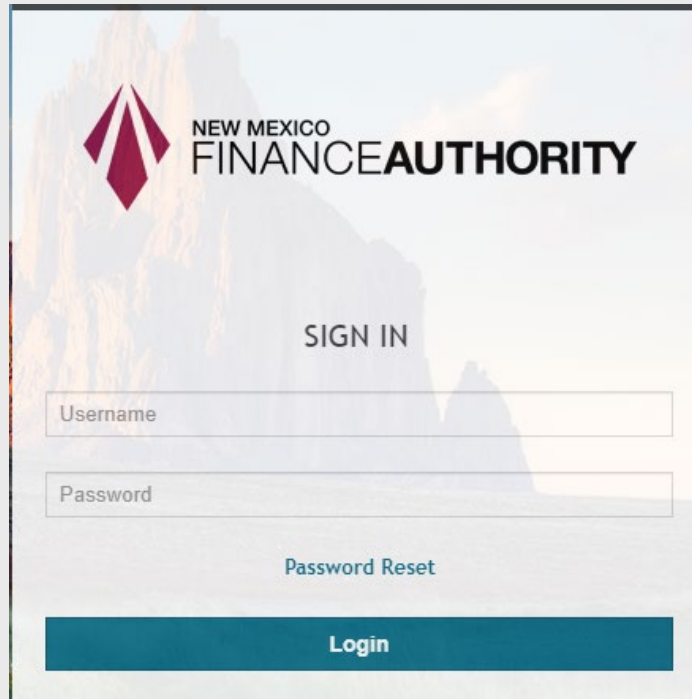
## *The Basics:*

- Through the NOI, the Applicant assigns a local administrator (“Primary Contact”) that is **the only one** authorized to submit applications on behalf of the Applicant
- NMFA will assign \*new Super Users and \*\*Local Users a “User Name” and an initial “Password” (must be changed by the User)
  - \*previous users may use their current passwords if there is no change in identified user
  - \*\*local users must be members or employees of the Applicant
- Applicant must authorize NMFA (through the NOI) to attach any \*consultants and/or engineers to the Applicant’s profile
  - Consultants and/or engineers cannot be “Super Users/Primary Contacts”

## Application Submission

### January 27 - March 6, 2025

<https://www.gotoenable.com/NMFAEnable/login.aspx>



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## Application Submission January 27 – March 6, 2025

- Select the application that corresponds to your proposed project type:
  - Water Infrastructure
  - Wastewater Infrastructure
  - Roads/Drainage
  - Flood Prevention
  - Solid Waste
  - Housing Infrastructure
- One application must be submitted for each proposed project



# EnAble Home Screen

Search menu option...

**Borrower Data**

**Application**

**User Maintenance**

EnABLE Home

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**My Tasks - 0 Tasks**

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View	Task	Description	Due Date	User / Group

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**My Stuff**

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Type	Name	Amount	Date 1	Date 2	Status / Type
	2025 CIB Water and Wastewater Application	\$0.00	01/27/2025	//	Started
	2025 CIB Flood Prevention Application	\$0.00	01/27/2025	//	Started
	2025 CIB Roads and Drainage Application	\$0.00	01/27/2025	//	Started
	2025 CIB Solid Waste Application	\$0.00	01/27/2025	//	Started

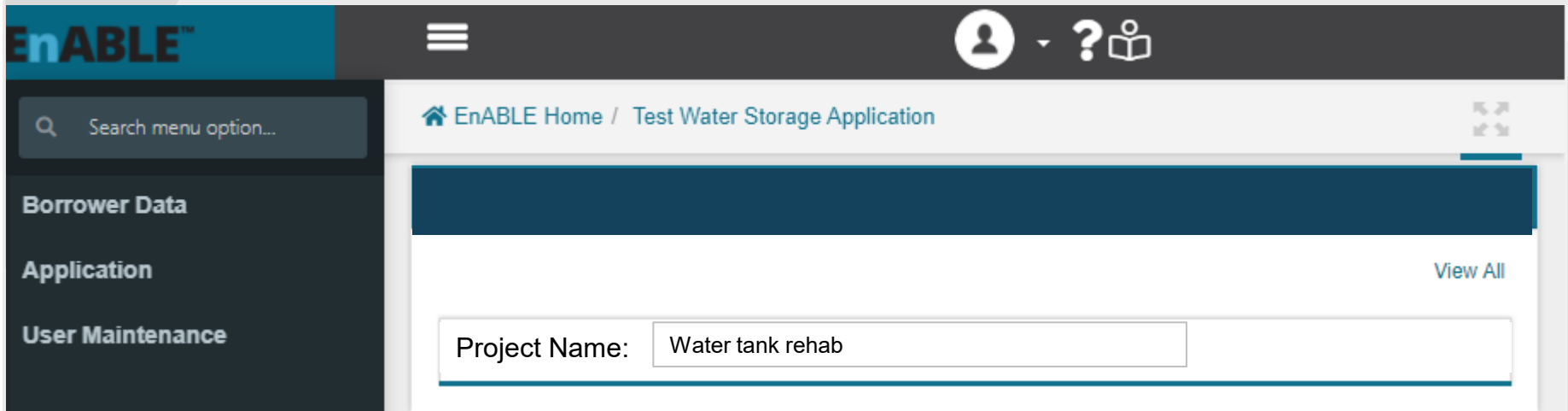
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Select  
"Application"

Choose the  
Application  
Type

Name your project: *Do not name your project 2025 Colonias Application*







The screenshot displays the EnABLE web application interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the EnABLE logo and menu items: Borrower Data, Application, and User Maintenance. The main content area has a dark header with a hamburger menu, a user profile icon, and a help icon. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: EnABLE Home / Test Water Storage Application. A search bar is visible on the left. The main content area features a dark blue header bar, a 'View All' link, and a form with a 'Project Name:' label and an input field containing the text 'Water tank rehab'.

Top of every screen

## 2025 CIF Water and Wastewater Projects Form Entry

### Attachments/Forms

Download	Description
	2025 CIF Applicant Certification
	2025 CIF Budget Detail
	2025 ROW/Permit Easement Form
	2025 CIF Application Overview and FAQs

### Applicant Comments

Current Step:

Validate

Save

Submit

Print

\* Required field

Validate Button saves the data before Validation starts.

Bottom of every screen

- “Validate” – prior to hitting submit
- “Save” – Saves information
- **“Submit” – will only be visible to Applicant “Primary User”**

## Re-entering the Application

General	Related Contacts	Attachments	Notes
<b>Account Name</b>	2025 CIB Water and Wastewater		
<b>Title</b>	Colonias Infrastructure Project fund		
<b>Program</b>	01/27/2025		
<b>Open Date</b>	03/7/2025		
<b>Closing Date</b>	//		
<b>Name</b>	Test Water Storage Application		
<b>Description</b>			
<b>Data Account</b>	0		
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$0.00		
<b>Status</b>	<span>Started</span> <span>Submitted</span> <span>Review</span> <span>Approved</span> <span>Returned</span> <span>Denied</span> <span>Cancelled</span>		
<b>Comment</b>			
<b>Primary Reviewer</b>			
<b>Date Started</b>	01/27/2025	<b>Started User</b>	clarragoite@nmfa.net
<b>Date Submitted</b>	//	<b>Submitted User</b>	
<b>Review Start Date</b>	//		
<b>Current Review Date</b>	//	<b>Current Review User</b>	
<b>Date Returned</b>	//	<b>Returned User</b>	
<b>Board Approved Date</b>	//	<b>Approved User</b>	
<b>Date Denied</b>	//	<b>Denied User</b>	
<b>Cancelled Date</b>	//	<b>Cancelled User</b>	
<b>Amount Authorized</b>	\$0.00		
<b>Associated Account Name</b>			
<b>View or Edit Application</b>		<b>View History</b>	



Hit "View or Edit Application"

# Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund 2025 Water and Wastewater Project

## CIF FUNDING REQUEST:

- CIF Funding Request – What are you requesting only from CIB

*CIF Funding Request **does not** include match or other funds needed to complete the project*

➤ **Applicant and Contact Information**

- Primary – “Super User” who will hit “submit”
- Contact for Loan/Grant Closing
- Secondary – Other (local) Applicant contact
- Legal – Applicant’s attorney
- Consultant and/or Other – COG, Financial Advisor, Engineer

➤ **Organization and Colonias Information**

- Governing Body Meeting Dates
- Deadlines for providing final documents; Newspaper(s) for publishing legal notices
- Information about Benefitting Colonias
  - Name(s), Location, Date of Designation, **Upload** - Proof of Colonias Designation
- Census Tract(s) and Legislative District(s)

➤ **HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY**

- Current Housing Plan and Affordable Housing Ordinance


- **Project Scope and Description** – What is the proposed project? (eg. Rehabilitate a well; replace water lines; construct ADA sidewalks, etc.)
  - Requested Scope (plan, design, construction, etc.)
    - *Requested scope must match budget; and*
    - *Requested scope is only for CIB funding request.*
  - Project Description
    - Identify phases (including but not limited to phased costs)
    - Geographic area covered
    - Community need
  - Project Benefit
- **Upload** – Map of Project Area
- Project Component Percentages (*if project is within 2 or more project types*)

- Project Selection - how was project area/alternative chosen?
- Project Continuation – Is this another phase of a previously funded CIB project?
- Regionalization – *Section 1.1D* Describe regional effort (JPA/MOU's in place)  
**Upload (if applicable)**
  - Include the percentage of the population served by the project
- Community Support – any stakeholders; outreach efforts; letters of support  
**Upload**
- Project Urgency – *Section 1.1A*
  - How will the project address Human Health and Safety?
  - Regulatory compliance;
  - Emergency declaration
- Long Term Community Benefit – Describe quality of life (impacts-negative or positive)
- Cost Benefit

Test  
yourself!

**Project Scope.** Provide a brief description of the specific scope of work to be funded and the overall goal of the project. For purposes of this item, “scope” means planning, design, construction, etc.

*The project addresses a need for the City to address potable water shortages due to limited resources.*



*The rehabilitation/construction of the existing water treatment pod and tank and construction of a new 300,000-gal water tank. Project will allow the Village to remove existing pod and provide redundant treatment.*

Detailed Project Description. Describe the project in detail, including the requested scope and:

- ◆ Identify the phase(s) of the project;
- ◆ If for planning, what documents will be completed;
- ◆ What geographic area covered, community need, and expected benefits and impacts of the project.

*The road is deteriorated with several exposed underground pipes. The pipes are undersized and old. When there is a leak, the entire system is shut down and customers are without water for several hours. The area tends to flood which makes driving hazardous. The tank is 60 years old. The project is the top priority on our ICIP.*



➤ **Sustainability, Maintenance and Operations**

➤ Asset Management Plan (AMP) Criteria – **Section 1.1H**

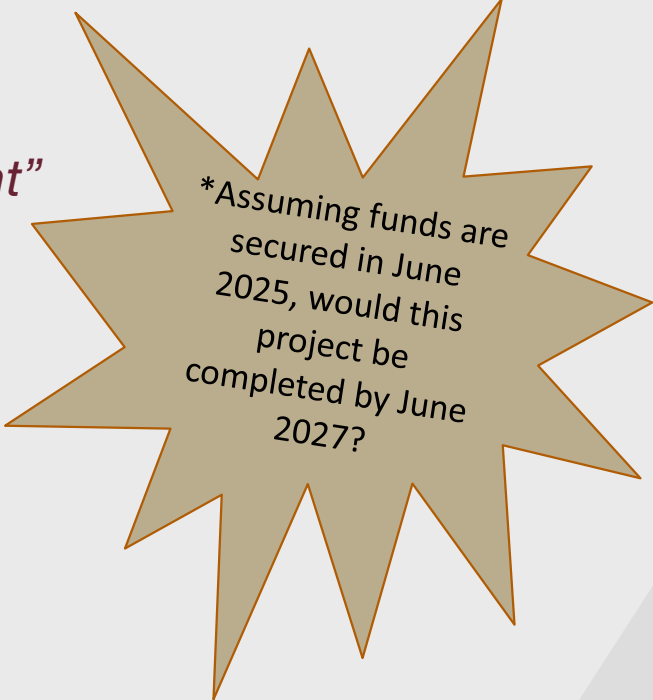
➤ Verification on commitment to AMP

➤ 4-year timeline for completion of AMP

➤ Ongoing maintenance, operation and replacement



- Planning “*upload planning docs*”
- Permits/license “*download attachment*”
- Design vs. Construction
- Easements/ROW
- \*Project Timeline



\*Assuming funds are secured in June 2025, would this project be completed by June 2027?



**RTP Deadline: October 31, 2025**

## Project timeline

- Provide status of all permits, licenses, authorizations and easements to complete the project – download form, complete
- Plans/specs completed\*
- Project Start Date
- Project Completion Date
- Desired date of funding

Provide the timeline for the following, as applicable:

Project Requirements	Source	Proposed Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
License				
Environmental Clearance				
Right of Way				
Easement				
Landowner Agreement(s)				
Agency Agreements(s)				
Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)				
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)				
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)				
Water Rights				
Utility Easements				
CPB Approval of Plans and Specs				
NMED Drinking Water Bureau Approval of Plans and Specs				
Other agency approvals				
NMDOT Easement				
Construction Permit				
Other Permits (please specify)				
Other (please specify)				

➤ Project Start Date:

- Is planning complete?
- Is design complete and approved?
- Is all funding available/secured?
- All partners/staff on board

➤ Project Completion Date – Twenty-four months from closing/executed agreement date

➤ Desired date of funding – When can I start spending funds (realistically)





- Design vs. Construction – Projects requesting Construction only funds **must** (if awarded) have completed and approved design (plans/specs) prior to RTP deadline of **October 31, 2025**, in order to secure funding.
  - For “construction only” projects – Consulting Engineer must certify the date of design completion.
- Easements/ROW – Easements/ROW **must** (if awarded) be secured prior to RTP deadline of **October 31, 2025**, in order to secure funding.



For Housing Infrastructure Projects only: Colonias  
*Policies Section 4.2*



- Verification that property lies within designated Colonias
- Verification that property is owner-occupied
- Verification that property is residential (not owned by corporation, living trust or secured by reverse mortgage)
- Verification that project is primary residence and not a business, investment or vacation/recreation home (*no new construction*)
- Verification that the home is permanently attached to foundation

### ➤ Project Funding

- CIF Funding Request (*project budget*) – Download form, complete, save to local drive and **upload** into application as an excel spreadsheet **not** as a pdf.
  - Project Budget – Reflect the proposed project:
    - What is needed (scope)?
    - Who will fund it?
- Non-CIF funding – Provide details of other funding. **Upload** documentation of **\*\*secured match**. If not documented, it will not count in the project evaluation
- Will Applicant be requesting to undertake an additional loan in lieu of the local match?

- Required Match – Identify the form and source
  - Hard Match:
    - Non-CIB funding; non-severance tax bonds/capital outlay awards;
    - Local cash contributions; private donations; or
    - Federal funds
  - Soft Match: Labor and/or equipment for the scope of work on the proposed project.

*\*Project Summary and Project budget should match*

**Project Number:**

**Status Date:**

**Comment:**

**Project Funding Source:**

**Status:**

**Status Date:**

**Type:**

**Amount:**

\$0.00                      \$0.00                      \$0.00                      \$0.00

**Description:**

	CIB Funds	Local Funds	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Feasibility/PERs					\$0.00
Design & Specifications					\$0.00
Construction Inspection					\$0.00
Environmental Surveys					\$0.00
Archaeological Surveys					\$0.00
Construction					\$0.00
Land Acquisition					\$0.00
Easements & ROW					\$0.00
Project Management					\$0.00
Legal Costs					\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Applicants do not complete the sections shaded gray**

**DO NOT TYPE IN SHADED SECTIONS**

## Colonias Funding Request vs Total Project Cost vs Project Description vs Project Budget

### ➤ CIF Funding Request

\* CIF Funding Request:

432,500.00

### ➤ CIF Project Description:

➤ *“project is for plan, design, construct waterlines to the water system”*

### ➤ Project Budget

Project Number:

Status Date:

Comment:

Project Funding Source:

Status:

Status Date:

Type:

Amount:

\$400,000

\$32,500

Description:	CIB Funds	Local Funds	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Feasibility/PERs					\$0.00
Design & Specifications		25,000.00			\$25,000.00
Construction Inspection		5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Engineering Services					\$0.00
Environmental Surveys					\$0.00
Archeological Surveys					\$0.00
Construction	400,000.00				\$400,000.00
Land Acquisition					\$0.00
Easements & ROW					\$0.00
Project Management		2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Legal Costs					\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$432,500.00</b>



## Colonias Funding Request vs Total Project Cost vs Project Description vs Project Budget

➤ CIF Funding Request:

\$400,000.00

➤ CIF Project Description:

➤ *“Construction of water system to include replacement of waterlines”*



➤ Project Budget

Project Number:  
Status Date:  
Comment:

Project Funding Source:  
Status:  
Status Date:  
Type:  
Amount:

Description:	\$400,000	\$32,500			
	CIB Funds	Local Funds	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Feasibility/PERs					\$0.00
Design & Specifications		25,000.00			\$25,000.00
Construction Inspection		5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Engineering Services					\$0.00
Environmental Surveys					\$0.00
Archeological Surveys					\$0.00
Construction	400,000.00				\$400,000.00
Land Acquisition					\$0.00
Easements & ROW					\$0.00
Project Management		2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Legal Costs					\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$432,500.00</b>



## \*\*Match Documentation/Requirements



- ▶ Resolution committing to required match;
- ▶ Any Non-Severance Tax and/or Capital Outlay Funds (Federal funds, local cash contributions, private donations);
- ▶ Executed funding agreement which clearly describes project awarded and amount awarded;
- ▶ Cost of PER, Engineering Study, Design (not paid for by state funds) including cancelled checks; funding agreement;
- ▶ Approved budget with line-item identified;
- ▶ Local Government Planning Fund award (PER) completed for proposed project;
- ▶ In-kind cost of labor and/or equipment for proposed project (timesheets or work completed clearly identifying proposed project, dates and hours)

- ▶ Letter from applicant/official committing to required match;
- ▶ Previous Colonias awards, WTB awards, Capital Outlay Funds (including Severance Tax and/or General Fund);
- ▶ Application for funding or executed funding agreement with no description of what was awarded;
- ▶ \*Letter from Funder indicating receipt of application;
- ▶ **Previous phased project expenditure;**
- ▶ Asset Management Plan costs
- ▶ Comprehensive Plan cost;
- ▶ Administrative costs;
- ▶ Legal fees;
- ▶ Any costs not associated with the proposed project

*\*If you are seeking other funds (federal) to match Colonias, make sure you consider the timelines of funding for both sources*

## ➤ Financial Disclosure

### ➤ Applicant Budget Information:

- Total Budgeted Expenditures for 2025
- Fiscal Year End Date
- Total Actual Expenditures in FY2024
- Current on Quarterly Budget Submissions to NMDFA
  - *(Upload copy of letter and/or documentation and/or entity financials\*)*

### ➤ \*Applicant Audit Information and Executive Order Compliance

- Current Audits/Agreed upon Procedures/Tier determination-*upload documents IF not on the OSA website*
- EO Compliance requirement *(list most recent funding received, year received, agency EO-compliance determination)*
- Fiscal Administrator - Pledged Revenue for Required Loan Component
- Audited Financial Statements- *For applicants not required to complete audits under the Audit Rule, provide financial statements*

- Please provide the date on which the Applicant submitted or expects to submit its FY2024 audit or Agreed Upon Procedures report to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA)
  - If on a “Tier” system, you must submit the tier determination and form(s) submitted to OSA (3 years)
- EO compliance requirement – has the applicant received NM State Capital Outlay funding from 2013 and later? If so, list **most recent** funding received, year received, and agency EO compliance determination.
- Fiscal Administrator (“FA”) – if awarded, the FA will oversee the financial aspects of the award (e.g. requisition reviews, quarterly report review, procurement procedures, etc.)
  - The FA must be compliant with the State Audit Rule and EO Compliance
  - If Applicants’ audit requires a FA, NMFA will notify the Applicant as part of the readiness to proceed process when funded.

**NOTE: The Colonias Board cannot award funding to applicants that are not compliant with the State Audit Rule/EO Compliance**

### ➤ Financial Disclosure

- Financing (Loan Documents)-if awarded, a loan component of 10% at zero percent interest rate and .25% administrative fee.
- Provide the revenue to be pledged as loan security and indicate whether that revenue stream is currently pledged to another loan:
  - Net System Revenue-provide name of enterprise fund
  - Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)-specify type of GRT and identify specific increment(s)
  - Mil Levy-identify enactment date and expiration date
  - Other/alternative

*\*Attach copies of all ordinances, resolutions or referendum documents that created the utility system or enacted the GRT or Mil Levy identified*

- Current Debt/Future Debt – *Consent to additional debt from current lenders (NMED, USDA, etc.) must be provided as a condition of closing.*
- Pending Litigation

### ➤ CONSENT OF DEBT

- Any debt (USDA, NMED) being repaid from the revenue source identified as the loan pledge requires consent from those lenders.
- IF debt is from USDA, reach out to USDA “now” to request the requirements/documents needed for the consent.
- Municipalities/Counties – Consider using GRT instead of system revenues to secure the Colonias loan

DON'T WAIT



- Water/Wastewater Projects Only
  - Number of Residential Connections
    - Residential Rate Amount
    - Date Last Adjusted
  - Number of Commercial Connections
    - Commercial Rate Amount
    - Date Last Adjusted
  - Is the system metered?

*NOTE: If Applicant cannot demonstrate that it meets or has a plan to meet the minimum 1.0x debt service coverage requirement for the loan portion, raising of rates may be required.*

This section includes uploads for:

- Governing body **resolution** authorizing submission of application
- Proof of **Colonia designation** for the benefiting Colonias by the county or municipality in which the project is located
- Copy of Articles of Incorporation and by-laws (as applicable)
- **Open Meetings Act Resolution**
- Joint Powers Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)
- Current Housing Plan and Affordable Housing Ordinance (*Housing only*)
- Asset Management Plan (*provide appropriate stage docs*)
- **Planning Documents** such as a Preliminary Engineering Report, Engineering Study, Design Analysis (unless funding is sought for this purpose)
- Documentation that **Match\*** is approved/secured
- **Map** of Project Area and **Map** of Service Area;
- Detailed project phase schedule

Applications must include the following information:

- Detail of all required **permits, licenses, and authorizations** necessary to complete the project (*download form, save it to desktop and Upload*)
- Project Funding Budget (*download form, save it to desktop and Upload as an excel*)
- Evidence of existing **Debt** in the form of debt documents, including loan or bond documents, debt default summary as well as debt schedule of said loan/bond

- Revenue to be pledged as Loan Security (*attach ordinance, resolutions or referendum document(s) that sets forth the rates, rules, and regulations, etc.*):
- Is any debt being repaid from the revenue source(s) selected?
  - Attach any bond or loan documents and accompanying payment schedules for any existing debt service being paid from the identified revenue pledges. **IF** any of the debt is from NMFA, list the debt but loan/bond documents do not have to be attached.

*(Consent of additional debt)*



Applications must include the following information:

- **For Construction Only Projects (RTP Deadline October 31, 2025)**
  - Right of way/easements documentation
  - Verification of completed plans/specification
  - Approval of plans/specifications\*
  - Documentation and explanation of landownership arrangements

*\*If plans/specifications are not complete at time of application submission, consulting engineer must certify date of completion.*

### Applications must include the following information:

- Financial Requirements
  - Applicant Budget and Audit information
  - Executive Order 2013-006 compliance information
  - Intent to utilize Fiscal Administrator (**upload** copies of MOUs or resolutions naming Fiscal Administrator-Fiscal administrator template)
  - Summary of pending litigation impacting project (if applicable)
  - **Upload** audited financial statements **if not** already located on the State Auditor's website
  - For Applicants not required to complete audits under the Audit Rule, **upload** Agreed Upon Procedures or Tier certification for FY2022, FY2023 and FY2024 if not already located on the State Auditor's website and **include** evidence that the requisite forms were filed with the State Auditor's Office

## SECTION VII. CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

Applicant has the authority to request the funds described in this application. To the best of my knowledge all information contained in this application is valid and accurate and the submission of this application has been authorized by the governing body of the undersigned jurisdiction.

Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Governing Body Highest Elected Official or  
Association/Organization's Authorized Officer**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do's and Don'ts – Guide to improving your application

### Do 😊

- ▶ Answer all questions completely: provide brief overview, requested scope and goal of project;
  - ▶ “The project is to complete Phase II of the system and includes construction of water lines from 1<sup>st</sup> street to Main. This phase will provide water to the remaining community of Anytown.”
- ▶ Provide attachments when required;

### Don't 😞

- ▶ Answer only a portion of the questions: provide brief overview, requested scope and goal of project;
  - ▶ “The project is listed on our ICIP and will improve the overall operation of the system.
- ▶ None or some attachments provided;

## Project Application Complete!



**Application is Due**  
**March 6, 2025**

**On-line Applications and  
attachments must be submitted  
by March 6, 2025, 3:00 pm MDT:**

Applications must be submitted by the Primary User, although the information can be completed by other authorized users

**<https://www.gotoenable.com/NMFAEnable/login.aspx/>**



## What Happens Next?



March 10 – April 22, 2025

- Legal Review/Application Completeness – Legal Review determines that Applicants and projects are eligible under the Colonias Infrastructure Act
- Regulatory Compliance – What are the requirements?
  - Water System projects:
    - Safe Drinking Water Act; Sanitary Project Act; NM Water Regulations; Certified Operator
  - Wastewater projects:
    - All NMED and EPA regulatory requirements
  - Road, Flood Control and Solid Waste projects:
    - Compliance with applicable state and federal regulators
  - Housing Infrastructure projects:
    - Current Housing Plan; Affordable Housing Ordinance

## ➤ Regulatory Compliance cont.:

### ➤ For all Projects:

- Water Rights (if applicable)
- Conservation Plans (If applicable)
- State Audit Rule
- State Budget Rule
- Debt Compliance

### ➤ How is Compliance determined?

- Applications will be reviewed by Regulatory Agencies (NMED, OSE, DOT); NM Mortgage Finance Authority (Housing) and NMFA (audits/budgets)

➤ Policy Compliance – Project Continuation **Section 1.3**

*Applicants that have received prior\* CIF awards, must certify completion of all projects or have expended at least 50% of prior awards prior to approval of any new award for funding*

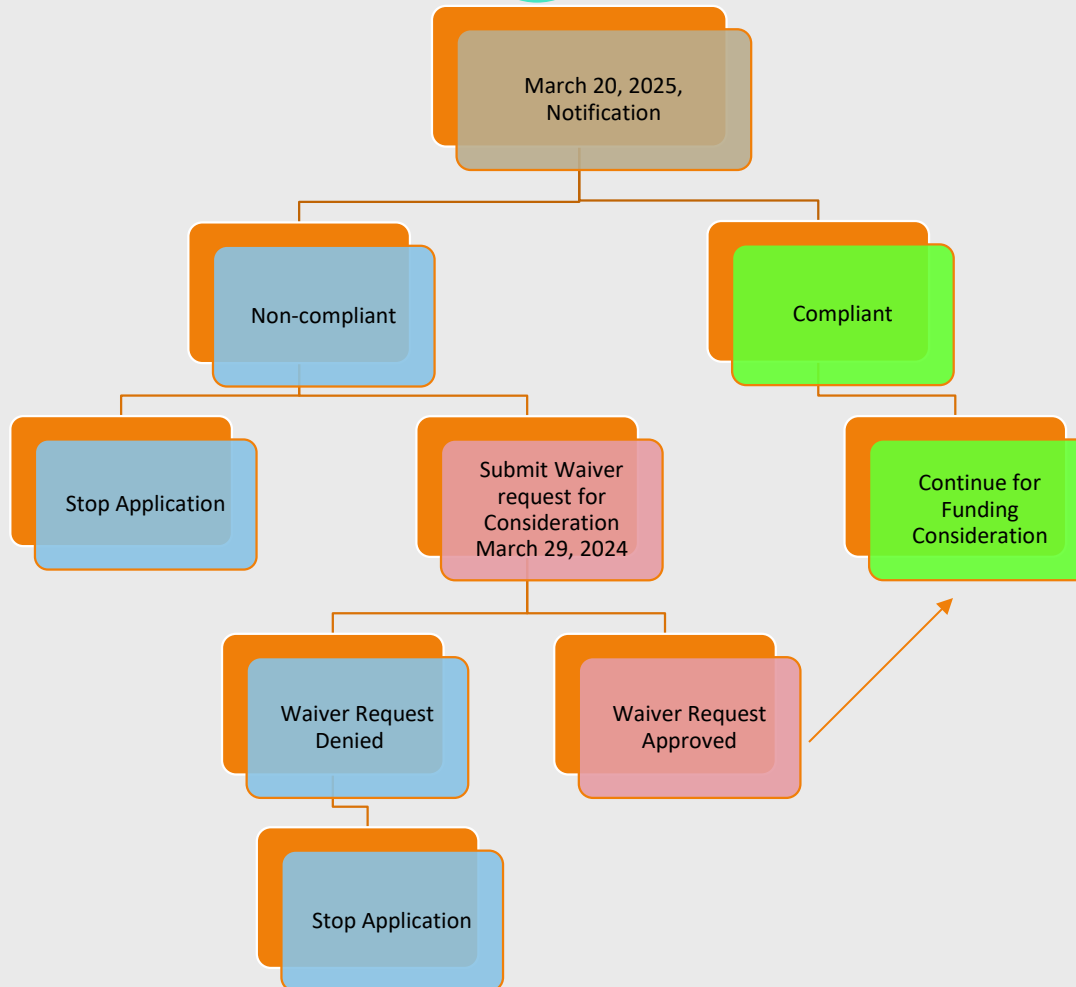
Those **not** in compliance will be notified and have until [April 7, 2025](#) to become compliant. Applicants unable to evidence good standing by deadline:

- Stop application; or
- Submit a waiver request (*Waiver consideration – April 29-30, 2025*)

*\*for the 2025 cycle, any active projects (not yet certified) from 2023 and older will be used for expenditure calculations*



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## ***The Colonias Infrastructure Board cannot waive regulatory compliance requirements***

- Waiver Requests:
  - Policy Waiver requests should include:
    - Letter asking for policy waiver submitted/signed by applicant
    - Provide justification for request
    - Timeline for completion (*project continuation*)
  - Regulatory Waiver requests should include:
    - Letter asking for consideration of funding despite non-compliance issues
    - Provide justification for request
    - Timeline to meet compliance

## **Application Review Summary**

### **March 10 – April 22**

- Legal Review to determine that Applicants and projects are eligible under the Colonias Infrastructure Act
- Application Review
  - Eligible applications will be reviewed by regulatory agencies for compliance; and
  - Technical review by Project Management Team – reviewing the technical managerial and financial aspects.
- April 29-30, 2025 – Waiver considerations

## ➤ Criteria:

### ➤ Project Urgency (30%)

- Cure regulatory compliance;
- Public Health threats;
- Emergencies brought on by catastrophic events, or severe weather conditions
- Flood and drainage issues
- Dam safety

### ➤ Project Readiness (20%)

- Project design/implementation
- Plans/specifications complete
- Permits/licenses secured
- ROW/easements secured
- Planning documents complete (PER, feasibility study, etc.)

## ➤ Criteria cont.:

- Leverage of other funds (10%)
  - Required Match
    - Identify “hard” or “soft” match
  - Secured funding
- Regionalization (10%)
  - Collaboration from multiple communities or existing systems
    - MOU/JPA’s in place
- Cost/Benefit (10%) – Cost Effectiveness
- Long Term Community Benefit (10%) – Future development of the community
- Sustainability, Maintenance and Operations (10%)
  - Asset Management Plan Criteria

**May 15, 2025**

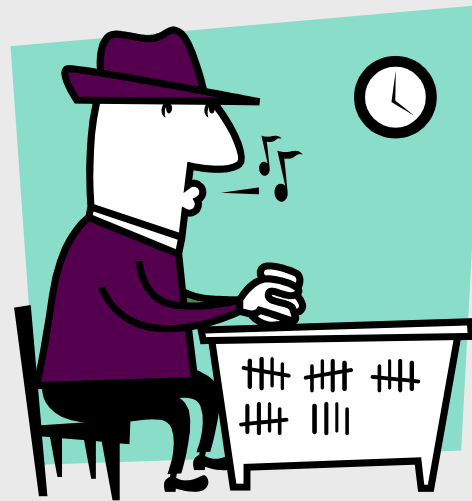
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- Urgency
- Health and Safety
- Cure regulatory compliance
- Is project in compliance with regulatory and policy?
- Does the project have planning documents in place?
- Are ROW/easements secured?
- How soon can project be completed?
- Is all funding secured?
- Can project be phased?





## Are We There Yet?



## New Mexico Finance Authority Board of Directors – June 2025

- Approval of Colonias Awards:
  - Financial Structure
  - Mandatory Loan Component – 10%
  - Pledged Revenues and Debt Capacity
- Readiness to Proceed Submission (RTP) – **October 31, 2025**
- Determination of Financial Schedule
  - Public comment period
  - Resolution/Ordinance
- Final Closeout Documents/Executed Agreement

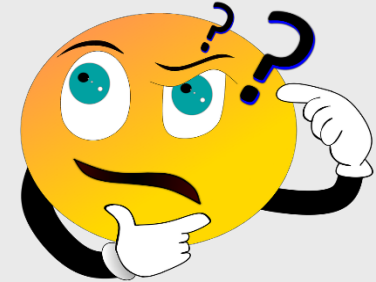
- Notice of Intent: *January 6 – January 17, 2025*
- On-Line: *January 27 – March 6, 2025*
- Applicants notified of non-compliance: *March 20, 2025*
- Final compliance deadline/waiver requests due: *April 7, 2025*
- Waiver Considerations (*project presentations TBD*): *April 29-30, 2025*
- Anticipated CIB Funding Recommendation decision: *May 15, 2025*
- Approval on Funding Terms & Structure (NMFA): *June 2025*
- Award letters mailed to applicants, including Readiness to Proceed (RTP) requirements: *June 2025*
- Securing Funds Training: *June/July 2025*
- **Readiness to Proceed Deadline - October 31, 2025**





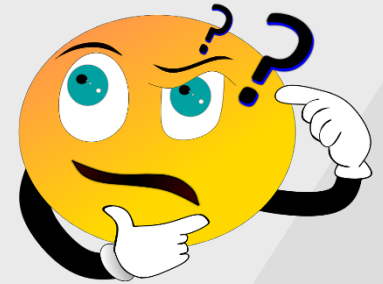
## Points to Consider

- Application scope vs. Allowable scope
- Eligible Costs
- Project Budgets
- Right-of-way/Landowner Agreements
- Matching funds
- Leveraging
- Planning
- Project Completion within 24 months



## Points to Consider

- Section 6.3 Reallocation of Declined or Rescinded Financial Assistance Awards
  - Failure to timely provide the required RTP items or inadequate or deficient RTP items submitted
  - Unapproved plans/specs for construction only projects
  - Unsecure ROW/easements or other permits
  - Unsecure match
  - Failure to meet regulatory requirements
  - Change to project or financial position of recipient
  - Unreasonable delay in securing the financial assistance agreement
  - Project timeline



## Other Funding Needs

- Local Government Planning Fund
  - Susan Rodriguez [LGPF@nmfa.net](mailto:LGPF@nmfa.net)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
  - Todd Johansen [DW@nmfa.net](mailto:DW@nmfa.net)
  - <https://swim.water.web.env.nm.gov/>
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**It's QUESTION TIME!!**



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