



## Grant County Prospectors

The Grant County Prospectors is a group of community leaders that work in collaboration to educate policymakers and community members about the economic, community development and legislative needs for the advancement of Grant County.

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# GRANT COUNTY DAY

## February 3, 2021



**D**uring December 2020, Grant County Prospectors invited county entities along with our local legislators to a Communication Forum. The following are the top topics for Grant County:

### Local Government

- Fund Capital Outlay Needs, Water and Wastewater Projects, Support Colonias Funding and Support Rural Initiatives.

### Higher and Public Education

- Sustain Operational Funding, Support Infrastructure and Programs

### Economic Development and Rural Investment

- Fund Broadband Initiatives and Support Sustainable Efforts

### Community Health

- Fund and Support Initiatives to Address Pandemic Induced Needs like Mental Health

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## Local Government

— Fund Capital Outlay Needs, Water and Wastewater Projects, and Support Rural Initiatives

### Grant County

- **ADA Compliance County Fairgrounds** plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$150,000
- **Community Center and Park in Gila NM** design, construct and equip — \$135,000

### Town of Silver City

- **Gough Park / City Rec / City Hall Annex** plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$500,000
- **Ridge Road Street & Drainage Improvement** plan, design and construct — \$500,000

### City of Bayard

- **Recreation Improvements** plan, design and construct — \$420,000
- **Wastewater System Improvements** plan, design, construct and equip — \$1,000,000

### Town of Hurley

- **Water System Improvements** plan, design, construct, equip — \$500,000
- **Recreational Improvements** plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$150,000

### Village of Santa Clara

- **Water System Improvements** plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$350,000
- **Sewer System Improvements** plan, design, construct and equip — \$25,000

### SW Solid Waste Authority

- **Replace Compactor** purchase and equip — \$975,000
- **Cell 8 Landfill Development** plan, design and construct — \$600,000

### SWNM Council of Governments

- **Support funding for statewide COG**

## Colonias Funding

During 2020, the Grant County region has received funding for 47 projects totaling \$23,879,135 for water and sewer improvements; street and drainage improvements; flood control and drainage improvements; and solid waste improvements.

**We ask continued support of the Colonias Infrastructure Fund.**



## Higher and Public Education

— Sustain Operational Funding, Support Infrastructure and Programs

### Western New Mexico University (WNMU) Capital Requests

- **Kentucky Street Infrastructure Improvements** — \$1,000,000
- **Deming Learning Center Phase II** — \$4,000,000

### WNMU School of Education

- **WNMU Web-Based Network for Teacher Licensure (NeTL)** — \$225,563

### WNMU Early Childhood Programs

- **Continue and Increase RPSP funding for WNMU Early Childhood Programs** — \$400,000
- **Establish WNMU Early Childhood Programs Center of Excellence** — \$1,000,000

### Associated Students of WNMU

- **Improvement of Campus Wi-Fi infrastructure** — \$120,000
- **Creation of Student Mentorship Program** — \$100,000

### WNMU Athletics

- **Men's Baseball & Women's Soccer Initiative** — \$750,000

### WNMU Center for a Sustainable Future and Outdoor Programs

- **Leadership, education, training & coordination** — \$150,000

### Silver Consolidated Schools

- **Career Tech Equipment** purchase and equip — \$226,000
- **SCSD Vehicles** purchase and equip — \$114,000

### Cobre Consolidated Schools

- **Emergency Communications & Information Technology Equipment** purchase, equip and furnish — \$200,000

### Aldo Leopold Charter School

- **Support funding for statewide charter schools**

### El Grito Head Start

- **Support funding for Early Childhood and consistent regulations for all Early Childhood facilities**



## Community Health

— Fund and Support Initiatives to Address Pandemic Induced Needs like Mental Health

### Gila Regional Medical Center

- **Medical Equipment** purchase and equip — \$250,000
- **Labor & Delivery Renovation** plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$200,000

### HMS (Hidalgo Medical Services)

- **Substance Use Disorder Transitional Care Unit Feasibility Study and Pro-Forma** plan and design — \$50,000

### ECECD Funding

We ask for long-term State funding for the new Early Childhood Education & Care Department (ECECD).

### Outdoor Recreation

Please support Outdoor Recreation Initiatives in the State of New Mexico. These initiatives benefit economically challenged rural areas like Grant County.

Let's work together to create solutions that make all of New Mexico stronger.



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## Economic Development and Rural Investment

— Fund Broadband Initiatives and Support Sustainable Efforts

### Community Partnership for Children / LINKS

- Seek funding of \$100,000 to sustain CPC HUB and LINKS Learning Community network.

### Imagination Library

- Continue funding with CYFD for statewide program

### Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society

- **Facility Improvements** plan, design, construct, equip and furnish — \$28,000

### Grant County Community Health Council

- Continue funding for statewide health council and county funding for Covid 19 mitigation and recovery

### Silver City MainStreet

- Support NM MainStreet funding in the Economic Development Department

### SWNM ACT

- Support Five Points Initiative to stimulate growth of local communities

### Silver City / Grant County Chamber of Commerce

- Continue funding for statewide programs for small business Covid 19 recovery

### Tour of the Gila

- Funds to support the 35th Annual Tour of the Gila — bringing the international cycling world to New Mexico

### Grant County Community Foundation

- Support the challenges of non-profits

### Nat'l Center for Frontier Communities

- Support the bill for a rural equity office/position in Department of Finance Administration

# **This NM Legislative session will be full of tough decisions. We invite you to call on us. We are the people who these decisions impact — we are stronger together.**

*The following entities presented at the Grant County Prospectors Legislative Communication Forum 12/03/2020.*

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