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## **Nine New Mexico MainStreets Receive National Honors**

SANTA FE—The Economic Development Department’s New Mexico MainStreet Program announces that nine member organizations have met the standards for the 2009 accreditation by the National Trust Main Street Center. Each program succeeded in achieving commendable performance standards in promoting preservation-based approaches to the revitalization of MainStreet commercial districts.

New Mexico MainStreet’s 2009 Nationally accredited communities include:

Artesia MainStreet, Inc.  
Carlsbad MainStreet Project  
Clayton MainStreet  
Corrales MainStreet, Inc.  
Las Cruces Downtown  
MainStreet Las Vegas  
Los Alamos MainStreet Future  
Raton MainStreet  
Silver City MainStreet Project

Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragón had this to say, “Congratulations to these exemplary MainStreet programs. Their commitment to balancing emerging economic growth with the preservation of their historic past is an example for all of New Mexico to follow.”

Rich Williams, Director of the New Mexico MainStreet Program, added, "New Mexico has 24 incredible MainStreet organizations completing economic development projects resulting in job creation and business expansion in their downtown districts. The hard work these nine communities put forth to meet all 10 criteria the National Trust established for accreditation has truly paid off.”

The National Trust MainStreet Center developed criteria for 10 standards of performance that must be met for accreditation. Among the requirements:

- Each community needs to demonstrate they have broad-based community support from both the public and private sectors
- Must have an active board of directors
- Execute a comprehensive MainStreet work plan
- Exhibit an historic preservation ethic

For a comprehensive list of all 10 criteria, visit [www.mainstreet.org/nationalprograms](http://www.mainstreet.org/nationalprograms).

These nine newly accredited New Mexico MainStreet communities are just part of the success story. In FY2008-09, the MainStreet program helped create 549 new jobs and 190 new businesses statewide. They were also instrumental in helping obtain \$9.2 million in private sector re-investment in New Mexico.

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