

Guidelines for the Mid-Region GRO Fund Program (MRGRO)

Guidelines for Representatives

- Each House member has a total of *\$480,000 they may allocate.
- Every member may choose to sponsor up to three (3) non-recurring appropriations of a minimum *\$160,000 each that can be expended over the course of two (2) fiscal years.
- No capital expenditures are allowed.

Guidelines for Senators

- Each Senate member has a total of *\$800,000 that they can appropriate.
- Every member may choose to sponsor up to four (4) one-time non-recurring appropriations of a minimum *\$200,000 each that can be expended over the course of two (2) fiscal years.
- No capital expenditures are allowed.
- Certifications (Local Project Agreements) –
- MRGRO will only accept requests for certification from the Legislator/Legislator's designated staff.
- Certification requests shall be submitted to the MRGRO Coordinator, Marisa Esquivel (mesquivel@mrcog-nm.gov) or Bianca Borg (bborg@mrcog-nm.gov).
- Requests that come directly from non-profit organizations or government entities will not be considered.
- Legislative language must clearly identify the intent of the proposed legislation. The MRGRO Coordinator is available to assist with legislative language (see contact info above).

Non-Profit Awardees

- Any appropriations directed to non-profit organizations (NPOs) are subject to both the state's procurement rules and the policies of MRCOG.
- NPOs must provide a certificate of good standing and an audit (or other verifiable financial documentation) to demonstrate sound legal practices and financial management.
- GRO-related contracts between NPOs and MRCOG are for a two-year term, with an option to extend up to four years.
- Legislators and their staff should be available to support NPOs in navigating procurement and funding requirements, including assistance with drafting RFP proposals, understanding reimbursement funding management, and ensuring compliance with state good-standing requirements.
- MRCOG will inform legislators/legislative staff when the procurement process has begun, and it will be the legislator's responsibility to inform their intended recipient(s).
- Training for NPOs on the MRGRO process will be required.
- MRCOG will prioritize contract renewals and new contracts with our member governments.

Reporting

- MRGRO will require annual reports to be submitted to us at least one month prior to the end of the state fiscal year on June 30th.

*Amounts may vary based on program term.