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## New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority seeks community input regarding housing needs in the state

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – In an effort to identify and prioritize housing issues in the state, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) and the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) are actively seeking the public's input. MFA and DFA encourage New Mexicans to complete the <a href="State of New Mexico Community & Fair Housing Survey">State of New Mexico Community & Fair Housing Survey</a> online, which takes 5-to-10 minutes.

This joint effort aims to assess affordable housing needs and community development goals that will inform the state's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and its fair housing analysis to



help prioritize decisions for federally funded programs. The Consolidated Plan is required every five years because the state of New Mexico receives the following funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

- Community Development Block Grant
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- National Housing Trust Fund

These programs help address affordable housing and community development needs that meet at least one of three national objectives:

- 1. benefit low-to-moderate income persons/households,
- 2. prevent or eliminate slums or blight and/or
- 3. address an emergency need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

New Mexico residents may complete the survey from Feb. 1 through July 31. For more information, please watch the <u>New Mexico 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Fair Housing Assessment video</u>.

The public is also invited to attend one of three New Mexico Community & Fair Housing Needs Assessment public hearings virtually or in person:

Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority 344 Fourth Street Albuquerque, NM 87102 Link to attend via Webex:

https://housing-nm.webex.com/housing-nm/j.php?MTID=mcd132e94536fd80aed6342370c0d92c6

Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. Santa Fe Community College Classroom 212 West Wing 6401 Richards Ave Santa Fe, NM 87508 Link to attend via Webex:

https://housing-nm.webex.com/housing-nm/j.php?MTID=mff243b5b6d833cbc5411f54af6caf122

Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. Doña Ana Community College Classroom DACL room 273 3400 Espina St. Las Cruces, NM 88001 Link to attend via Webex:

https://housing-nm.webex.com/housing-nm/j.php?MTID=m39042482a1f7e2db8bce2a29d7444ffa

Written comments may be submitted to MFA Program Manager Sherry Stephens at <a href="mailto:sstephens@housingnm.org">sstephens@housingnm.org</a> through July 31.

For more information about MFA's affordable housing programs, please visit housingnm.org.

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) was created in 1975 by the New Mexico State Legislature to provide quality affordable housing opportunities for all New Mexico residents. MFA, the state's housing agency, uses housing bonds, tax credits and other federal and state resources to fund more than 40 housing programs. In addition to funding the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing and rental properties, MFA's programs include down payment assistance, homelessness prevention and emergency shelter, weatherization services, rental assistance and housing for people with special needs. MFA has provided over 500,000 families with affordable housing and services since its inception.

To learn more about MFA, visit <u>www.housingnm.org.</u>

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