

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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

The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division (Forestry Division) is seeking applications from state agencies, public educational institutions, political subdivisions of the state, or nations, tribes, or pueblos (qualified entity) for conservation projects under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (NHCA) Program. Tax-exempt private nonprofit charitable corporations or trusts (conservation entities) may partner with qualified entities on applications but may not apply for this funding directly.

The purpose of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act Program Grant is to protect the state's natural heritage, customs, and culture by funding conservation and agricultural easements and by funding land restoration to protect the land and water available for forests and watersheds, natural areas, wildlife and wildlife habitat, agricultural production on working farms and ranches, outdoor recreation and trails and land and habitat restoration and management.

EMNRD may award multiple contracts as a result of this Request for Applications (RFA). Potential Applicants may obtain a complete copy of RFA from the Division website, <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/requests-for-proposals-and-grants/>.

Questions regarding this RFA may be sent to:

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All applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT, October 17, 2025. Applications must contain sufficient information to provide EMNRD and the Natural Lands Protection Committee with a thorough description of Offeror's Applicant's qualifications to accomplish the activities described in the Scope of Work. Applicants shall submit applications through the Forestry Division's Submittable webpage using this address: <https://emnrd-sfd.submittable.com/submit>. EMNRD will deem such applications sealed in accordance with state statute. EMNRD shall not accept applications received after

this date and shall make absolutely no exceptions for applications not received by the appointed time.

RFA responses MAY NOT be sent by facsimile.

This public notice is given pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-113. The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through -199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.