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The **NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT** is committed to providing access to affordable and quality educational opportunities for as many New Mexicans as possible.

Our agency provides financial, academic, and policy oversight and support for the purpose of promoting efficiency, accountability, and student success.



## SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

- Since 2010, the number of enrolled students attaining a credential each year has increased by 27% and the number of degrees awarded per capita has increased by 57%
- Freshman enrollment at New Mexico’s four research universities increased by 5% from 2019-2020.
- Students completing an **ADULT EDUCATION** program in 2019 gained employment at a rate of 79% and 15% continued into higher education.
- Over 30,000 New Mexicans graduate with a certificate or higher degree from state public institutions each year.
- State aid recipients are three times more likely to receive a degree, and degree completion rates are 47% higher for students who received the Lottery Scholarship.

## INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

- The **NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP** has enabled thousands of students to pursue higher education and will help thousands more to retrain and return to family-sustaining jobs and revitalize our economy.
- Thanks to legislative support, the **NEW MEXICO TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM** has funded all eligible applicants since 2019, a total of 350 teachers statewide.
- The **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL** and **CYFD WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS** are currently supporting 192 professionals serving New Mexico communities.



“Because of the **Opportunity Scholarship**, I am one step closer to becoming a college graduate. Without this, I would not have been able to complete this semester. I hope for more opportunities like this scholarship to help students like myself achieve the possibility of going to college.

Ramon Trujillo, student  
UNM, Los Alamos Branch



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## FY22 BUDGET REQUEST

- **\$803.2 MILLION** for the state's **PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS** and special schools.
- **\$24.5 MILLION** for **STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**.
- **\$7 MILLION** for **ADULT EDUCATION**.
- **\$3.9 MILLION** for **AGENCY OPERATIONS** and general costs.

## OVERSIGHT OF STATE & FEDERAL FUNDS

- **\$840 MILLION GENERAL FUND** recurring.
- **\$125 to \$150 MILLION** per year of **CAPITAL OUTLAY**.
- **\$68 MILLION** of **LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP, COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY**, and other **STATE AID**.
- **\$9 MILLION to \$10 MILLION** in **FEDERAL GRANTS** per year.
- Oversight of over **\$1 BILLION** with **51 FULL-TIME AGENCY STAFF**.

## A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

- NMHED has worked to increase opportunities to partner with other state agencies and partners to lead a **COLLABORATIVE APPROACH** to higher education.
- The Agency is partnering with the **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT**, the **PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**, and the **DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS** on a **LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM** that will allow the State of New Mexico to align future policy decisions to cradle to career initiatives, which will lead to us closing the achievement gap.
- NMHED has convened advisory groups including professionals in the fields of **ACADEMIC POLICY**, **DATA ANALYSIS, EQUITY & INCLUSION**, and **COMMUNICATION**, in addition to meeting with **STUDENT GROUPS** to guide higher education initiatives.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded NMHED **\$31.4 MILLION** to fund the seven-year **GEAR UP COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM** benefitting more than 10,000 middle and high school students in K-12 districts across the state.

Funding will provide tutoring and mentoring services, college and career counseling, financial aid awareness, college tours, and other research-based activities designed to help students enroll and succeed in college.