

Financial Assistance

A message from the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions:

IF YOU'VE LOST WORK OR BUSINESS due to COVID-19, relief is coming!

Starting Monday, March 16, 2020, New Mexico's Department of Workforce Solutions will waive work search requirements for unemployment for anyone whose job is affected by COVID-19.

Individuals may receive up to \$433.00 per week after a one-week waiting period. This will last for an initial period of 4 weeks. In addition, businesses that choose to reduce worker hours rather than starting layoffs can have employees apply for unemployment up to \$433.00 per week to help offset those costs.

Workers may apply for benefits online at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us> or by calling 877-664-6984. Applying online is encouraged whenever possible.

The City of Albuquerque is offering emergency rental assistance for families. Dial 311 and ask for more information on the Eviction Prevention Program, or visit cabq.gov and click Eviction Prevention. If you access program information online, be patient—the site may be down due to the many visitors, but the City is working to make the site available to everyone.

The New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services Department is asking anyone who is a **senior or an adult with a disability who cannot access groceries to please call 1-800-432-2080. Leave a message with name, telephone number, and the city/town they reside in. They will be in contact with the person within 2 hours or sooner. – Please share.**

See the City of Albuquerque's [small business guide](#) for information on tax deadline extensions, business financial assistance, employment opportunities, and more.

PNM, New Mexico Gas Company and The Water Utility Authority will not shut off services for families unable to pay their utilities due to loss of income. You must call and make arrangements with the company.

ACF/UWCNM Emergency Action Fund Grant Application

These funds are intended to help organizations that have lost revenue or have paid expenses up front for programs that are cancelled or postponed. For organizations with smaller operating budgets, we know how difficult it is to recoup these expenses and how such an impact can put your organization at financial risk; our hope is to provide temporary relief. Examples of requests to the ACF/UWCNM Emergency Action Fund may be to cover \$1,200 of expenses incurred by your organization from cancelling a community cooking class or \$900 to cover an event space rental for cancelled educational classes. These types of requests will be the focus of this fund.



Free Resources

Currently available FREE resources (mostly) in response to COVID-19:

- Broken Trail Brewery- Free Hand Sanitizer
- Free unlimited smartphone data from all four major service providers (Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile, AT&T) thanks to the FCC'S recent "Keep Americans Connected Pledge" which also includes:
 - Not terminating service due to an inability to pay
 - Waiving late fees
 - WiFi hotspotsSee the FCC's press release [here](#).
- 60 days of free Comcast Internet for low-income households, the elderly, and veterans - continued service not required, can be cancelled anytime.
 - <https://www.internetessentials.com/>
 - <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>
- Free streaming from:
 - [Pluto TV](#)
 - [Kanopy](#), "kids-only" TV, library card required
- Free access to nightly streaming from the [Metropolitan Opera](#)
- 20 days free access to [Scholastic Learn at Home](#) (up to 3 hours per day)
- Free science lessons from [Mystery Science](#) (K-5th)
- There's a BUNCH of free education resources here:
 - <http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>
- This [Free Virtual Field Trip Google doc](#):
- You can find a variety of free ebooks from:
 - <https://earlybirdbooks.com/>
 - <https://www.bookbub.com/welcome>

- <https://www.freebooksy.com/>
- <https://www.free-ebooks.net/>
- [Audible](#) is streaming free audiobooks for kids
- High schoolers, access free college courses [here](#) to keep your skills sharp!

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