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One million dollars awarded to MainStreet FY 09 Special Appropriation projects

SANTA FE, NM – New Mexico Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón is excited to announce that nine communities around the state have been awarded a total on one Million dollars in MainStreet Special Appropriations Funds for fiscal year 2009.

“There were many great project proposals; in fact more than two million dollars in requests were made. It was a very tough decision to conclude which projects were ready to move forward for funding,” said Rich Williams, Director of the New Mexico MainStreet Program.

The MainStreet review committee met in August to review proposals and listen to oral presentations form MainStreet communities in response to an RFP for the MainStreet Special Appropriation Funds. One million dollars was made available to the Economic Development Department by the state Legislature and Governor Richardson for the purposes of assisting MainStreet communities with special projects. The review committee certifies eligibility for the projects based on the appropriating language for planning, design and construction in MainStreet communities recommended for funding.

After through review the committee recommends the following:

- \$130,000-Artesia- Planning for the new downtown Municipal Campus
- \$180,000-Clayton- Purchase and rehabilitation Phase 1 of the historic Luna theatre
- \$300,000-Clovis-Environmental remediation of the historic Clovis hotel
- \$50,000-Corrales- Downtown Master plan
- \$100,000-Grants- Design/Build of a downtown pavilion with DPAC
- \$50,000-Las Cruces-La Placitas Phase 2 design
- \$80,000-Los Alamos-Phase 2 central Ave streetscape
- \$50,000-Santa Rosa-downtown Master Plan
- \$60,000-Silver City-Adaptive reuse of the historic “Electric utilities Building” for Museum annex

“We are extremely thankful to Governor Richardson and the Legislature for making such a generous commitment to the MainStreet projects in the state. These projects when funded and undertaken by their communities will have significant impact on the local economy,” said Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón. “We really look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition and seeing first hand how they change the landscape of the MainStreets they sit on.”

The MainStreet Special Appropriations funds must be expended by June 2009, and projects require that a local community match of money be made towards to the projects listed above.