



Helping Heroes Grant Program

Grant Guidelines





About Us

New Mexico Gas Company is the largest natural gas distributor in New Mexico, employing more than 750 people throughout the state. Strategically situated between two large natural gas production basins, we operate in 27 of the 33 counties in New Mexico, maintaining 12,000 miles of pipeline and serving more than 550,000 customers.



In the Community

At New Mexico Gas Company, we believe in supporting programs, organizations and initiatives that improve the communities where we live and work. Through impact investments and hands on volunteering, our team is passionate about making a difference in our community – That's Why We're Here

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Helping Heroes



At New Mexico Gas Company, safety is our priority, and that includes the safety of the people and communities we serve. We are proud to support first responder organizations that help keep communities safe.

New Mexico Gas Company's **Helping Heroes** grants are reserved for volunteer first responder organizations that operate within the state of New Mexico. Priority will be given to organizations that provide services to New Mexico Gas Company's service territories, which include: Alamogordo, Albuquerque, Anthony, Artesia, Carlsbad, Chama, Clayton, Clovis, Espanola, Farmington, Gallup, Grants, Lovington, Portales, Roswell, Santa Fe, Silver City, Truth or Consequences, Taos, and Tucumcari.

*While all service territories will be considered, funding will primarily be focused in our more rural communities.

Eligible Organizations include:

- Volunteer Fire Fighting Organizations
- Emergency Medical Service Organizations
- Search and Rescue Organizations

First responder organizations are limited to one **Helping Heroes** grant application per calendar year. If funding is awarded, we ask that organizations wait one full calendar year before reapplying.

Priority Funding Areas:

- Safety Equipment
- Professional Training
- Safety Education Programs

Secondary Funding Areas:

Consideration will be given to requests for other essential support for volunteer emergency response organizations, such as behavioral health programs, recruiting efforts, etc.

Helping Heroes grant funding is not intended to support building and operating costs. New Mexico Gas Company will consider all requests for funding, however in most cases award amounts will range between \$20,000 and \$50,000. For larger requests we encourage applicants to submit their request once they have secured at least 50% of the funding required.

Review and Awarding:

A review panel will be comprised of community members and New Mexico Gas Company employees. Applicants may not contact reviewers and reviewers may not contact applicants during the open application and/or review period.

Every effort will be made to announce awards within 45 days of the close of the application period.

Award Payment:

Grant awards will be paid within 60 days of award notification and receipt of the documentation requested in the award notification. Grant funding will be paid directly to the recipient organization by check. Check presentation/award events will be discussed with recipients on a case-by-case basis.

Funding:

Helping Heroes grants are funded through New Mexico Gas Company's charitable giving program. New Mexico Gas Company reserves the right to amend, modify or terminate the Helping Hero's program at its discretion.

The Helping Heroes application will remain open year-long and funding will be provided in two cycles. Applications received after the cycle close dates will be considered in the next cycle.

Spring Funding Application Opens: January 1

Spring Funding Application Closes: February 28

Spring Funding Award Disbursements: April – May

Fall Funding Application Opens: July 1

Fall Funding Application Closes: August 31

Fall Funding Award Disbursements: October – November

Advertising:

By applying for funding through the Helping Heroes program, the applicant organization acknowledges that should they be selected for funding, New Mexico Gas Company reserves the right to publish in various media, the recipient organization's name/brand and details pertaining to the grant request and funding. Such publication may include posting/publishing on New Mexico Gas Company's website or social media outlets, paid/earned media, etc. By applying for funding, you are providing consent for such use.

New Mexico Gas Company reserves the right to alter, edit, exempt, deny, and/or authorize grants on a case-by-case basis.

All questions regarding the grant application, process, eligibility, timeline, etc., should be directed in writing to Clair Anderson at clair.anderson@nmgco.com.

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