

# LOS ALAMOS COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Q2 Updates

June 2025

# **Business Marketing & Resources**



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### DP Road Business Promotion

- Promotion to support businesses impacted by construction
- Awarding winners with Community Cash Cards in May and June
- Coordination with Regional Development Corporation
  - Connecting with regional tour operators, to bring to Los Alamos
  - Helping execute on REDI Plan; making connections
- Launched Business 401(k) Program for Chamber Members
  - More affordable option for businesses to be more competitive in hiring/retention
  - Currently ramping up marketing efforts/awareness
- Finalized Details of New Regional Chamber Partnership
  - Collaborating regionally with Espanola and Santa Fe Chambers on Membership opportunities for all three Chambers (discounted rate and with greater client potential)
  - Will be announcing this June 2025
- Launched New Chamber Committee
  - 6-person committee across a range of industries, advising on initiatives that will help small businesses
  - First meeting in June
- Work Toward Forming Online Business Directory (aside from Chamber Directory)
  - Coordinating efforts with Los Alamos County staff
  - Several meetings to discuss additional marketing outreach for small businesses





# Support DP Rd Businesses!

During Continued Construction Disruptions



With Minimum \$25 Purchase, Enter to Win a \$50 Community Cash eGift Card

Make a minimum \$25 purchase at a DP Road business from May through June 2025.

Use your Community Cash eGift Card to pay at a participating DP Rd business &

2 automatically be entered!

Submit your receipt to the LACDC Office, 190 Central Park Square, Los Alamos, within the Small Business Center. Purchase date, amount & location must all be visible.

Multiple Winners Per Month!

Shop eGift Cards Here



They Make Great Gifts!
Funds can be used at
many other local
businesses (more addec

https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/los-alamos

\*Ongoing communications/marketing support for small businesses (press releases, social media); support with property owners; crisis situations \*Identifying mechanism to track these interactions/metrics

# **Meetings & Initiatives with Partners**



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- County Library: Coordination on Videos for Online Business Resource Hub
  - Effort to extend resources from Libraries as Launchpads program and also the Business Accelerator
  - Filming with PAC 8
  - Created a script template
  - Connected business resources together for filming
- County DPU & Adelante Consulting: C-PACE Property Owner Education Meeting
  - LACDC promoted, individually invited property owners
  - 10 property owners attended; others were sent the recording
- County Emergency Management: Coordinating/Promoting June Workshop
  - Along with Chamber and MainStreet, to ensure businesses are prepared ahead of wildfire season
- Council Working Group, NMEDD: Strategizing on Retail LEDA
  - Retail LEDA process and application coordination
  - Conversations with Council Working Group, LACDC Board and NMEDD to help ensure application and process moving forward results in successful applications





NM C-PACE Program

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- **Regional Development Corporation: Hosted Business** Round up Event at projectY cowork
  - 11 attendees
  - Promoting RDC micro-grants
  - Also attended the RDC REDI Summit in Santa Fe in April
- **Leadership Los Alamos Economic Development Session** 
  - Coordinated and led the schedule for the April session
  - Around 30 attendees
- **Los Alamos Business Coalition: Coordination Meetings** 
  - Businesses & tourism, marketing
  - Other tools & strategies to support businesses
- Los Alamos CDD: Merged VisitLos Alamos.org & FYILos Alamos.com for Better Marketing Opportunities
  - One event calendar location
  - Informed participants to now submit through VisitLosAlamos.org/events





# RDC IN LOS ALAMOS

### LOS ALAMOS BUSINESSES-

Come and meet the RDC.

We've got the refreshments and appetizers! Learn about our easy-to-apply-for funding programs and wide range of business support services. Connect with the Los Alamos and surrounding area

Wednesday, May 21, 5:00-6:30 pm ProjectY, 150 Central Park Square, Los Alamos, NM 87544 RSVP & Info: richard@rdcnm.org

The RDC offers responsive business support, ongoing mentoring, and training, provides easily accessible funding opportunities, spearheads innovative employer-focused workforce initiatives, and works with community leaders to create opportunities and build capacity. We propel your business to success, and then we celebrate your success









- Headquartered in either Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, Northern San San Miguel, Santa Fe, or Taos County
- In business for at least one year from opening date of the application ness license, CRS# and Business-only bank accoun

IATION SESSION: June 12, 11:00 am-NOON (online) Highly recommended to submit the best possible application

www.rdcnm.org/microgrant-fund









# Local Events Benefitting/Recognizing Business Community



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### ChamberFest and Chamber Business Awards

- 11 Awards distributed, based on community vote
- 1 Award to a Community Partner of the Year, selected by the Chamber
- 60+ Chamber businesses participating in June ChamberFest; still gathering metrics

### Chamber Career Fair

- 30+ business participants
- Changed timing, good feedback (later in the afternoon/evening)
- Better quality candidates, according to business participants

### Ongoing Chamber Events

- Coffee and Connections
- Ribbon Cutting for Los Alamos Makers Relocation downtown
- Business After Hours: KDCE, Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- Business Breakfasts: Legislative Update from Rep. Chandler and Sen. Jaramillo to the business community, HR/Employee Handbook, Succession Planning, Visual Storytelling

### MainStreet & Creative District Events & Initiatives

Please refer to slides from June 10 presentation by Executive Director Jacquelyn Connolly

**ATTACHMENT B** 





## **Additional Initiatives**



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- Re-Launching Façade Loan Program
- Ensuring White Rock Businesses Feel Supported No Bandelier shuttles this season
- Working on Updating LACDC Strategic Plan
  - To align with local business needs/priorities, County priorities, regional priorities
  - Supporting the County's Economic Vitality Strategic Plan, particularly around Local Business, Downtown Revitalization, Arts and Cultural Amenities.

### Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Enhancing/raising awareness of the support system for local businesses
- Continuing to support growing and retaining existing businesses; includes prioritizing move-in/diverse range of property locations, leased vs. owned
- Growing retail and hospitality industries through the Business Accelerator, bringing more awareness to businesses through Online Directory and cohesive pedestrian-level wayfinding to complement the County's new street-level wayfinding
- Encouraging strategic relocation of businesses/orgs to open up land for housing, downtown revitalization
- Encouraging diversification of emerging industries through NM LEEP and other LANL programs that support entrepreneurship
- Creating dedicated resource pages online for Tour/Group Travel, Development Opportunities; proactively using them in outreach for tourism/development
- Looking at ways to build out Los Alamos Research Park for additional high-tech/laboratory infrastructure (private business) and possible Innovation Center/Incubator
- Updating the Creative District Master Plan to complement a broader Arts & Cultural Plan that enables our community to capitalize and promote all the cultural and hospitality resources located here
- Assisting as potential partner to the County in successful Retail LEDA applications
- Successfully complete MRA Plans, finalize application and process, and proactively identify opportunities and use it as a tool to facilitate the development
  we want to see in the community