

New Mexico's Statewide Behavioral Health Reform:

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Region One Plan Overview

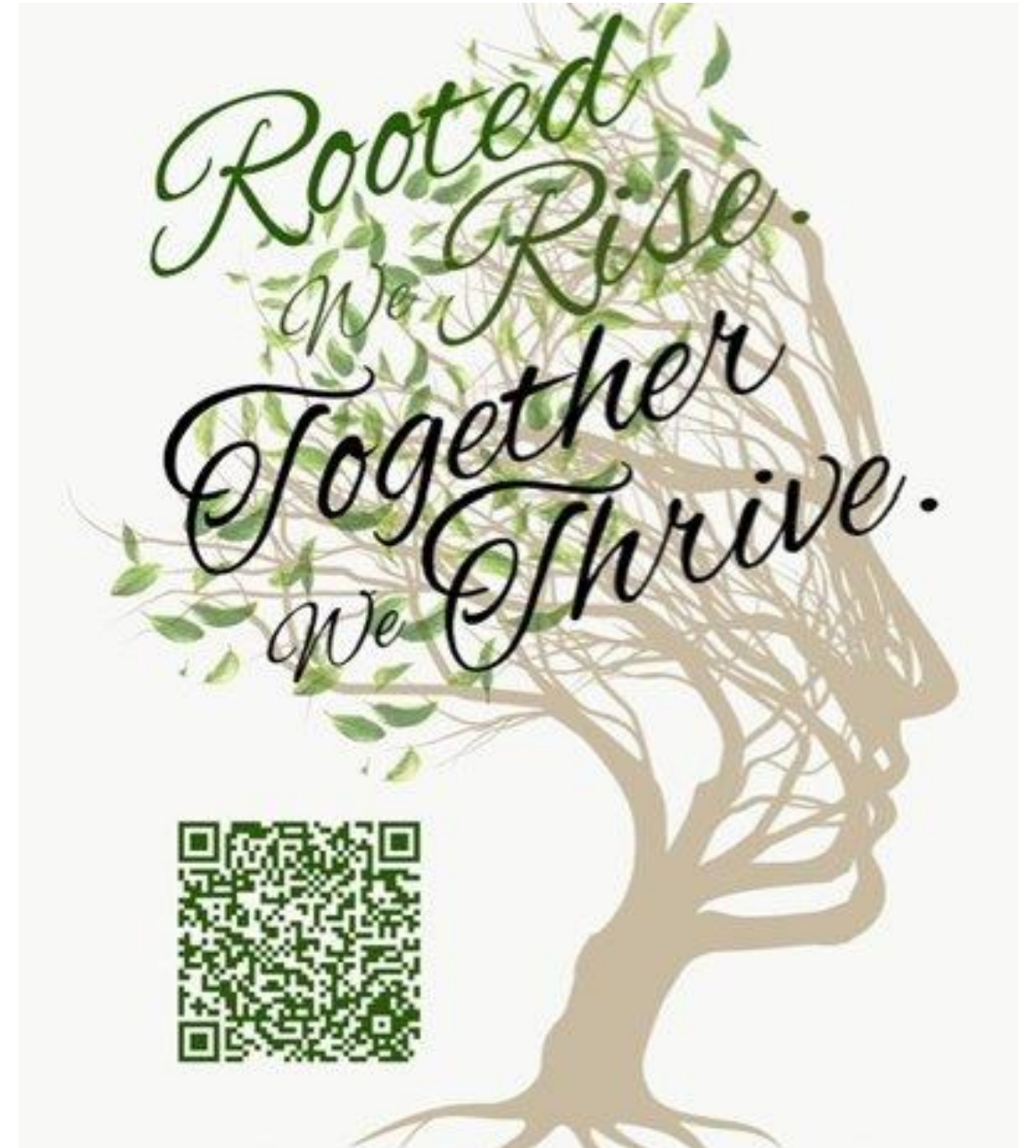
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& Ways to Stay Engaged in FY27

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Reminders

2025 Senate Bill One (SB1)

- ❑ Establishes a BH Trust Fund with a \$1 billion targeted investment.
- ❑ Establishes a BH Program Fund subject to appropriation by the Legislature for uses such as services, infrastructure, and workforce development, along with implementation of regional BH plans throughout the State.

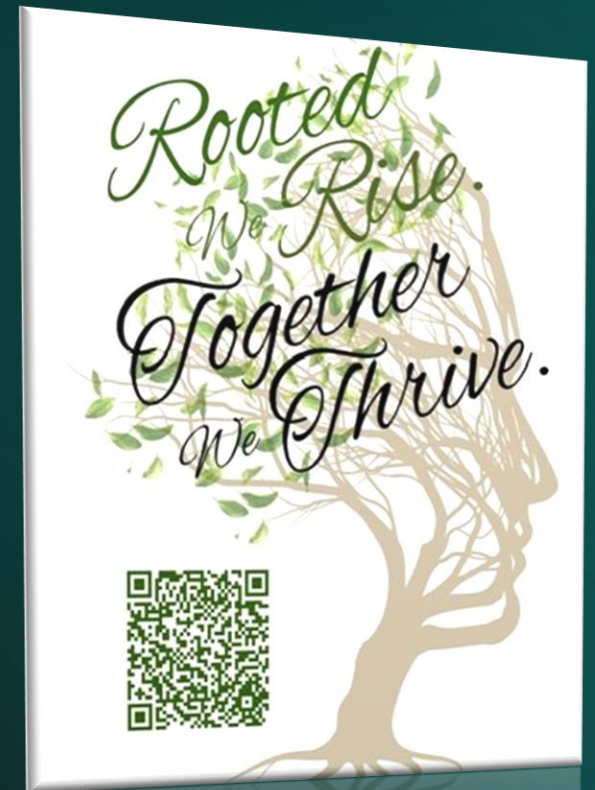
2025 Senate Bill Three (SB3 / “BHRIA”)

- ❑ Establishes a State Executive Committee to designate regions, coordinate statewide reform efforts through a regionalized approach based upon regional needs assessments, reviews/approves/monitors regional plans, develops a funding strategy, and develops an overall project management plan under the HCA.



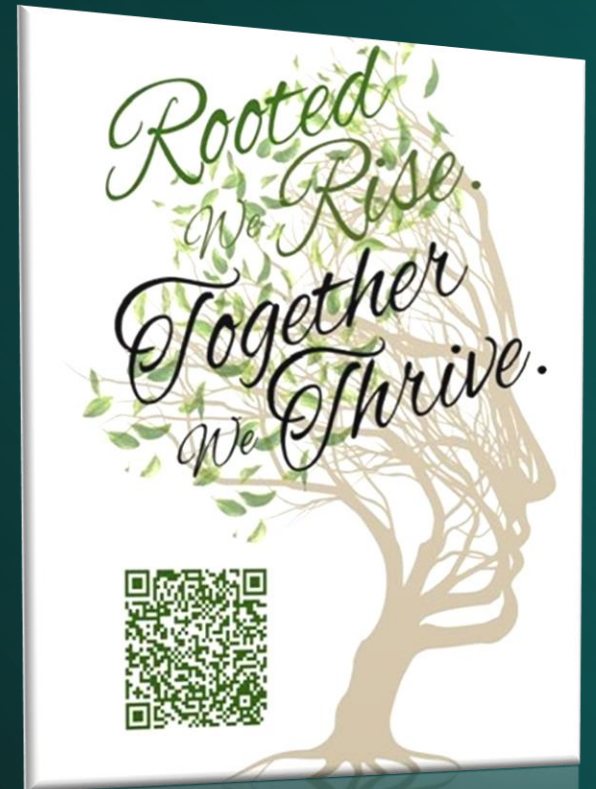
Updates

- A **State Executive Committee** has been established and is comprised of seven (7) members.
- **Regions have been determined** by the State Executive Committee and mirror Judicial Districts, *inclusive of Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos*.
- **Region One consists of** the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the Pueblos of Santa Clara, Ohkay Owingeh, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Nambe, and Tesuque, the counties of Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Rio Arriba, the cities of Espanola and Santa Fe, the Town of Edgewood, and the Village of Chama.
- **Each region was required to self select an "Accountable Entity,"** which is a government entity willing to serve as their region's fiscal agent, develop and coordinate regional committee and stakeholder meetings, participate in learning collaboratives, coordinate and host a workshop to identify the region's top behavioral health priorities, participate in hosting listening sessions, and develop a comprehensive FY27 – FY29 regional behavioral health plan tied to identified priorities approved at both the local and state levels prior to April 30 (AOC) and June 30, 2026 (HCA).



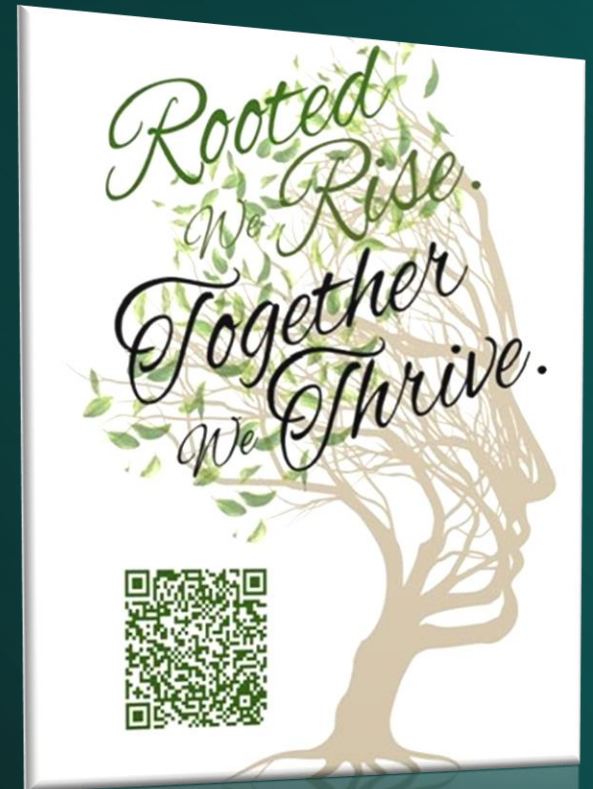
Updates cont'd

- **Santa Fe County volunteered to serve as our region's Accountable Entity** following a process that rendered no other volunteers. Projected In Kind costs covered by Santa Fe County in FY26 total appx \$50,467.43.
- **Santa Fe County has been convening regular weekly meetings with the region's core advisory members and related stakeholders** since November 9, 2025, when its IGA with the Administrative Office of the Courts was executed.
- **Core advisory members are those designated by the region's counties and Sovereign Entities** that provided a Letter of Support for Santa Fe County to serve as the Region One Accountable Entity in this State-driven process.
- **Letters of Support were provided by** the Jicarilla Apache Nation, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Pojoaque Pueblo, Nambe Pueblo, Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, and while not required by AOC also the City of Santa Fe and the City of Espanola and with active engagement by the Village of Chama and more recently Ohkay Owingeh and Tesuque Pueblo while Santa Clara was a strong participant at the regional workshop.



Updates cont'd

- **It has been the responsibility of this core government advisory team to ensure informed decision making through a wider group of stakeholders** that has included representation from the Courts, municipalities and other incorporated areas, county and tribal health councils, those with lived experience, behavioral health providers, and regional and tribal local collaboratives, among others.
- **These advisory planning meetings are also open to any interested party on the first Tuesday of every month** through an online meeting link that is publicly available on Santa Fe County's website dedicated to this effort and in support of full transparency.
- **All are encouraged to visit the Region One website** (see QR code) for full up-to-date details and information about this rollout, including ways to participate.



SELECT BHRIA CHALLENGES

1. The State's handling of State-mandated Tribal Consult has hampered trust of process and motivation to participate by some. There is also lack of State clarity about how Tribal Set Asides will be divided in regions with multiple Sovereign Entities.
2. Composition of the State BH Executive Committee fails to include DOH and CYFD, the BH Authority for children and youth in NM.
3. The State designed its model around counties absent county input and largely ignored cities and other incorporated areas.
4. The State's design assigns counties and tribal governments as pseudo "BH Authorities" which assumes erroneous and unrealistic expertise and capacity for most while leaving the true SMEs – providers – feeling largely forgotten and disenfranchised.
5. The HCA is the ultimate "Accountable Entity" and is discharging its duties and liabilities to the local governments. As well, it has yet to develop a unified statewide strategic framework resulting in fragmented regional plans untethered to a unified, standardized system of care.
6. HCA instructions to AEs in February re Plan submission reversed in April to requirements that reflect fragmented pieces of each priority rather than a comprehensive whole Plan.
7. 2026 LFC Hearings included only AOC and HCA, both of which have a lot invested in their designed model and process. AEs are the ones charged with the work and were not included.

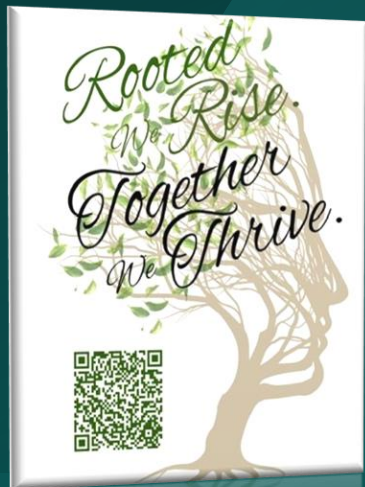
SIGNIFICANT (!) BHRIA STRENGTH

Legislative intent.



R1 Plan Overview, with this prelude:

The astounding levels of addiction within Region One became tragically evident on January 22, 2026 when the Governor of New Mexico issued Executive Order 2026-004 declaring a State of Emergency in Rio Arriba County, Santa Fe County, the City of Espanola, the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, and the Pueblos of Pojoaque, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque due to the acute, adverse impacts that addiction is having on individuals, families, communities, and public health and safety systems.



NMDOH data show that between Sept 2024 – Sept 2025, OD deaths increased in RAC by 48% and in SFC by 104%, while OD related ER visits increased in RAC by 81% and in SFC by 131%. NMDOH reports that fentanyl use is linked to the majority of fatalities.

These are rates never before seen *in our lifetime...*

Region One Summary of Priorities*

Priority 1: Regional Medical Managed Withdrawal & Crisis Stabilization Expansion

Need: Rising overdose deaths; insufficient detox capacity; jail-based detox reliance.

Priority 2: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion

Need: High opioid-related mortality; treatment gap (66% untreated).

Priority 3: Youth Behavioral Health & Crisis Infrastructure

Need: High rates of depression, suicide ideation, and limited youth crisis stabilization options.

Priority 4: Workforce Development, Recruitment & Retention

Need: Provider shortages, supervision gaps, burnout, rural service deficits.

Priority 5: Regional Navigation System and Transportation

Need: Fragmented service access; lack of centralized referral and coordination.

Priority 6: Housing & Reentry Stabilization

Need: Homelessness, relapse risk.

Priority 7: Prevention and Outreach Across the Age Spectrum

Need: Preventing the cycle that causes addiction, mental illness, and BH challenges.

Region One Funding FY27 - FY29

\$8,073,455.30

Tribal Set Aside of \$644,718.50 applied at the exclusive determination of R1 Sovereign Entities

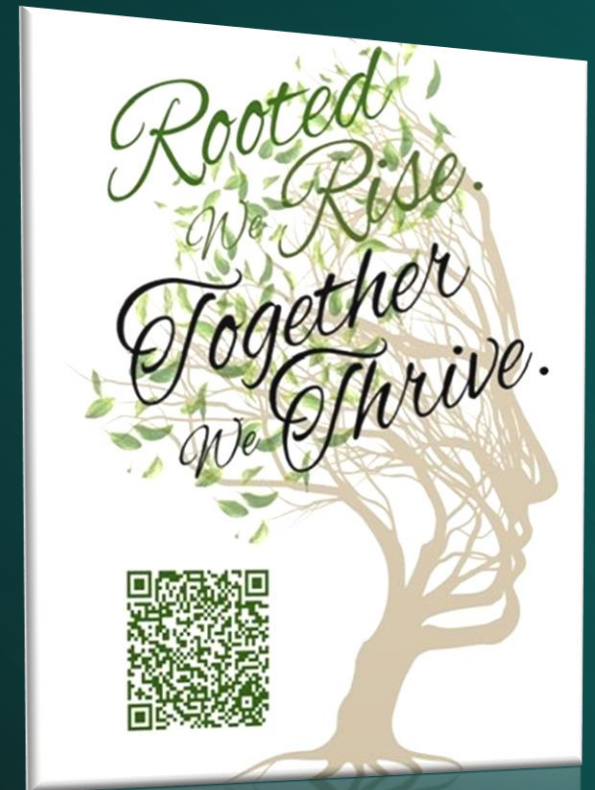
* Data Sources: NMDOH Recent Drug Overdose Data Trends (Oct 2025); Substance Use Epidemiological and Assessment Report for Rio Arriba County and Santa Fe County (2023); Guidance for New Mexico's Opioid Settlement Money (Updated September 22, 2025); Santa Fe County SIM Behavioral Health Mapping Report (2025); Rio Arriba County SIM Behavioral Health Mapping Report (2024); Los Alamos Community Behavioral Health Mapping Report (2025); E-SIM and Regional Prioritization Workshop Report (January 2026); SB3 Region 1 Community Listening Sessions Report (January 2026); Rio Arriba Final Blueprint Project Report (Chapin Hall, March 2025); 100% Rio Arriba Summit Assessment Results (April 2024); CSV CHNA-CHIP Presentation (2025); Gov Executive Order 2026-004 re OD Related Deaths in Region One (January 2026). Please note that R1 deeply values and respects the rights of Sovereign Data, and the AOC is working with R1 Sovereign Partners directly on Sovereign-exclusive data & Sovereign-specific priorities.



Region One Funding Applied to Priorities			FY27 In Kind / Leverages
Priorities 1 and 2: Managed Withdrawal, Crisis, MAT, & Recovery Expansion	\$3,013,455.30	\$1,050,000.00 to RAC for regional DP Managed Withdrawal, RTC, Transportation Expansion including NC RTD / "My Blue." \$1,963,455.30 to SFC for regional La Sala CTC, Managed Withdrawal, Transportation Expansion including NC RTD / "My Blue."	SFC: \$7,166,997.00 RAC: \$305,000.00 LAC: \$100,000.00
Priority 3: Youth BH and Crisis Infrastructure	\$0 / See In Kind Leverages	Significant In Kind/Leverages helps to account for this priority so we don't have to tax the regional plan allocation. <i>*Please note that Priority 7 includes the entire lifespan.</i>	SFC: \$8,426,342.00 RAC: See P7 LAC: See P7
Priority 4: Workforce Development	\$1,560,000.00	In support of partnered, regional collaboration, the AE will issue a single solicitation seeking ONE collaborative proposal response allowing for a primary applicant to subcontract with partnered others.	N/A
Priority 5: Regional Navigation System and Transportation	\$300,000.00	Scale the CONNECT program and network region-wide, and leverage where it's already built into budgets for SFC/RAC/LAC. Expand the "Ride United" transportation service under CONNECT + NC RTD "My Blue."	SFC: \$485,548.00 RAC: \$50,000.00 LAC: \$60,000.00
Priority 6: Housing and Reentry	\$0 / See In Kind Leverages	Housing is a very expensive priority that would take the full allocation and leave nothing for the other priorities. This is mitigated by significant In Kind / Leverages so we don't have to tax the regional plan allocation.	SFC: \$9,906,047.65 RAC: \$78,000.00 LAC: --
Priority 7: *Prevention across the age spectrum	\$2,000,000.00	The AE will issue a single soliciation seeking ONE collaborative proposal from BH providers allowing for the primary applicant to subcontract with partnering providers.	SFC: \$4,824,377.00 RAC: \$347,000.00 LAC: \$760,000.00
Administrative Costs and Evaluation (15% cap)	\$1,200,000.00	Applied to AE for administrative coordination, management, reporting, procurement, and oversight with \$150k applied to evaluator secured via solicitation plus development of MediMedi infrastructure as part of sustainability plan.	SFC: \$554,226.15 RAC: -- LAC: --
Total SB3 FY27 - FY29	\$8,073,455.30	Total In Kind/Leverages for FY27	\$33,063,537.80

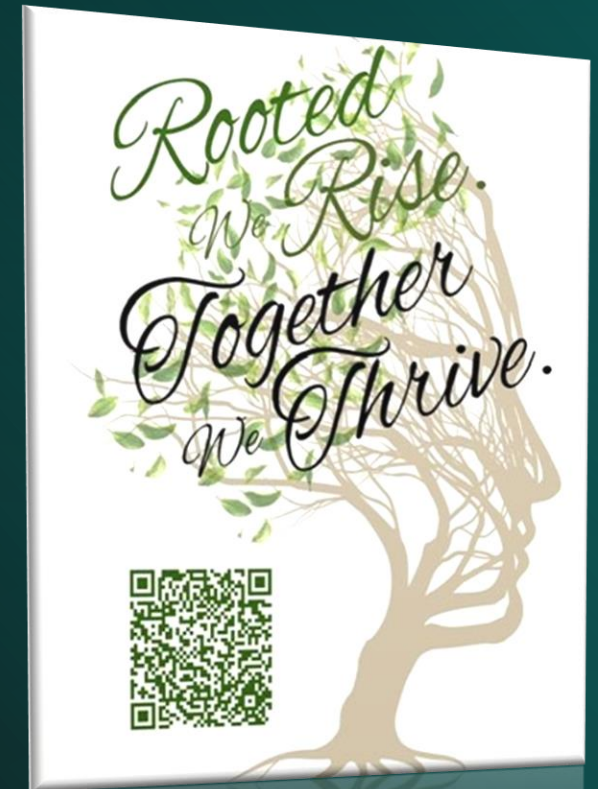
A Note About Early Access Funding

- Solicitation issued by the HCA in the fall of 2025 for regions to apply for "early access funding" in advance of Region Plan submissions.
- Applicant eligibility exclusive to Accountable Entities, with \$2m per region that must expend fully by June 2027.
- **Early Access Plans and Regional Plans overlap in 2027.**
- R1 recognizes providers as essential to this process, and submitted its original Early Access proposal on their behalf for intended open and fair solicitation.
- HCA denied our original proposal and requested resubmission that explicitly named providers. The State Procurement Code correctly prohibits preferentially-selected private providers, so our resubmission focused on funding for regional government partners using a one-time formula that heavily and intentionally favored Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos, along with Rio Arriba County in recognition of regional resource disparities while focusing on the same target of OD-related deaths.



R1 Early Access One Time Funding Formula

20%	Equal Base (EB)	<p>Each <i>State-recognized</i> government entity within R1 (Tribes, Nations, Pueblos, and Counties) receives 20% of the whole, equally divided.</p> <p>Logic: By weighting an EB measure at 20% we're ensuring each R1 State-identified government entity receives an equitable portion.</p>
20%	Disproportionate Impact (DI)	<p>20% is distributed to the same set of R1 government entities that possess a higher number of challenges for reasons such as but not limited to: lack of resources; rural areas; high social needs; etc.</p> <p>Logic: By weighting DI measure at 20% we're acknowledging the disparities of resources within R1.</p>
25%	Tribal Set-aside (TSA)	<p>All seven Sovereign entities within R1 receive 25% equally divided and applied to sovereign-specific urgent BH needs (or can combine among themselves if preferred – whatever feels wisest for them).</p> <p>Logic: By weighting TS measure at 25% we're respecting the requests of our Sovereign partners.</p>
35%	Population (Pop)	<p>Divided among State-defined region (judicial district comprised of three counties <i>inclusive of Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos</i>) by population. For R1 that translates to a combined total of 214,605 people reflected in the 2020 Census within the boundaries of Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Rio Arriba Counties <i>*and includes all tribal nations with populations living inside those county boundaries</i>. Please note that the Jicarilla Apache Nation spans into Sandoval County, therefore the population has been estimated to account for this additional population.</p> <p>Logic: By weighting population measure at 35% we're helping to ensure that the funds intended to help people actually do so.</p>

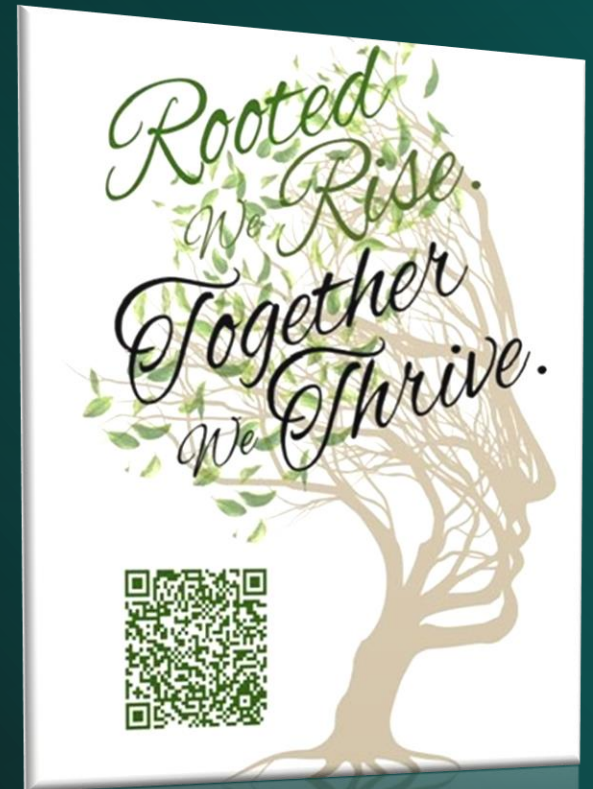


R1 Early Access One Time Funding Formula

R1 Entity	EB	DI	TSA	Pop	Total
Jicarilla Apache Nation	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
San Ildefonso Pueblo	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
Ohkay Owingeh	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
Santa Clara Pueblo	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
Pojoaque Pueblo	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
Tesuque Pueblo	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
Nambé Pueblo	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$71,428	Included within counties	\$161,428
Rio Arriba County	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$133,000	\$223,000
Los Alamos County*	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$63,000	\$103,000
Santa Fe County**	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$504,000	\$544,000

*Los Alamos County funds will be distributed directly to Rio Arriba County for its Darrin's Place and establishment of a regional transportation program that will directly benefit Los Alamos County residents.

**Santa Fe County will direct \$123,996 of the funding allotment to Rio Arriba County to increase in-patient treatment capacity through Darrin's Place and establish a regional transportation program that will directly benefit Santa Fe County residents.



How Will Region One's FY27 Early Access Funding Be Applied?

Early Access funding to participating R1 Sovereign Governments works to expand direct service delivery as determined by each Sovereign Government through planning and increased staffing for medication-assisted treatment, withdrawal management, prevention, case management, counseling, harm reduction, and diversion. Relevant training for staff and law enforcement alongside Narcan distribution and education efforts will help mitigate risks.

Early Access funding to Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos counties will go to Rio Arriba for capacity expansion at its Española-based facility for medically monitored detoxification services, IOP treatment services, transportation, and culturally responsive outreach available to all Region 1 residents.

Santa Fe County will additionally increase capacity of its Mobile Integrated Health services within its EMS Department and work in conjunction with its Crisis Triage Center and the City of Santa Fe's Alternative Response Unit for care response and follow-up to 911 calls related to behavioral health crises including 4 Pueblos in Region 1 for which it provides standing in kind EMS response as part of its regular operations.



*Rooted
We Rise.
Together
We Thrive.*



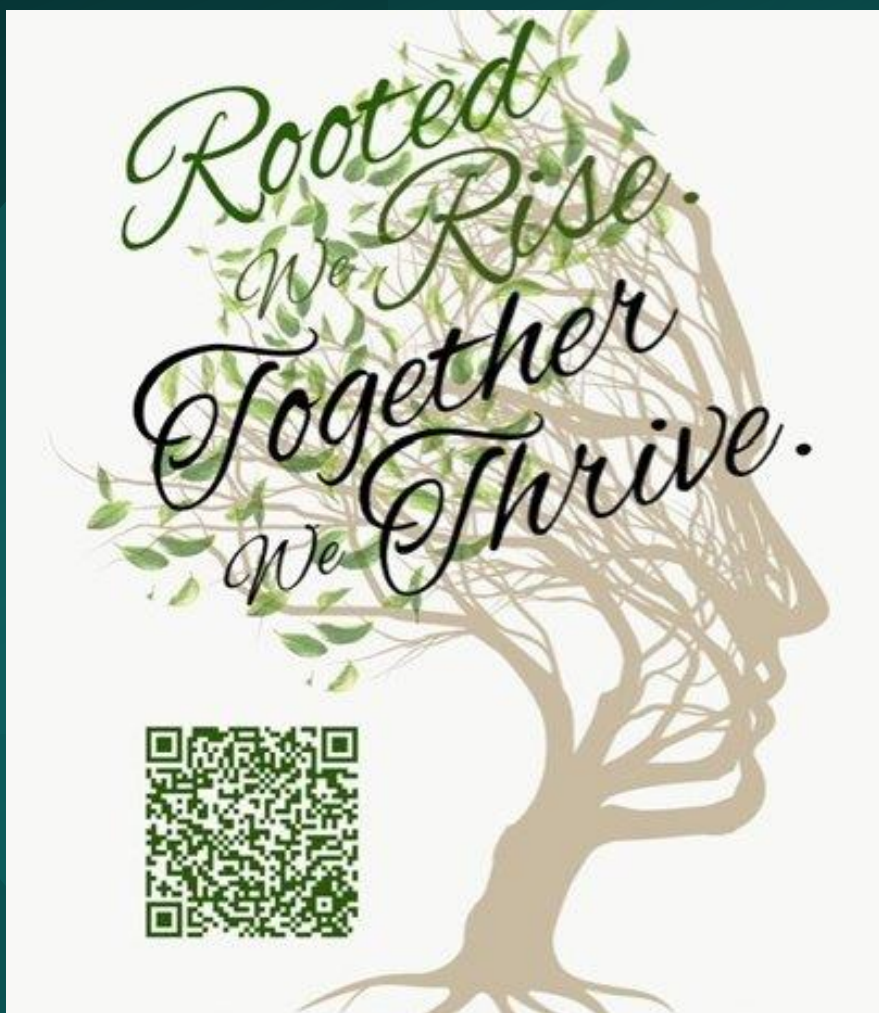
Ways to Stay Engaged in FY27

Regional Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month from noon – 1:30p via posted online link on the R1 webpage.

Quarterly Meetings will be held in person (with hybrid option) around the region and hosted by:

- Q1 Rio Arriba County
- Q2 Nambe Pueblo
- Q3 Ohkay Owingeh
- Q4 Jicarilla Apache Nation

Please visit the R1 Webpage (see QR code) for full details and please join us!



Questions?