



Title: Northern New Mexico Community Resilience Centers

Video: <https://youtu.be/bWS2ud-qav8>

Competitor Name and Organization: Adelante Consulting, Inc. with North Central New Mexico Economic Development District

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Location of Primary Benefits: Village of Chama, NM 87520-0794

Short Description of Proposed Plan, Activities, and Use of the Prize Funds:

We propose to create a financial model to transform Chama's community center into a place for resilience to extreme events and frequent blackouts. We will plan for the construction of a microgrid with solar panels and battery storage and package together all steps needed to enact the Village of Chama's vision, including renewable infrastructure design, energy efficiency measures, building upgrades, brownfields remediation, and other revitalization needs. We will provide project management, greenhouse gas accounting, and economic projections, leveraging grant funding, tax incentives, and private and community investment options so that Chama will have a broad range of financial mechanisms tailored to their needs despite a lack of capital and internal capacity. By the end of Phase II, Adelante will create and NCNMEDD will share a viable, replicable, and documented financial model and secure funding sources for implementation. We will facilitate a learning cohort to observe Phase II, including the rural county of Mora, New Mexico and at least one other rural community recruited by NCNMEDD. The two communities would receive the same services as proposed for Phase II if we won the Second Round of the prize

Project Team Members

Maxine Paul (Adelante Consulting, Inc) has worked to solve environmental problems and build organizational capacity for over 15 years in New Mexico. She built the Environmental Division at the Pueblo of Santa Ana, overseeing new programs in solar energy planning and climate resilience, remediating 1000 acres of land, and bringing in over \$3M in grants and agreements. Education: M.W.R. Water Resources, University of New Mexico. B.A. Environmental Science, Columbia College, Columbia University.

Jordan Clancy (Adelante Consulting, Inc, NM Angels, and NM Vintage Fund) is recognized as one of Albuquerque Business Journals' "40 under 40" and an expert in finance for renewable energy projects; he was project controller and executed the \$50M (24-month) coal to biomass conversion of the 49.5 MW Mt. Poso Cogeneration facility in Kern County. He was an executive at several privately-held energy-focused companies with footprints in California, Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico and Green Theme Technologies. Education: MBA Graziadio School of Business, Pepperdine University, and B.S. Finance and Marketing, WP Carey School of Business, Arizona State University.

Felicity Fonseca (North Central New Mexico Economic Development District) has been working in rural economic and community development for over 20 years. Through Felicity's work, over \$10 million was awarded to her region in 2022 through EDA's Indigenous Communities and Travel Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Opportunities. Felicity also oversees a grant writing and technical assistance program for local government entities in the North Central Region. Since 7/1/2022, this program has earned 26 grant awards for \$12.5 million dollars. Education: B. A. Oberlin College, MPA, UNM.

Partners: NCNMEDD, The Village of Chama, NORA Electric Coop, The County of Mora, OE Solar, and Circle Two, LLC.