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## **New Mexico communities awarded more than \$776K for recycling, illegal dumpsite clean-up projects**

The New Mexico Environment Department is excited to announce the newest round of recipients of Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) grants for fiscal year 2021.

Communities, tribes and pueblos around the state – many in rural areas – received more than \$776,000 for projects related to recycling, cleaning up illegal dumpsites, conducting community outreach and education and scrap tire and household hazardous waste collection, among others.

“This funding allows rural communities of New Mexico to complete projects that ultimately protect human health and the environment, as well as improve the quality of life for their citizens,” said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney.

Funding has been awarded to:

- City of Farmington
- City of Sunland Park
- City of Truth and Consequences
- Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority
- Jemez Pueblo
- McKinley County
- Navajo Nation
- North Central Solid Waste Authority
- Pueblo of Isleta
- San Juan County
- San Miguel County
- Southwest Solid Waste Authority
- Village of Angel Fire
- Village of Eagle Nest
- Village of Magdalena

The RAID grant is made possible through a special revenue fund derived from a fee on motor vehicle registrations. Approximately \$800,000 is available through the fund annually. Between 2006 and 2019, NMED awarded 308 RAID grants totaling \$9.1 million.

The application period for the grant program is in February and March of each year. Grant recipients are selected by the 12-member RAID Alliance appointed by the NMED Cabinet Secretary.

A full list of 2021 recipients and project details are on the following pages. More information on the RAID program is available [here](#).

| <b>Grantee</b>                                | <b>Project</b>  | <b>Award Amount</b> |
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| Southwest Solid Waste Authority               | Purchase a tire shredder for scrap tire management at Southwest New Mexico Regional Landfill  | \$227,000.00        |
| San Miguel County                             | Establish a recycling collection facility in the Village of Pecos; conduct public education and outreach about the benefits of recycling.   | \$68,200.00         |
| McKinley County                               | Clean up several large illegal dumpsites throughout the county; conduct community education to prevent illegal dumping.   | \$51,906.30         |
| City of Truth or Consequences                 | Install a waste oil-fired heater for the recycling facility at the waste transfer station; educational campaign on proper motor oil disposal. Collected used motor oil from the community will fuel this heater during the winter to keep workers warm.                               | \$13,575.05         |
| Jemez Pueblo                                  | Increase the capacity for cardboard collection and recycling with the purchase of a cardboard baler and storage shed for bales of cardboard awaiting transport to recycling facilities. Conduct a public education campaign on the benefits of recycling within the tribal community. | \$32,565.00         |
| North Central Solid West Authority (NCSWA)    | Conduct a feasibility study to determine the best approach for establishing recycling services throughout Rio Arriba County.  | \$14,500.00         |
| Village of Eagle Nest                         | Increase the collection and storage capacity of scrap metals and large appliances at the Village recycling collection center in order to increase diversion of these materials from the landfill.   | \$19,672.10         |
| San Juan County                               | Clean up numerous illegal dumpsites throughout San Juan County.   | \$5,000.00          |
| City of Sunland Park                          | Conduct community collection events for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.   | \$19,832.50         |
| Village of Angel Fire                         | Make infrastructure upgrades to the Village recycling collection center, including the installation of fencing for the prevention of illegal dumping.   | \$41,419.00         |
| Navajo Nation                                 | Clean up several large illegal dumpsites throughout the Navajo Nation. This is a collaboration of six chapters of the Navajo Nation.  | \$150,000.00        |
| Pueblo of Isleta                              | Make equipment improvements to the Pueblo's scrap tire management program for the recycling of metal tire rims.   | \$16,000.00         |
| Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority (EVSWA) | Clean up two large illegal dumpsites in La Merced de Manzano land grant area.   | \$16,476.00         |
| City of Sunland Park                          | Host community collection events for the proper disposal of scrap tires to prevent illegal dumping of tires in the community and surrounding areas.   | \$56,200.42         |

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| Village of Magdalena | Host community events for the collection and recycling of large household appliances as well as collection and proper disposal of construction and demolition waste for the prevention of illegal dumping. | \$12,520.00 |
| San Juan County      | Improve the scrap tire management program of the County by making equipment upgrades and increasing tire collection and processing capacity.   | \$17,000.00 |
| City of Farmington   | Host tire collection events in the community for the proper disposal of tires and prevention of illegal dumping.   | \$12,000.00 |

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