

**NATURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION ACT PROGRAM APPLICATION
ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,
FORESTRY DIVISION
FOR STATE AGENCIES, STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TRIBES,
PUEBLOS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE**

AMENDMENT NO. 1

The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division, is amending the existing Forestry Division Request for Applications (RFA) for the Natural Heritage Conservation Act Program to better align submission guidelines with the original Scope of Work.

1. The second paragraph in the “Program Overview” section is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“This Request for Applications (RFA) is directed to qualified entities that meet the criteria below. A qualified entity is:

- “1. a state agency; a state educational institution named in Article 12, Section 11 of the New Mexico Constitution; a political subdivision of the state; or for conservation projects wholly within New Mexico, an Indian tribe or pueblo; or
- “2. a qualified entity that is partnered with a conservation entity. A qualified conservation entity must be a private nonprofit charitable corporation or trust, authorized to do business in New Mexico, that has tax-exempt status as a public charity pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that has the power to acquire, hold or maintain land or interests in land. A qualified conservation entity must be identified in the application.”

2. The third paragraph in the “Program Overview” section is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Grant funding focuses primarily on easement projects and associated transactional costs for easement projects such as appraisals, title insurance, title opinions, surveys, or environmental reviews up to three percent of the total value of the conservation project funded or 10 percent of the amount of the grant, whichever is less. While the primary purpose of NHCA is land conservation, funding may also be requested for land restoration projects.”

- 3. All other terms and conditions of the original RFA remain the same.

4. Questions regarding the RFA or this Amendment No. 1 may be addressed
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