

VILLAGE OF EAGLE NEST

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF EAGLE NEST TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER A FY2026 USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, has announced the Fiscal Year 2026 Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program, Funding Opportunity Number RDBCP-RBDG-2026, Assistance Listing Number 10.351, for projects that promote rural economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the RBDG program permits eligible entities, including public bodies and government entities, to apply for grant assistance for business enterprise and business opportunity projects that serve rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Eagle Nest is a New Mexico municipal public body and desires to submit an application as an eligible applicant for RBDG funding; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to apply for a Business Enterprise type RBDG project to support the development, expansion, stabilization, and capacity of eligible local small and emerging businesses in the Village and surrounding eligible rural service area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project may include assistance for eligible business equipment, supplies, technology, fixtures, capacity-building items, or other eligible project activities identified through the Village business needs solicitation and included in the final grant application scope of work and budget; and

WHEREAS, the Village has initiated or will initiate outreach to local businesses to request business needs proposals, eligibility information, documentation of cost, job creation or retention information, and letters or forms of commitment for consideration in the application; and

WHEREAS, the final businesses, project activities, equipment or supply items, scope of work, and project budget have not yet been finally selected as of the date of this Resolution and may be finalized by Village staff before application submission, subject to grant eligibility requirements and Council direction; and

WHEREAS, the RBDG application materials require a resolution passed by the governing board authorizing the applicant entity to apply for and administer the RBDG, including the name and title of the person authorized to sign grant documents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that applying for RBDG funding is in the public interest and supports the Village goal of encouraging local business development, job retention, job creation, and rural economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Village of Eagle Nest, New Mexico, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization to Apply.

The Village Council hereby authorizes the Village of Eagle Nest to prepare and submit an application to USDA Rural Development for Fiscal Year 2026 Rural Business Development Grant funding for a local small business support and rural economic development project.

Section 2. Project Description.

The proposed project is generally authorized as a Village-administered local small business support project intended to assist eligible small and emerging rural businesses with equipment, supplies, technology, fixtures, capacity-building items, technical assistance, or other eligible activities that promote rural economic development, job retention, job creation, business stability, or business expansion. The final project activities, participating businesses, scope of work, and budget may be refined and finalized by Village staff for inclusion in the grant application, provided that such items are eligible under the RBDG program and consistent with the purposes authorized by this Resolution.

Section 3. Grant Amount.

The Village is authorized to request RBDG funds in an amount to be determined through the final application budget and approved scope of work, not to exceed \$ _____, unless otherwise approved by the Village Council. If Council does not establish a not-to-exceed amount, staff shall include the final requested amount in the application materials presented to or filed with the Village.

Section 4. Authorization to Administer Grant.

If the application is approved, the Village Council authorizes the Village of Eagle Nest to accept, administer, and carry out the RBDG award in accordance with USDA Rural Development requirements, the approved scope of work, the approved budget, the financial assistance agreement, the Letter of Conditions, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, assurances, procurement requirements, civil rights requirements, reporting requirements, and grant closeout requirements.

Section 5. Authorized Officials.

The following Village official(s) are authorized to execute and submit the grant application and to sign all certifications, assurances, agreements, draw requests, reimbursement requests, reports, amendments, closeout documents, and other documents necessary or appropriate to apply for, accept, administer, and close out the RBDG award, subject to the requirements of USDA Rural Development and the Village of Eagle Nest:

Name	Title	Authorized Signature Area
Fox Guinn	Mayor	
Kaycee Sandoval	Village Administrator	

Section 6. Authority to Finalize Application Attachments.

The Village Council authorizes Village staff and the authorized official(s) named above to finalize the application package, including the project narrative, scope of work, budget, business commitment documentation, federal forms, assurances, civil rights forms, environmental and intergovernmental review materials, SAM/UEI information, and any other required or requested attachments. The final application may identify specific eligible businesses and project items selected through the Village review process without the need to amend this Resolution, provided that the selected items remain consistent with this Resolution and RBDG requirements.

Section 7. Local Match or Supplemental Funds.

The Village acknowledges that the RBDG program does not require matching funds for eligibility; however, the Village may identify, document, and commit eligible supplemental or leveraged funds if such funds are available and beneficial to the application. Any Village cash contribution or commitment of Village funds in excess of amounts already budgeted or administratively available shall be subject to applicable budget authority and approval requirements.

Section 8. Compliance.

The Village agrees to comply with applicable USDA Rural Development and federal grant requirements, including but not limited to active SAM registration and UEI requirements, civil rights assurances, nondiscrimination requirements, accessibility requirements, procurement requirements, financial management requirements, records retention, reporting, monitoring, performance measurement, and any other conditions of award.

Section 9. No Obligation to Fund Individual Business Requests.

Nothing in this Resolution guarantees that any particular business, proposal, item, project, or activity will be included in the final application or funded if the grant is awarded. Selection of proposed business assistance items remains subject to eligibility, documentation, available funding, application strategy, USDA approval, and Village administrative review.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Village of Eagle Nest, New Mexico,
this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Fox Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

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