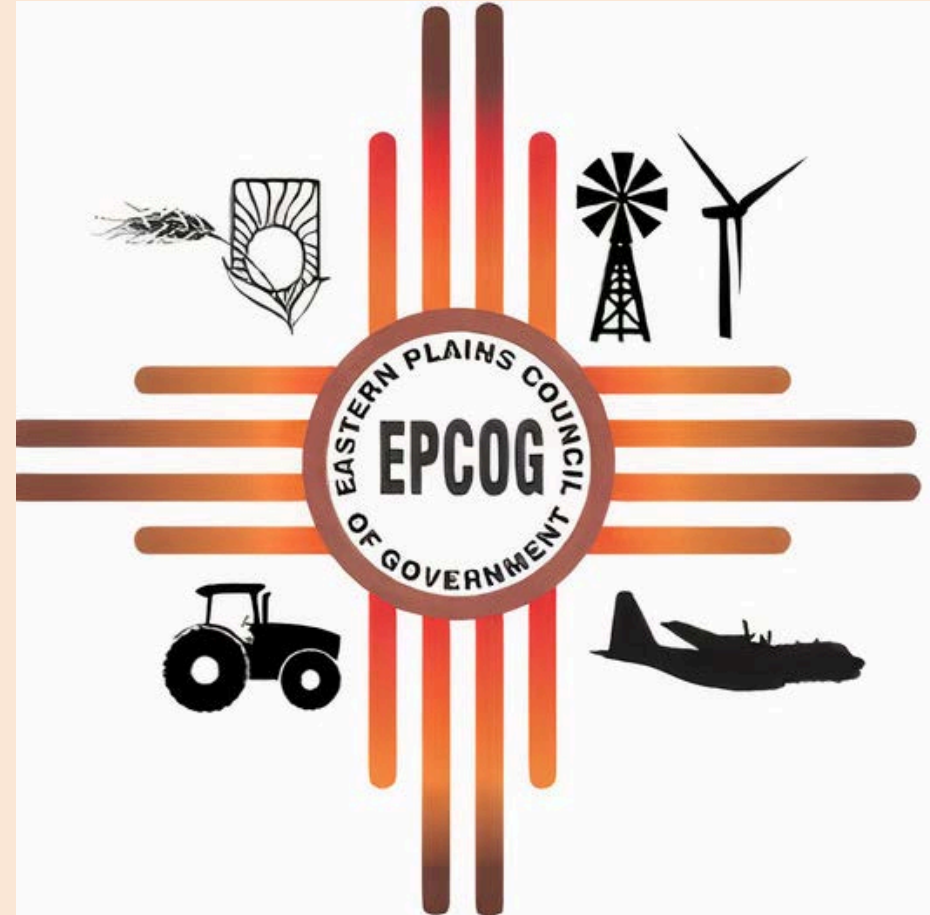


Planning and Project Management Status Update

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What is EPCOG?

Planning and Economic Development District

State creation under Executive Order No.1 of 1969

Cover seven counties on the eastern side of the state

Act as a catalyst with other economic development organizations and resources

Mission Statement: The fundamental mission of EPCOG is to facilitate economic growth and provide services vital to the region's success.



EPCOG's District/Active Members

Curry County	Quay County	Guadalupe County	Harding County	Union County
Roosevelt County	De Baca County	City of Clovis	City of Texico	Village of Grady
Village of Melrose	City of Tucumcari	Village of Logan	Village of San Jon	Arch Hurley Conservancy District
City of Santa Rosa	Town of Vaughn	Village of Roy	Town of Clayton	Village of Des Moines
Village of Grenville	Village of Ft. Sumner	Ft. Sumner Irrigation District	City of Portales	Town of Elida
Village of Causey	Village of Dora	Village of Floyd	Village of Folsom (inactive)	Village of House (inactive)

EPCOG's Basic Programs/Services



Community Development

Community Development Block Grants
Grant Administration
Housing/property Redevelopment, etc.



Economic Development

Economic Planning
Site Selection Assistance
Capital Outlay Assistance, etc.



Planning & Technical Services

Traffic Counting
Data Analysis
Land Use Planning, etc.





From Calendar Year 2021

- ♦ Assisted with \$15,074,213.49 worth of projects
- ♦ Transportation Project Fund: \$11,702,707.49
- ♦ Capital Outlay: \$2,231,034.00
- ♦ CDBG: \$980,472.00
- ♦ Studies/planning: \$160,000.00

Recent Notable Projects

- ♦ Assist with water infrastructure-related projects for local governments.
- ♦ Facilitated with the State and the Village of Floyd with a water emergency.
- ♦ Developed an Economic Impact Study for Northeast NM for the designation of a potential interstate (Ports to Plains initiative www.portstoplains.com).
- ♦ Developed an economic recovery plan for the region using CARES money.

Challenges

- ♦ Lack of staff and fiscal capacity.
 - ♦ Our largest community population is approximately 39,000, and our smallest community population is 34.
 - ♦ Our communities do not have the staffing capacity to apply for and administer grants or matching funds.
- ♦ Drought and deteriorating infrastructure are creating a negative economic and community impact
- ♦ Declining population
- ♦ Housing shortage
- ♦ Lack of specialized workforce

Trends

- ♦ Increased requests for assistance with grant application preparation, submission, and administration
- ♦ Change in community priorities – more requests for assistance in finding funding for community facilities and quality of life projects
- ♦ Increasing requests for technical assistance

Planning District Staffing

Planning District	total # of staff	# of planners/grant writers	# of planners dedicated to rural communities	# of additional staff needed	Additional funding needed for COGs
Northwest NM Council of Gov.	6.5	4		4 - 3 for rural and 1 to dedicate to tribal issues	\$200,000 +
North Central Economic Development District	6 (Community Development Department)	6 planners, 5 grant writers on contract	6	3 full-time, 2 additional contract grant writers	\$350,000 - \$400,000
Mid-Region Council of Gov.	4 (Regional Planning Department)	4	3	1	\$100,000
Eastern Plains Council of Gov.	6	3	6	2 – full-time planners and a technical trainer	\$150,000 - \$200,000
Southwest NM Council of Gov.	4	2	3	2	\$150,000 - \$200,000
Southeast NM Economic Development District	5	1	3	3	\$150,000 - \$200,000
South Central Council of Gov.	10	4	6	2	\$150,000 - \$200,000

Thank You



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