



New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Dear New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD),

Prosperity Works is pleased to support the Enabling Access to Energy Efficiency, Decarbonization, and Healthy Homes Coalition application by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department and New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. Funding to expand and continue New Mexico's Community Energy Efficiency Development Program and Weatherization Readiness Program will help overcome barriers that low-income communities face in accessing residential energy efficiency and will support thousands of New Mexicans to reduce their energy burden, live in healthier and more comfortable spaces, lower our state's emissions, and enable them to qualify for and access further incentives for weatherization, efficiency, electrification, and renewables.

Prosperity Works involvement with these programs includes but is not limited to:

- The advancement of clean transportation through,
  - our intervention before the NM Public Regulation Commission;
  - collaboration with the NM Association of Car Dealers;
  - administrative advocacy with NM's Investor Owned Utilities; and
  - leadership and support for clean transportation and infrastructure before the NM Legislature and various State Agencies.
- The development and deployment of residential energy efficiency retrofits and beneficial electrification for those home owners who are most in need and hardest to reach with a capital stacking model that allows for comprehensive investments in aging housing stock that reduces costs and emissions while improving the health, safety and comfort of homes. This is a high impact model as documented recently by EPA in an article, '[Bringing the Benefits program profile](#)'.
- Work with Counties, and municipalities to establish clean community goals, and improve the energy efficiency of fleets and the built environment.
- Appointed by the Mayor of Albuquerque to serve on the first in the nation Justice 40 Oversight Committee.
- Work with an extensive number of communities, non-profit advocates and statewide coalitions to develop a roadmap to decarbonize our public and private sectors, and residential housing.
- Contracted by the PRC to host public educational meetings on Community Solar and advise them on how to reach the required goal of at least 30% of every project being subscribed by low income households and/or low income serving organizations.
- Submitted proposals to develop 5 community solar projects authorized in the pilot program.

As an organization dedicated to closing the wealth gap and improving opportunities and outcomes for NM residents and communities, Prosperity Works support will allow the coalition to implement these programs more effectively. Removing barriers to the full inclusion of LIDAC communities and non-profit

entities in the opportunities and benefits of Federal Funds that will generate significant health, social, economic and environmental improvements aligns precisely with our mission and goals.

EMNRD and MFA are well-positioned to compete for this opportunity, and we urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to seriously consider this grant application and award the funds to support this crucial work.

Respectfully,

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