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Deadline extended to apply for Second Round of State Emergency Disaster Relief for those Excluded from Federal Stimulus Payments:

--NEW-- Deadline to submit an application is Tuesday, July 6th at 3 p.m. --NEW--

SANTA FE, NM – On Friday, the NM Human Services Department (HSD) announced it was extending the deadline for applications for economic relief to New Mexicans who did not qualify for federal pandemic stimulus payments, including undocumented residents and those from mixed immigration status families. The program is aimed at providing financial relief from the hardships caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The NEW deadline to apply is TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021, at 3 p.m. Applications must be submitted at <u>yes.state.nm.us</u>

To qualify for cash assistance you must be a current New Mexico resident and not have been eligible to receive either of the following federal stimulus and recovery rebates:

- Up to \$1,200 from the CARES Act (March 2020)
- Up to \$600 from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Dec 2020)

The New Mexico Economic Relief Working Group (ERWG), a cohort made up of New Mexico immigrant and community-based organizations, advocated for the \$5 million allocation of state funding during the 2021 legislative session, in addition to securing additional funding from local governments and the New Mexico Legislature for cash relief for those excluded from federal COVID-19 relief payments.

For more information, the public can go to NM CAFé, Somos un Pueblo Unido, and El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos' respective Facebook pages for fact sheets, tips, and a video of a Facebook live forum in Spanish. Applicants can reach out to the ERWG organizations if they have trouble submitting an application.

NM residents may also call HSD at 833-651-4836 to hear a recording of the frequently asked questions in English and Spanish.

The HSD's Income Support Division is administering the fund with assistance from the state's Taxation and Revenue Department.

WHAT: Deadline to apply for the state of New Mexico's economic relief program for New Mexico residents who did not qualify for federal pandemic stimulus payments.

WHEN: NEW--Deadline to apply is Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

WHO: New Mexicans who were excluded from federal COVID-19 stimulus payments.

WHERE: Statewide.

The ERWG includes the following organizations: NM CAFé, El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos, Partnership for Community Action, New Mexico Voices for Children, and Somos Un Pueblo Unido.

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