

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Department of Information Technology (“DoIT”) and the Connect New Mexico Council (“Council”), pursuant Paragraphs A and B of Section 9-27-6 NMSA 1978 and Paragraph C of Section 63-9K-4 NMSA 1978, proposes to amend 1.12.21 NMAC, GRANT PROGRAM RULES

**PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULE IS:** The purpose of these amendments to the rules is to ensure that sponsoring bodies comply with the State Tribal Collaboration Act in the development or administration of programs subject to the rules that directly affect American Indians. To add electric cooperatives and telephone cooperatives to the definition of grantee or subrecipient for purposes of assistance grants.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Paragraphs A and B of Section 9-27-6 NMSA 1978; Paragraph C of Section 63-9K-4 NMSA 1978.

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and proposed rule are available by electronic download from the DoIT website <https://www.doit.nm.gov/category/latest-news/> or the New Mexico Sunshine Portal.

DoIT will hold a public in-person/virtual hearing on the proposed amendments on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Mexico State Capitol, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room #311, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Oral comments will be accepted at the in-person/virtual hearing from members of the public and any interested parties.

Interested Parties may submit written comments by mail or via the DoIT website. Written comments and proposals will be accepted until 5:00 pm on February 15, 2024. Comments may be submitted online at <https://www.doit.nm.gov/category/latest-news/> or by sending original copies to:

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Written comments suggesting changes or alternatives to the proposed amendments should provide justification for each suggested change or alternative and include all suggested rule language necessary to effectuate the suggested change or alternative. Suggested changes should be provided in a redline format showing proposed deletions and additions.

Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on February 15, 2024. DoIT encourages the early submission of written comments.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact Renee Narvaiz at 505-827-2416 at least ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.

The Council and DoIT will consider all oral comments and will review all timely submitted written comments and responses.