

New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation

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Joseph H. Badal Board Chair and President New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation



September 22, 2023

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham Office of the Governor 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Suite 400 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Governor Lujan Grisham:

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors of the Small Business Investment Corporation, doing business as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation ("NMSBIC"), I want to thank you for entrusting us to represent this important organization and giving us the opportunity to serve our state.

The NMSBIC was formed in 2001 by the Small Business Investment Act, NMSA 58-29-1 et. seq., to create new job opportunities and to support the small business community statewide and is funded by an allocation from the Severance Tax Permanent Fund pursuant to NMSA 7-27-5.15. Upon receipt of the independent audited financial statements, the NMSBIC Board of Directors is charged with reporting the organization's financial results to you in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The enclosed report is intended to serve that purpose. A copy of the independent auditors' report, including a Communication of No Material Weaknesses, for the NMSBIC's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is also enclosed.

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 making plans to deploy additional funding in a responsible manner that will continue to stimulate the
 economy and support the growth of small businesses and jobs in New Mexico.

On behalf of the members of the Board, I am pleased to report the actions we have taken to continue to move the organization forward in a positive direction. We are committed to building a viable and sustainable structure to enable the NMSBIC to fulfill its mission of stimulating the state's economy and sustaining and creating jobs throughout New Mexico, while preserving the NMSBIC's capital.

Respectfully submitted,

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NMSBIC HIGHLIGHTS

2023 FISCAL YEAR

JOBS SUPPORTED

24,408

LIFE-TO-DATE

1,078

YEAR-TO-DATE

70%

LOANS TO MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES 45%

LOANS TO WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

31

OUT OF 33 NEW MEXICO COUNTIES SERVED INCREASED FROM \$49M TO

\$73M

LOANS OUTSTANDING **LOANS ORIGINATED**

\$222M

LIFE-TO-DATE

\$35M

YEAR-TO-DATE

INCREASED FROM \$120M TO

\$124M

TOTAL ASSETS

\$8.2M

INCREASE IN NET POSITION

INCREASED FROM \$114M TO

\$122M

NET POSITION

Small Business Success Stories

The NMSBIC, through its lending partners, made 155 loans to small businesses throughout the state during the 2023 fiscal year, totaling \$34 million and supporting 1,078 jobs. The following are examples of New Mexico small businesses that benefited from working with the NMSBIC's lending partners. These and other success stories can be found at Finance New Mexico's website: www.financenewmexico.org.

Gallup Bakery Thriving with Help from DreamSpring

A book changed Jacqueline Ahasteen's life. As a teenager, she stumbled across a culinary arts encyclopedia that had belonged to her father. Smitten with what was tucked in the pages of that tome, Jacqueline began experimenting with baking tarts, cupcakes and doughnuts, all from scratch. She was in the kitchen, and she was in heaven.

When she grew up, however, she put that passion aside in favor of a steady paycheck and a job in IT. That lasted until 2016, when Jacqueline posed to her husband the idea of opening a bakery. They secured a location, signed a lease, and began renovations with his enthusiastic support. The couple opened the doors of I Knead Sugar, their sweet treat bakery in Gallup, New Mexico, in May 2017.

Although fed by a dream, business ownership is about reality, and I Knead
Sugar nearly closed before it even opened. After spending hard-earned
personal resources on renovations and build-out, Jacqueline realized they didn't have enough money for the

ingredients that would make the bakery thrive. Their local Small Business Development Center referred



Jacqueline to DreamSpring, where she quickly obtained the capital she needed to buy flour, sugar, bowls, utensils, and other supplies to make her opening a sweet success. She recalls the relief she felt after her loan closing. "Suddenly, I didn't have to worry about where that capital was going to come from," Jacqueline said.

Capital isn't the only support Jacqueline has received from DreamSpring. As a Native small business owner, Jaqueline says, "I feel more connected to the Native women entrepreneurial community as a result of my relationship with DreamSpring."

Jacqueline enjoys sharing her baking expertise with the community through demonstrations at her children's schools and monthly classes at her bakery. In the future, she plans to add more specialty cakes to her menu and hire employees from the Gallup area. Jaqueline reflects, "We feel happy in our hearts that we can bring our product to the public."

Find I Knead Sugar at www.ikneadsugargallup.com or at 118 Boardman Drive in Gallup. Learn more about DreamSpring at www.DreamSpring.org.

The Loan Fund Gives Life to Albuquerque Joinery

Albuquerque Joinery is a small design-build company that specializes in new home construction using traditional adobe building techniques and fine carpentry. Kenny DeLapp and Esther Fredrickson launched the business in February 2020 after building their own adobe home in Albuquerque's South Valley. Built under an owner-builder permit, their 1,600 square foot home is a showcase of modern construction and traditional materials with brick floors, exposed vigas, adobe mud plaster walls, and site-built solid wood doors.

DeLapp, who is skilled in masonry and fine carpentry, learned traditional building techniques while working with his uncle Win, a long-time adobe builder known for custom furniture, cabinets, and museum exhibits. "It's the

idea to combine the two different worlds in adobe construction, which are more masonry and heavy timber, with finer woodworking — that was the vision to be able to create unique woodwork and have the ability to create something in-house to have that handmade feel," DeLapp said about the new business. DeLapp's unconventional approach allows him and the company's team of two employees to create bathroom vanities, cabinets, molding, and doors onsite. Frederickson manages the business.

A referral by their credit union put the couple in touch with The Loan Fund, a nonprofit lender that works with startups and small businesses that often don't fit the criteria of a traditional bank. "All we needed was a line of credit and that wasn't what a traditional bank



was going to give us," said DeLapp. Frederickson said the line of credit offered by The Loan Fund was an essential part of their first project and has helped them move forward through subsequent projects, which have included an adobe workshop/studio building and multiple fine-carpentry projects.

"We feel so much better equipped for the next house in terms of our tools and employees, but also in our knowledge of our business overhead and the time involved in our particular handmade way of building," she said.

Albuquerque Joinery designs and builds in an esthetic that is simple, carefully executed, and distinctly New Mexican using local and natural materials when feasible. Find Albuquerque Joinery at www.abqjoinery.com. Learn more about The Loan Fund at www.loanfund.org.

Introduction

The Small Business Investment Corporation, doing business as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation ("NMSBIC"), was formed by the Small Business Investment Act in 2001 to enhance the economic development objectives of the state, to create new job opportunities, and to support small businesses in communities statewide. The NMSBIC is funded by an allocation from the Severance Tax Permanent Fund.

Investment Overview

The NMSBIC invests in New Mexico businesses through its lending and equity programs.

In 2011, the NMSBIC Board of Directors ("Board") changed the organization's strategic direction away from venture capital investments, to focus on expanding the NMSBIC's lending program. Reasons for expanding the NMSBIC's Lending Program were, (i) there was a shortage of traditional bank lending available to small businesses in New Mexico, (ii) the NMSBIC had experienced significant losses from its large concentration of equity program investments, (iii) equity program investments were concentrated primarily in the Albuquerque area, whereas the lending program provided funds to small businesses throughout New Mexico, and (iv) equity program investments were limited to a narrow sector of the economy and supported relatively few jobs, whereas the lending program supports jobs throughout New Mexico. The NMSBIC continues to focus on expanding its lending program.

Beginning in March 2020, The NMSBIC created the NMSBIC COVID-19 Lending Program and the NMSBIC PPP Lending Program to assist small businesses that did not have access to COVID-19 relief programs from traditional banks.

The NMSBIC is actively engaging with existing lending partners, and recently added new partners, to expand the lending program in a way that is responsible, supports and sustains existing jobs, and increases the number of jobs created throughout the state.

The board follows the Prudent Investor Rule as a basis for all loans and investments. NMSBIC loans and investments are underwritten in a way that balances yield, safety, diversification, and economic development, with a focus on creating and sustaining jobs and preserving taxpayer funds.

New Mexico Employment

U.S. Census data shows there are 125,804 nonemployer establishments (e.g., sole proprietorships with no employees) in New Mexico. For New Mexico employer establishments (businesses with paid employees), there are 43,953 establishments, employing 606,085 people, with a total annual payroll of \$29.8 billion. 23% of employer firms are minority-owned businesses, and 20% are womenowned businesses. ¹

Employment in New Mexico was 926,846 as of June 30, 2023, an increase from 911,008 in the prior year, and higher than 908,745 jobs as of February 2020, before the COVID-19 crisis. New Mexico's unemployment rate of 3.5% as of June 30, 2023, reflects improvement, down from 3.9% a year ago, and lower than the 5.3% unemployment rate as of February 2020.²

There continues to be a critical need for providing funds to help create and grow small businesses, protect existing jobs, and promote job growth; a need that increased during the COVID-19 crisis. NMSBIC believes the continued expansion of its lending program addresses a serious funding gap created by retrenchment in the banking community and is an effective way to deliver funding to New Mexico businesses. Continued expansion of the lending program enables the NMSBIC to better preserve capital and to increase the turnover of that

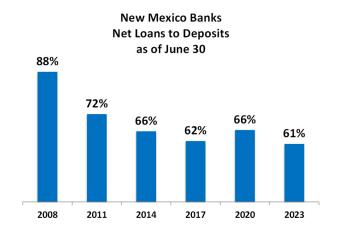
¹ https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/NM

² https://www.bls.gov/regions/southwest/new_mexico.htm

capital, thereby benefitting more small businesses and employees in our state.

Lending Gap

Beginning with the 2008 recession, a tightening of bank lending to small businesses occurred in our state. The loan-to-deposit ratio for New Mexico-based banks was 88% in 2008. The ratio dropped during the 2008 recession and then began to recover. However, the ratio dropped further during the COVID-19 pandemic, to 61% as of June 30, 2023.³ This tight credit market provides an opportunity for NMSBIC to continue expanding its lending program and help fill the lending gap, especially for start-up and small expanding businesses.





"I asked my former employer,
'do you know of people I can
borrow some money from? I'm
a woman and I'm a Mexican."
Fuller was directed to WESST, a
business development
organization that offers capital
and technical assistance. "I
called WESST and WESST gave
me the loan."

 Veronica Fuller, Owner Sandia Pet Products

Lending Program

The NMSBIC's lending program provides funding to small businesses throughout the state, through its lending partners.

NMSBIC Lending Partners

The NMSBIC is an important source of funding for nonprofit organizations engaged in micro-lending and small business lending in New Mexico. It has actively engaged with existing lending partners, including DreamSpring (formerly Accion), New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund ("The Loan Fund"), the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority ("MFA"), and WESST Corp. Beginning in 2019, to further expand the NMSBIC's lending program and increase the number of jobs created throughout the state, the NMSBIC added new partners including: lending Homewise, Clearinghouse CDFI, LiftFund, RBC GAM, RCAC, and Ventana Fund.

NMSBIC Lending Partners

















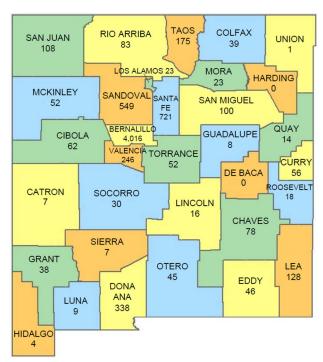




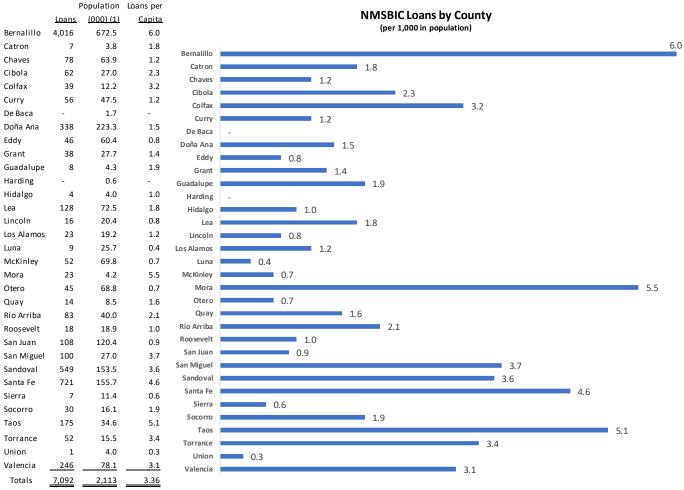
³ https://www.fdic.gov, Statistics on Depository Institutions

Communities and Jobs Supported

Since its inception, and in connection with its lending partners, the NMSBIC has funded 7,092 loans to New Mexico start-up and small businesses, in 31 of 33 New Mexico counties, which have supported 24,408 jobs throughout New Mexico. In many cases, NMSBIC's funding of small businesses has preserved jobs that would have been eliminated without access to capital. \$222 million in loans have been originated since 2001 to businesses that would likely not have had access to such loans from other sources.



Through its lending partners, the NMSBIC has provided funds for 7,092 loans in 31 of 33 counties in New Mexico.



(1) https://www.newmexico-demographics.com/counties_by_population, 2022 Population Estimates Program and 2021 American Community Survey

NMSBIC Actions to Assist Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Crisis

Beginning in March 2020, the NMSBIC board of directors made the following changes to its lending programs to support its lending partners, and indirectly small businesses in New Mexico impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

"In a matter of days, the NMSBIC made additional liquidity available to DreamSpring to channel into PPP loans. As a result of the partnership, the NMSBIC and DreamSpring saved thousands of New Mexico small businesses, jobs and livelihoods."

- Anne Haines, DreamSpring President/CEO
- Additional Funds Committed. The NMSBIC committed an additional \$50 million in funding to lending partners, so that lending partners could make additional funding available to small businesses in New Mexico, including businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
- COVID-19 Lending Program. In March 2020, the NMSBIC introduced a COVID-19 Lending Program, under which the NMSBIC provided funds to lending partners at an interest rate of 0% for up to thirty-six months, provided that the lending partner's loan was to a business impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, and the interest rate to the small business was at 3.75% or less. The program ended on September 30, 2022, for new or modified loans. The program will remain active for existing loans through 2027.
- PPP Lending Program. In April 2020, the NMSBIC introduced a new lending program to provide funds for the NMSBIC's lending partners to originate loans under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Under this lending program, the NMSBIC provided funds to lending partners at an interest rate of zero percent (0%) for PPP loans that lending partners make to New Mexico businesses. The SBA's PPP loans are forgiven if certain conditions are met and are a tremendous benefit to small businesses. When SBA announced the PPP program, many traditional banks prioritized existing customers or larger

customers for their PPP loans. This resulted in many smaller businesses, including minorityand women-owned businesses, to not have access to PPP loans. Also, while the PPP loans were guaranteed by the SBA, lenders were required to originate PPP loans with their own funds. The NMSBIC provided \$35 million in funding to DreamSpring, which was used to make PPP loans available to small businesses in New Mexico, including those businesses that were not able to access PPP funding through traditional banks. From the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in March 2020, through June 30, 2021, DreamSpring used NMSBIC funds to originate 1,524 PPP loans supporting 7,576 jobs in New Mexico. DreamSpring was able to recycle the \$35 million in NMSBIC funds and originated over \$49 million of PPP loans in New Mexico. As of June 30, 2023, the NMSBIC's outstanding PPP loan balance was reduced to \$81,663.

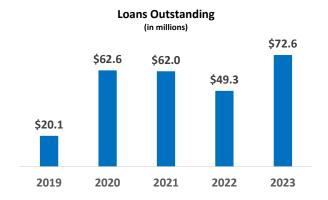
• Reduced Interest Rates. To support lending partners with loan loss reserves and with increased costs associated with originating COVID-19 and PPP loans, the NMSBIC lowered the interest rate it charges by one percent (1%) for a period of twelve months on all outstanding loans originated under its traditional lending program, for lending partners participating in the COVID-19 or PPP lending programs. Due to The Loan Fund's active participation in the NMSBIC's COVID-19 Lending Program, the NMSBIC further lowered The Loan Fund's interest rate to 0.50% and extended the interest rate reduction through June 2025.



"Sometimes it's scary to apply for a loan, especially for a small business," Beavers said. "You're already prepped to get denied. But DreamSpring makes the process easy. Even if you can't qualify right then, they'll tell you what you need to improve to qualify. They don't make you feel like you're begging for something."

- Lola Beavers, mother and business advisor to Frank and Tiffany Willis, Owners of Frank's Chicken and Waffles

Cooperative agreement partner loans outstanding, net of allowance for loan losses, increased in 2020 and 2021 primarily related to pandemic lending programs, and then dropped in 2022 as DreamSpring began repaying PPP Lending Program funds to the NMSBIC. In 2023, NMSBIC lending partners experienced growth in traditional lending programs, with outstanding loans increasing to \$72.6 million.



Lending Partner Actions to Assist Small Businesses Impacted by the COVID-19 Crisis.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the NMSBIC's lending partners worked with impacted borrowers. Payments were deferred on existing loans, and new loan advances were made under the NMSBIC's COVID-19 Lending Program and PPP Lending Program.

Lending Volume and Jobs Supported.

Since the NMSBIC's inception in 2001, and through June 30, 2023, the NMSBIC has funded the following volume of loans through its lending partners:

	Number		Jobs
Lending Partner	of Loans	Amount	Supported
DreamSpring	5,969	\$94,516,009	16,907
The Loan Fund	965	75,264,208	5,688
Ventana Fund	47	18,433,538	170
Clearinghouse CDFI	7	17,682,000	531
RBC GAM	13	6,458,816	70
Homewise	12	4,309,364	212
MFA	6	4,000,000	380
WESST	62	851,616	398
Rio Vista Growth Capital	1	750,000	16
LiftFund	<u>10</u>	<u>181,221</u>	<u>36</u>
Total	7,092	\$222,446,771	24,408

For the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, the NMSBIC funded the following volume of loans through its lending partners:

	Number		Jobs
	Number		1003
Lending Partner	of Loans	Amount	Supported
Clearinghouse CDFI	4	\$12,682,000	479
Ventana Fund	11	6,432,855	254
RBC GAM	13	6,458,816	80
The Loan Fund	24	4,435,915	64
The Loan Fund (COVID-19)	9	1,083,446	96
Homewise	7	2,383,864	70
DreamSpring	86	1,243,345	30
WESST	<u>1</u>	10,988	5
Total	<u>155</u>	\$34,731,228	1,078

As of June 30, 2023, the NMSBIC had the following loans outstanding through its lending partners:

	Number		Jobs
Lending Partner	of Loans	Amount	Supported
The Loan Fund	111	\$16,917,359	261
The Loan Fund (COVID-19)	143	13,369,021	160
Clearinghouse CDFI	5	15,000,000	489
Ventana Fund	23	13,311,306	61
RBC GAM	13	6,361,453	70
Homewise	12	4,247,366	241
DreamSpring	233	3,253,839	660
DreamSpring (PPP Loans)	11	81,663	38
LiftFund (COVID-19)	1	9,155	12
WESST	<u>6</u>	90,372	<u>25</u>
Total	<u>558</u>	<u>\$72,641,534</u>	<u>2,017</u>

Commitments

As of June 30, 2023, the NMSBIC had the following amounts committed, loans outstanding, and remaining commitments.

	Amount	Loans	Remaining
	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	Commitment
The Loan Fund	\$35,000,000	\$30,286,380	\$4,713,620
RBC GAM	\$25,000,000	\$6,361,453	\$18,638,547
Ventana Fund	15,000,000	13,311,306	\$1,688,694
Clearinghouse CDFI	15,000,000	15,000,000	\$0
DreamSpring	7,831,663	3,335,502	\$4,496,161
Homewise	7,000,000	4,247,366	\$2,752,634
MFA	2,500,000	0	\$2,500,000
LiftFund	1,000,000	9,155	\$990,845
RCAC	1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000
WESST	<u>375,000</u>	90,372	<u>284,628</u>
Totals	\$109,706,663	\$72,641,534	\$37,065,129

The above tables show \$222 million in loans have been funded with \$110 million of committed funds. As loans are repaid, the funds are loaned to other small businesses, sustaining and/or creating more new jobs. This recycling of loan funds provides positive leverage of the NMSBIC's capital.

Net Interest Income and Loan Charge-Offs

The NMSBIC has approved revolving lines of credit to The Loan Fund, Ventana Fund, Clearinghouse CDFI, Homewise, MFA, LiftFund, and RCAC. Under these loan agreements no loan losses are passed through to the NMSBIC. The interest rate on these revolving lines of credit is typically 2.0% annually.

The NMSBIC purchases pools of Small Business Administration (SBA) loans from RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM). Under this agreement RBC GAM sources SBA loans that are focused on BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) areas and BIPOC-owned small businesses in New Mexico. The guaranteed portion of the SBA loans are aggregated into SBA pools that are delivered to the NMSBIC. SBA pools are guaranteed by the SBA, with no loan losses passed through to the NMSBIC. The NMSBIC earns a market yield on SBA pools that adjusts quarterly.

The NMSBIC has loan participation agreements with DreamSpring and WESST, whereby NMSBIC purchases 75% of the principal balance of loans, and the lending partners retain 25% of the loans. Lending partners can pass through loan charge-offs to the NMSBIC as described below.

Under its arrangement with DreamSpring, the NMSBIC earns interest of 3.0% annually. Loan charge-offs passed through to the NMSBIC are capped at 1% per year, with the NMSBIC earning a net interest rate of no less than 2.0% annually.

For WESST, the NMSBIC earns interest of 3.0% annually. 75% of loan charge-offs can be passed through to the NMSBIC. During the 2022 fiscal year, there were no charge-offs passed through to the NMSBIC, with the NMSBIC earning net interest of 3.0% annually.

Lending program interest income, charge-offs, and net interest income were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

	Interest		Net Interest
	<u>Income</u>	Charge-Offs	<u>Income</u>
Ventana Fund	\$236,384	\$0	\$236,384
Clearinghouse CDFI	173,333	0	173,333
DreamSpring	102,969	34,323	68,646
The Loan Fund	78,650	0	78,650
Homewise	59,928	0	59,928
RBC GAM	5,672	0	5,672
WESST	<u>3,196</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,196</u>
Totals	\$660,132	<u>\$34,323</u>	<u>\$625,809</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, net interest income of \$625,809 more-than-offset operating expenses of \$364,259, comprised of economic development program services of \$189,121, and other operating expenses of \$175,138. Maintaining organizational self-sufficiency, with interest income on loans exceeding operating expenses, is a key part of the NMSBIC's strategy. Even with a reduction in interest rates charged to lending partners related to the COVID-19 crisis, the NMSBIC's interest income on loans continues to exceed operating expenses.

"The process with Homewise was very simple and fast," said Christina Davis. "We looked at traditional banks for financing but made our final determination to choose Homewise due to their help with the community, new commercial program, low down payment, and interest rates."

- Christina Davis, Owner, Trendz Beauty Supply







New Mexico Mezzanine Partners

Equity Program

In 2011, the NMSBIC board changed its investment strategy. The NMSBIC's focus is on expanding its lending program and is no longer on making equity investments.

Equity investments in New Mexico were virtually unheard of prior to 2000, but the efforts of the State Investment Council and the NMSBIC have attracted funds and investment professionals to New Mexico. Prior to 2004, there were no equity fund organizations headquartered in New Mexico and no organizations focused their capital and expertise exclusively on New Mexico companies. It was the NMSBIC's capital and early commitments that led to investments in venture capital funds based in New Mexico.

Most large equity funds look to deploy \$5 to \$10 million in any one investment, whereas New Mexico had smaller, early-stage companies that warranted investments of only \$250,000 to \$1 million. Few, if any, local companies would have been able to attract national attention and, without equity, could not have secured any credit relationships.

Beginning in 2004, the NMSBIC committed capital to Flywheel Ventures, Mesa Capital Partners, New Mexico Community Capital, New Mexico Mezzanine Partners, and Verge Fund to address the need for capital access for local start-ups, technology transfer licensees, and other small businesses looking to expand. With these five partners, the NMSBIC participated in ten venture capital partnerships.

NMSBIC's investment history has provided valuable experience and revealed significant challenges regarding venture capital investing as follows:

- NMSBIC's total asset size relative to the historical amount invested in each company resulted in limited diversification;
- NMSBIC can only invest in New Mexico companies, which further limited diversification;
- High risk and limited diversification appear to have contributed to significant venture capital investment losses during the economic downturn of 2008;
- Management fees paid to equity fund managers reduced investment returns;
- Equity investments are typically long-term, which reduced the ability to turn-over capital in additional new small businesses;
- Equity investments do not provide current income to offset the NMSBIC's operating expenses;
- Equity investments have been geographically concentrated, with limited funding outside the Rio Grande Corridor;
- Equity investments do not generate significant job creation during their initial phases of development; and
- Successful equity investments often require later-stage investments from out-of-state investors that require the enterprise to relocate outside New Mexico.

Equity Fund Termination Dates

Many of the NMSBIC's equity investments, most of which were made between 2004 and 2009, have reached or are nearing the partnership termination dates. Mesa New Mexico Growth Fund I and Mesa New Mexico Growth Fund II closed in 2012 and 2015, respectively. Flywheel I-NMSBIC closed in 2017, and New Mexico Gap Fund I closed in May 2021. New Mexico Community Capital and New Mexico Mezzanine Partners have reached the end of their partnership agreements and are in the process of winding-up operations. The NMSBIC's investments in Verge I, Verge I.5, Verge II, and Verge II.5, were combined into Verge I II Combined as of January 1, 2021. Verge I II Combined has a termination date of December 31, 2025.

Equity Investments Reported Using Cost Method

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, paragraph B74, equity investments held primarily to further economic development are reported using the cost method. Equity investments are carried at cost, less capital distributions received, management fees, operating expenses, and any impairment loss. Impairment loss is recognized if the fair value of the asset has declined below the carrying value and the decline is determined not to be temporary in nature. Additional detail is provided in the supplementary schedules to the audited financial statements.

NMSBIC Impact

The following provides information regarding the impact of NMSBIC's lending and equity programs on New Mexico small businesses and jobs, and costs of delivering these services.

The Importance of Small Businesses

The NMSBIC's lending program supports small businesses in New Mexico. Small businesses are vitally important to both the New Mexico and national economies.

According to the Small Business Administration, a small business has 500 or fewer employees. In New Mexico, small business employment accounts for 53.7% of total employment. In 2019, there were 28,331 New Mexico small businesses with 1-19 employees, and 4,445 small businesses with 20-500 employees.⁴

Nationally, small businesses comprise⁵:

- 99.9% of all firms
- 99.7% of firms with paid employees
- 97.3% of exporters (264,366 businesses)
- 46.4% of private sector employees (61.7 million workers)
- 43.5% of gross domestic product
- 39.4% of private sector payroll (\$2.9 trillion)
- 35.6% of private sector receipts (\$13.3 trillion)
- 32.6% of known export value (\$413.3 billion)

Nationally, small businesses accounted for 63% of net new jobs since 1995. ⁶

Jobs Supported

A common measure used by CDFI's and by the Small Business Administration (SBA) is total jobs at the time a loan is originated, referred to as "jobs supported." In the table below, *Equity and Lending Programs Costs and Benefits*, information is provided regarding New Mexico jobs supported by the NMSBIC's equity and lending programs. For the equity program, jobs supported are the number of jobs as of June 30, 2023, or as of the date when the company exited from the NMSBIC's investment portfolio. For the lending program, jobs supported are the total jobs when the loan was originated. Jobs supported are self-reported by the NMSBIC's equity and lending partners.

- From 2004 to 2009, the NMSBIC committed over \$32 million for venture capital equity investments. Equity program life-to-date results were a loss of \$15.5 million, with 348 jobs reported, resulting in an estimated cost per job of \$44,570. Equity investments are long-term in nature, therefore year-to-date results are not considered meaningful.
- Lending program life-to-date results were positive net interest income (after loan losses) of \$4.5 million, with 24,408 jobs reported, for an estimated *profit* per job of \$185. For the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, net interest income was \$625,809, with 1,078 jobs reported, for an estimated *profit* per job of \$581.

BBER Impact Analysis

The NMSBIC engaged the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) to conduct an impact analysis, which was completed in 2017. The number of jobs were independently measured by BBER. The BBER analysis indicated the NMSBIC's equity and lending programs resulted in the creation of 646 "new" jobs in New Mexico during the five-year period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. Additionally, the BBER study estimated an additional

⁴ New Mexico 2022 Small Business Profile U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy

⁵ Frequently Asked Questions About Small Business, March 2023, U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy

⁶ Frequently Asked Questions About Small Business, March 2023, U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy

750 jobs would have been lost during this time period, in the absence of the NMSBIC's lending program.

The BBER analysis included a supplement that calculated the cost per new job, based on an opportunity cost of funds using the severance tax permanent fund's target return of 6.75%. The BBER analysis reported an equity program opportunity cost per new job of \$29,085, and a lending program opportunity cost per new job of \$4,717. The lending program opportunity cost per new job of \$4,717 compares favorably with cost per job figures (also five-year averages) for the state's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) and Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) program, which were \$5,941 and \$4,255, respectively, during the same time-period, as noted in the BBER impact analysis.

The BBER analysis also indicated that during the fiveyear period, the NMSBIC's programs were responsible for \$69 million in economic output, and \$23.9 million of labor income in New Mexico.

The BBER analysis appears to support the NMSBIC board's strategy to focus on expanding the NMSBIC's lending program. The full BBER report is available at www.nmsbic.org.

Small Business Administration Job Study

A study was conducted in August 2013 by the US Census Bureau and the Institute for the Study of Labor, on new jobs created by the Small Business Administration (SBA)⁷. The study noted that SBA has historically reported a performance indicator which is the number of "jobs supported" by its lending program. The purpose of the study was to measure the number of new jobs created by the SBA's lending program. The study found that from 1976 to 2010, 5.4 new jobs were created for each \$1 million loaned by the SBA.

Based on the BBER impact analysis performed for the NMSBIC, \$35.6 million of NMSBIC loans were originated from 2011 to 2015 resulting in 426 new jobs, or 12.0 new jobs for each \$1 million in loans,

which appears to compare favorably to the SBA's ratio of 5.4 new jobs for each \$1 million in loans.

Stated another way, according to the BBER impact analysis, for every \$1 million in loans originated under the NMSBIC's lending program, 12 new jobs were created in New Mexico, plus 21 jobs were saved that otherwise might have been lost.

Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

Of the loans originated in 2020 with NMSBIC funds:

- 70% of the loans were made to minority-owned small businesses.
- 45% were made to women-owned small businesses.

⁷ Do SBA Loans Create Jobs?, J. David Brown and John S. Earle, August 2013

Equity and Lending Programs, Jobs Supported and Cost per Job

Equity Program Costs and Benefits, Life-to-Date, June 30, 2023 (1):

Profit (Cost) Fair Market Jobs per Job Net Gain (Loss) Supported (2) Supported <u>Investment</u> <u>Value</u> Santa Fe Windows and Doors (3) (\$25,000) \$0 \$25,000 n/a n/a Flywheel Ventures, 2 funds \$2,956,754 \$0 (\$2,956,754) 50 (\$59,135)**NM Community Capital** \$1,604,078 \$1,162,857 (\$441,221) 204 (\$2,163)Mesa NM Growth Funds, 2 funds \$10,257,750 \$0 (\$10,257,750) 18 (\$569,875) NM Mezzanine Ptrs \$902,226 10 \$1,688,976 (\$786,750) (\$78,675) 5 Verge Fund (4) \$3,052,913 \$1,960,078 (\$1,092,835) 136 (\$8,036)Adjustment for multiple funds invested in the same company (4 companies) -70 Total Equity Program (5) \$19,535,471 \$4,025,161 (\$15,510,310) 348 (\$44,570)

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⁽⁵⁾ Investments of \$32.4 million, less returns of \$12.9 million, result in net investment of \$19.5 million. 16

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18	Lending Program Costs and Benefits:					Profit (Cost)
19		Interest	Loan Charge	Net Interest	Jobs	per Job
20	Since Inception	<u>Income</u>	<u>Offs</u>	Income (Loss)	Supported (8)	Supported
21	Clearinghouse CDFI	\$173,333	\$0	\$173,333	531	\$326
22	DreamSpring 2003 Prior Agreement (6)	\$1,013,665	(\$1,258,310)	(\$244,645)	4,516	(\$54)
23	DreamSpring 2013 Participation Agreement	\$1,411,908	(\$371,676)	\$1,040,232	4,797	\$217
24	DreamSpring 2020 PPP Participation Agreement	\$0	\$0	\$0	7,594	-
25	Homewise	\$92,438	\$0	\$92,438	212	\$436
26	LiftFund PPP and COVID-19 Lending Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	36	-
27	New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority	\$110,769	\$0	\$110,769	380	\$291
28	The Loan Fund Participation Agreement (7)	\$77,631	(\$11,518)	\$66,113	-	-
29	The Loan Fund	\$2,597,484	\$0	\$2,597,484	5,080	\$511
30	The Loan Fund COVID-19 Lending Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	608	-
31	RBC Global Asset Management	\$5,673	\$0	\$5,673	70	-
32	Rio Vista Growth Capital Line of Credit (9)	\$155,217	\$0	\$155,217	16	\$9,701
33	Ventana Fund	\$497,453	\$0	\$497,453	170	\$2,926
34	WESST Participation Agreement	\$40,128	(\$17,695)	\$22,433	398	\$56
35	Total Lending Program	\$6,175,699	(\$1,659,199)	\$4,516,500	24,408	\$185
36						
37	12 months ended June 30, 2023					
38	Clearinghouse CDFI	\$173,333	\$0	\$173,333	479	\$362
39	DreamSpring 2013 Participation Agreement	\$102,969	(\$34,323)	\$68,646	254	\$270
40	Homewise	\$59,928	\$0	\$59,928	80	\$749
41	RBC Global Asset Management	\$5,672	\$0	\$5,672	70	\$81
42	The Loan Fund	\$78,650	\$0	\$78,650	64	\$1,229
43	The Loan Fund COVID-19 Lending Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	96	\$0
44	Ventana Fund	\$236,384	\$0	\$236,384	30	\$7,879
45	WESST Participation Agreement	\$3,196	\$0	\$3,196	5	\$639
46	Total Lending Program	\$660,132	(\$34,323)	\$625,809	1,078	\$581

⁽⁶⁾ The DreamSpring 2003 prior participation agreement was terminated as of November 2013. Loans outstanding as of the 48 termination date were repaid in the normal course of business. All loans were repaid as of January 2022. 49

^{10 (1)} Equity fund investments are long-term investments. Life-to-date results are considered more meaningful

than year-to-date information. 11

⁽²⁾ Jobs reported at June 30, 2023, or jobs reported as of the date when a company was sold.

⁽³⁾ Sante Fe Windows and Doors was originated in 2003 and repaid in full in 2007. This was the only direct investment 13 made by the NMSBIC.

⁽⁴⁾ Investments in Verge I, Verge I.5, Verge II and Verge II.5 were combined into Verge I II Combined on January 1, 2021. 15

⁽⁷⁾ The Loan Fund 2004 participation agreement was terminated as of July 13, 2007.

⁽⁸⁾ Jobs reported at the time the loan was originated.

^{52 (9)} The Rio Vista Growth Capital line of credit was terminated as of September 30, 2018.

Finance New Mexico

The NMSBIC helped to create and continues to support a statewide business financial literacy resource called *Finance New Mexico* (see www.financenewmexico.org). The organization was selected in 2009 as the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advocate of the Year. Each week, business-related articles are published in several New Mexico newspapers, and circulated electronically to businesses and economic development organizations throughout the state. Finance New Mexico plays an important role in publicizing the NMSBIC's programs and lending partners in all corners of the state.

Board Engagement

NMSBIC Board members have actively engaged in various activities to support the organization. Board members have attended numerous community events, attended meetings with existing and potential equity and lending partners, and performed detailed loan and operational reviews at lending partner offices. The NMSBIC Board members are qualified professionals who are applying their collective and diverse business experience in reviewing activities and making sound decisions. The Board members have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to strengthening and improving the NMSBIC.

Strategic Plan

The NMSBIC's strategic plan is to continue creating and supporting jobs in New Mexico, by expanding the lending program throughout the entire state of New Mexico with existing and potential new partners and maintaining the NMSBIC's organizational self-sufficiency where interest income from loans exceeds operational expenses. NMSBIC's funding is based on 2% of the balance of the severance tax permanent fund. Growth in the severance tax permanent fund will result in growth of the NMSBIC's assets. The Board is being proactive in making plans to deploy additional funding in a responsible manner that will continue to stimulate the economy and support the growth of small businesses and jobs in New Mexico.

Statutory Requirements

The following information is provided in accordance with NMSA 58-29-6(B) and 58-29-7.

Audited Financial Statements

NMSBIC independently audited financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2023, and 2022 are attached to this report.

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the NMSBIC had a positive change in net assets of \$8.2 million on average net assets of \$117.4 million, for an annual return of 7.0%.

After subtracting the contribution from the severance tax permanent fund of \$7.9 million, and adding back funds returned to the severance tax permanent fund of \$1.7 million, operating income was positive \$2.0 million, or an annual return of positive 1.7%.

Desired Changes in the Corporation

The NMSBIC Board of Directors is comprised of two members appointed in 2011, one member appointed in 2013, three members appointed in 2022, and the State Treasurer who holds a permanent seat on the Board. Directors Joseph Badal and Alan Fowler were appointed in 2011, and director Steven Morgan was appointed in 2013. In the interest of good governance, these three directors have expressed interest in bringing in new directors but are willing to continue serving until replacements are appointed. These directors appreciate the opportunity to have served on the NMSBIC board, but believe it is time to appoint younger members and give other people a chance to serve.

The NMSBIC board has provided resumes of three individuals to Governor Lujan Grisham, for consideration as new appointees to the NMSBIC board of director as replacements. The NMSBIC board believes these candidates would be a good fit for the NMSBIC board of directors. The candidates each have lending and/or investment experience and would bring to the board the intelligence, enthusiasm, and integrity necessary for the NMSBIC

to continue to accomplish its mission in supporting the New Mexico small business community. We look forward to working with the Governor's office on appointment of replacements for NMSBIC board members.

Continued Operation of the Corporation

The NMSBIC Board recommends continued operation of the corporation with a focus on expanding lending programs to address a gap in available bank financing as described in this report.

Severance Tax Permanent Fund Distribution

Under NMSA 58-29-7, the NMSBIC is charged with making a distribution of "net excess funds" to the severance tax permanent fund, calculated as return on investments to the corporation in the amount of dividends and interest actually received, plus any capital gains actually realized, less the operating expenses of the corporation and less amounts reasonably reserved for losses. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, there were net excess funds due to the Severance Tax Permanent Fund of \$1,725,798. A calculation of net excess funds is included in Note 7 of the attached audited financial statements.

Conclusion

The NMSBIC is grateful for the support of the Governor, State Legislators, the State Investment Council, and its financial partners. Through the creation and expansion of the NMSBIC, New Mexico has created a unique delivery system of loans and investment capital for new and growing businesses.

The NMSBIC has played a critical role during the COVID-19 crisis, making loan funds available to New Mexico small businesses that in most cases would not have had access to loans from traditional banks.

Lending partners have provided 7,092 loans to businesses in communities statewide, in many cases preserving jobs that would have been eliminated without access to capital and creating jobs that would not exist without NMSBIC funds. Through its lending program, the NMSBIC has provided over \$222 million in loans to businesses that would likely not have had access to capital.

While equity program losses since the NMSBIC's inception have been substantial, there are several new companies that are growing and prospering with equity provided by NMSBIC. The impact the NMSBIC has had in helping to create an equity/venture community has been positive, but the role the NMSBIC was asked to play in this arena did not adequately support the mission that the NMSBIC's enabling legislation assigned it. The NMSBIC Board plans to continue to decrease the investment concentration in these high-risk investments.

With the impact on New Mexico small businesses related to the COVID-19 crisis, and with continued regulatory constraints imposed on banks, access to loans continues to be challenging for New Mexico small businesses. The NMSBIC, through its lending partners, plays an important role in helping to fill that void. This program, created by the legislature, has been and continues to be a valuable state resource in investing taxpayer dollars in New Mexico businesses, in creating jobs for New Mexicans, and in having a positive impact on our state's economic health.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph H. Badal Board Chair & President

NMSBIC Board of Directors



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Retired Financial Services Executive
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Joshua Smith (since 2022)
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EXHIBIT A

Independently Audited Financial Statements as of and for the years ended
June 30, 2023 and 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors and Management New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation Albuquerque, New Mexico

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Small Business Investment Corporation, also known as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation, (NMSBIC), a component unit of the State of New Mexico, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise NMSBIC's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of NMSBIC, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof, for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of NMSBIC and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NMSBIC's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NMSBIC's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NMSBIC's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period-of-time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements of NMSBIC are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and cash flows, of only that portion of its business-type activities that are attributable to the transactions of NMSBIC. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of New Mexico as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. NMSBIC's financial statements are included in the financial statements of the State of New Mexico.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4-15 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



Other Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise NMSBIC's basic financial statements. Supporting Schedules 1 and 2 are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supporting Schedules 1 and 2 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supporting Schedules 1 and 2 are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2023 on our consideration of NMSBIC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering NMSBIC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

September 22, 2023

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2023 and 2022

The Small Business Investment Corporation, doing business as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC), was formed by the Small Business Investment Act in 2001 to create new job opportunities in communities statewide, and is funded by an allocation from the Severance Tax Permanent Fund.

This section of the NMSBIC's annual financial report presents management's discussion and analysis of financial position and changes in financial position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. This information is being presented to provide additional information regarding the activities of the NMSBIC and to meet the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments (GASB No. 34) and GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus. The NMSBIC is engaged in business-type activities and is considered a special-purpose government in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34. The financial statements present information required for enterprise funds, and report on all of the activities of the NMSBIC. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the independent auditors' report, audited financial statements, and accompanying notes.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The basic financial statements consist of the Statements of Net Position; the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; the Statements of Cash Flow; and the notes thereto. The NMSBIC follows enterprise fund accounting. The financial statements offer information about the NMSBIC's activities and operations.

The Statements of Net Position include all the NMSBIC's assets and liabilities, presented in order of liquidity. The resulting net position presented in these statements is restricted for use only as allowed by §58-29-1 NMSA 1978 et. seq.

All of the NMSBIC's current year revenues and expenses are recorded in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures the activities of the NMSBIC's operations over the past year and presents the resulting change in net position.

The final required financial statements are the Statements of Cash Flows. The primary purpose of these statements is to provide information about the NMSBIC's cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. These statements report cash receipts, cash payments and net changes in cash resulting from operating, noncapital financing, capital and related financing and investing activities. These statements also provide information regarding the sources and uses of cash and the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the information provided in the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2023 and 2022

Required and other supplementary information is presented following the notes to financial statements to provide selected supplemental information for the NMSBIC's programs.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section contains management's discussion and analysis of the financial position and results of operations as of, and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. The section helps the reader focus on significant financial matters and provides additional information regarding our activities. For best understanding, read this information with the Independent Auditors' Report, the audited financial statements and the accompanying notes.

Financial Highlights

The NMSBIC's total net position at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$121.9 million and \$113.7 million, respectively. The change in net position for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was positive \$8.2 million and positive \$16.8 million, respectively.

Financial Analysis

The following is a summary of the NMSBIC's total assets, liabilities and net position at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

	2023	2022
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 48,363,038	\$ 68,168,559
Noncurrent assets	75,473,995	52,084,716
Total assets	<u>\$ 123,837,033</u>	\$ 120,253,275
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	\$ 1,958,110	\$ 6,594,080
Total liabilities	1,958,110	6,594,080
Net position:		
Temporarily restricted net assets	121,878,923	113,659,195
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 123,837,033	\$ 120,253,275

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Current assets decreased by \$19.8 million at June 30, 2023, compared to June 30, 2022, and are detailed as follows:

	 2023	 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,735	\$ 125,416
Investment held with New Mexico State Investment Council	9,547,232	9,457,679
Investment held with New Mexico State Treasurer's Office		
Local Government Investment Pool	19,341,782	58,526,105
Other investments	19,249,765	-
Other current assets	 205,524	 59,359
Total current assets	\$ 48,363,038	\$ 68,168,559

- Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$106,681 during the year. Management's target is for the balance of cash and cash equivalents to be \$500,000 or less, and to provide immediate liquidity. Funds in excess of this target balance are invested with the New Mexico State Investment Council or the State Treasurer's Office Local Government Investment Pool.
- Investment held with New Mexico State Investment Council increased by \$89,553 during the year. The increase was due to reinvested interest income, less realized losses. Investments held with the New Mexico State Investment Council can be withdrawn as of the first business day of each month.
- Investment held with New Mexico State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) decreased by \$39.2 million during the year. The decrease was primarily due to a \$23.3 million increase in cooperative loan agreements and a \$19.2 million increase in other investments. LGIP funds can be withdrawn with one business days' notice.
- Other investments increased by \$19.2 million during the year. Other investments are managed by RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM) and include a federal money market fund, and United States Treasury securities with maturities less than one year. The increase was due to funds transferred from the Investment held with New Mexico State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). Other investments are liquidated as RBC GAM delivers pools of Small Business Administration (SBA) loans to the NMSBIC.
- Other current assets changed by minor amounts, and are comprised of interest and dividends receivable, and prepaid expenses.

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Noncurrent assets increased by \$23.4 million during the year and are detailed as follows:

	2023	2022
Equity investments in New Mexico entities	\$ 2,275,605	\$ 2,231,223
Cooperative loan agreements, net of allowance for losses	72,594,537	49,297,302
Notes receivable including accrued interest	603,853	556,191
Total noncurrent assets	\$ 75,473,995	\$ 52,084,716

- Equity investments in New Mexico entities increased by \$44,382 during the year. The change was due to \$75,051 in funding provided for operating expenses, less \$30,669 in net operating expenses passed through to the NMSBIC. Equity investments are carried at cost in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, paragraph B74. Impairment loss is recognized if the fair value of the asset has declined below the carrying value and the decline is determined not to be temporary in nature. Equity investment balances have been declining in recent years. They were a major focus of the NMSBIC from 2001 through 2009, with total cumulative investments of over \$32 million. Equity investments are no longer an investment focus for the NMSBIC. The history of making equity investments provided valuable experience, and revealed significant challenges that included:
 - o The NMSBIC's asset size and requirement to invest in New Mexico small businesses resulted in limited diversification;
 - High risk with limited diversification contributed to significant losses during the 2008 economic downturn;
 - o Management fees paid over several years to equity fund managers reduced returns;
 - Equity investments are typically long-term, which reduces the ability to turn-over funds into new small businesses;
 - Equity investments do not provide current income to offset the NMSBIC's operating expenses;
 - o Equity investments were geographically concentrated, with limited funding in rural areas of New Mexico.

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• Cooperative loan agreements, net of allowance for loan losses increased by \$23.3 million during the year. The increase was due to the NMSBIC's continued focus on expanding its lending program, with funds provided to New Mexico small businesses through lending partners. The NMSBIC's lending partners include the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund (The Loan Fund), Clearinghouse CDFI, DreamSpring (formerly Accion), RBC GAM, WESST, LiftFund, Ventana Fund, Homewise, RCAC, and the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. With the exception of RBC GAM and the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, the NMSBIC's lending partners are designated as Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) by the U.S. Treasury. CDFIs have a mission of providing financing in low-income communities and to people who lack access to traditional financing. The NMSBIC began a focus of expanding its lending program in 2011. Since that time, cooperative loan agreements have increased from \$8.9 million to \$72.6 million. This growth has resulted in interest income from cooperative loan agreements that is greater than the NMSBIC's economic development program expenses and other operating expenses, resulting in the NMSBIC being a self-sustaining organization.

Outstanding loan balances for the NMSBIC's COVID-19 Lending Program, the NMSBIC's PPP Lending Program, and the NMSBIC's traditional lending program, were as follows:

	2023	2022
NMSBIC PPP lending program	\$ 81,663	\$ 488,656
NMSBIC COVID-19 lending program	13,378,176	13,627,892
Traditional lending program, net	59,134,698	35,180,754
Total cooperative agreement loans, net	\$ 72,594,537	\$ 49,297,302

- o NMSBIC PPP lending program provides funds to lending partners for loans originated under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), under which the NMSBIC provides funds to lending partners at an interest rate of zero percent (0%) for PPP loans that lending partners made to New Mexico businesses. No new PPP loans were originated in 2023 or 2022. The balance is declining as loans are forgiven by the SBA, repaid, or as default claims are paid by the SBA.
- NMSBIC COVID-19 lending program provides funds to lending partners at an interest rate of zero percent (0%) for up to five years for loans that lending partners made at a rate of three and three-quarters percent (3.75%) or less to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The program ended on September 30, 2022, for new loan originations. Outstanding loans are scheduled to be repaid by 2027.

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- o **Traditional lending program** is comprised of revolving lines-of-credit, investment in pools of SBA loans, and participation agreements with lending partners. Lending partners use the funds to make loans to New Mexico small businesses. Details of the agreements with lending partners are provided in the notes to the financial statements.
- Notes receivable including accrued interest increased by \$47,662 during the year, entirely due to accrued interest. This is comprised of two notes transferred to the NMSBIC related to the termination of the New Mexico Gap Fund I limited partnership in 2021. Prior to termination the NMSBIC owned 92.4% of the limited partnership. The NMSBIC purchased minority interests totaling 7.6% of the fund at a deeply discounted price of 25% to have full control of the two notes receivable that were transferred to the NMSBIC.

Current liabilities decreased by \$4.6 million during the year, detailed as follows:

	2023		2022	
Accounts payable	\$	25,462	\$	-
Due to the State of New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent				
Fund pursuant to §5-29-7 NMSA 1978		1,725,798		-
Debt funding payable, net		206,850		6,594,080
Total current liabilities	\$	1,958,110	\$	6,594,080

- Accounts payable increased by \$25,462.
- Due to the State of New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund pursuant to §5-29-7 NMSA 1978 increased by \$1.7 million. This is comprised of net excess funds to be returned to the State of New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund. There was \$1.7 million in net excess funds as of June 30, 2023, compared with \$0 in net excess funds as of June 30, 2022.
- **Debt funding payable, net** decreased by \$6.4 million during the year. This represents net funds due to lending partners as of the fiscal year-end primarily related to new loans to their customers, for which funds were drawn from the NMSBIC after the fiscal year-end.

Net position restricted for economic development increased by \$8.2 million at June 30, 2023, compared to June 30, 2022.

	2023	2022	
Net position restricted for economic development	\$ 121,878,923	\$ 113,659,195	

• The \$8.2 increase was primarily due to a \$7.9 million contribution received from the State of New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund.

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The following are the NMSBIC's operating revenues and expenses, and net nonoperating revenue for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

	2023		2022	
Operating revenues:				
Interest and dividends on investments	\$	2,043,368	\$	366,991
Interest income on cooperative loan agreements		660,133		493,061
Interest income on notes receivable		47,662		43,868
Realized loss on investment held with New Mexico				
State Investment Council		(296,479)		(1,507,769)
Realized loss on other investments		(7,608)		
Total operating revenues		2,447,076		(603,849)
Operating expenses:				
Equity investment operating expense, net		30,669		45,386
Provision for loan losses		29,154		32,666
Economic development program services		189,121		182,047
Other operating expenses		175,138		163,867
Total operating expenses		424,082		423,966
Operating income (expense)		2,022,994		(1,027,815)
Nonoperating revenue (expense):				
Contribution from the State of New Mexico Severance Tax				
Permanent Fund pursuant to §7-27-5.15(F) NMSA 1978 Return to the State of New Mexico Severance Tax		7,922,532		17,876,602
Permanent Fund pursuant to §5-29-7 NMSA 1978		(1,725,798)		-
Total nonoperating revenue		6,196,734	_	17,876,602
Change in net position		8,219,728		16,848,787
Total net position, beginning of year	_1	13,659,195	_	96,810,408
Total net position, end of year	<u>\$ 1</u>	21,878,923	\$	113,659,195

Operating revenues increased by \$3.1 million during the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to June 30, 2022.

• **Interest and dividends on investments** increased by \$1.7 million primarily due to higher yields on short-term investments.

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- **Interest income on cooperative loan agreements** increased by \$167,072 during the year, due primarily to an increase in outstanding cooperative loan agreement balances.
- **Interest income on notes receivable** increased by \$3,794 during the year. This is interest income on two notes transferred to the NMSBIC in 2021, related to the termination of the New Mexico Gap Fund I limited partnership.
- Realized loss on investment held with New Mexico State Investment Council decreased by \$1.2 million during the year. Losses are due to changes in market value for the Credit Plus Bond Pool. Losses were primarily related to increases in market interest rates.
- **Realized loss on other investments increased** by \$7,608 during the year. The losses were due to changes in market value for short-term United States Treasury securities.

Total operating expenses increased by \$116 during the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to June 30, 2022.

- Equity investment operating expense, net is comprised of equity investment management fees and operating expenses, net of other income from equity investments, and decreased by \$14,717 during the year.
- **Provision for loan losses** decreased by \$3,512 during the year and was related to a decrease in loan balances for which loan losses are passed through to the NMSBIC.
- Economic development program services increased a minor amount as compared to the prior year.
- Other operating expenses increased a minor amount as compared to the prior year.

Operating income increased by \$3.1 million during the year as detailed in the operating revenue and operating expense sections above.

Nonoperating revenue decreased by \$11.7 million during the year, detailed as follows:

• Contribution received from the State of New Mexico severance tax permanent fund pursuant to §7-27-5.15(F) NMSA 1978 decreased by \$9.95 million during the year. There was a \$7,922,532 contribution during the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to a \$17,876,602 contribution during the year ended June 30, 2022. The contribution was received from the State of New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund pursuant to §7-27-5.15(F) NMSA 1978, which indicates the state investment officer shall make a commitment to the NMSBIC equal to two percent (2.0%) of the market value of the severance tax permanent fund. The contributions received in 2023 and 2022 were based on growth in the Severance Tax Permanent Fund during the twelve months ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

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• Return to the State of New Mexico severance tax permanent fund pursuant to §58-29-7 NMSA 1978 was \$1.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to \$0 for the year ended June 30, 2022. These are net excess of funds as defined by §58-29-7 NMSA 1978 and are to be returned to the State of New Mexico severance tax permanent fund no later than October 31st of any given year. There were no net excess funds in 2022.

Change in net position decreased by \$8.6 million as compared to the prior year. The decrease was primarily due a reduction in the contribution from the State of New Mexico severance tax permanent fund pursuant to §7-27-5.15(F) NMSA 1978.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The NMSBIC's annual budget process is not subject to legal or State approval. Therefore, there is no established process for obtaining approval of the NMSBIC's annual budget from any regulatory body. Given the NMSBIC's annual budget is not subject to legal or State approval, no budgetary statements are included in Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Economic Outlook

The following New Mexico review and outlook is from the UNM Bureau of Business and Economic Research's *New Mexico Economic Snapshot* as of August 2023.

New Mexico Review and Outlook

After advancing by 13,500 jobs (1.6%) in 2019, employment levels in the state shifted downward in 2020Q2 (-87,433 jobs, -10.5% year-over-year) because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. By 2020Q4, the state had clawed back some of the losses but was still down 70,000 jobs (-8.9%) compared to a year earlier, which was the final fourth quarter before the beginning of the pandemic. Fast forward to 2021Q4, there was every indication that the state was well on its way to recovery. In that quarter, the state was only down about 27,700 jobs (-3.3%) compared to the same quarter two years earlier. Now, with the fourth quarter of 2022 in the books, the state was indeed approaching pre- pandemic levels. Compared to 2019Q4 levels, 2022Q4 was only down about 3,400 jobs or down only about 0.5%. The private sector has fully recovered back to pre-pandemic levels, as it was more than 2,000 jobs (0.3%) above pre-pandemic levels. Government, however, was still in a hole, down about 5,500 jobs (-3.0%) compared to 2019Q4.

Preliminary Current Employment Statistics (CES) employer survey data, which is current through 2023Q2 suggest that the situation in New Mexico continued to improve. Estimates for the most recent month (June 2023) indicate that job levels are now nearly 1.0% higher than prior to the pandemic.

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Personal incomes saw rapid expansion during the pandemic mostly on the strength of large increases in federal transfer payments (via stimulus checks, unemployment insurance payments, and unemployment bonuses). As a result, incomes advanced by 7.8% in 2020 and then by 7.5% in 2021. Although private wages and salaries advanced 12.2% in 2022, declining transfer payments (-11.1%) caused personal income growth to be sapped and to advance only 2.5% over that period. Data is now also available for the first quarter of 2023, suggesting that personal income advanced 7.9% year-over-year. Virtually all components of income expanded nicely, with wages & salaries (10.3%); dividends, interest & rent advancing (5.5%); transfers (6.4%); nonfarm proprietors' income (6.6%); and other labor income (10.0%) all advancing.

According to the BEA, after growing 4.4% in 2019, New Mexico's real gross state product (GSP) fell by 2.5% in 2020. Even with the increasing oil prices and production volumes in 2021, real GSP only advanced by 1.2% for the year. Similarly, real GSP grew 1.1% in 2022. The newest data, which are current through 2023Q1, suggest a bit of an uptick, with production advancing 2.4% in the quarter.

Oil drilling rigs active in New Mexico fell from 109 at the end of March 2020 to 48 by end-June and stayed at that level through October before firming by December 2020 to 65. Rig counts firmed further to 70 by end-April 2021 and continued to increase through the rest of the year, finishing at 94 at the end of December. Through April 2022, rigs remain just below 100, but by the end of July 2022, rig counts moved up to about 110 before pushing up to 113 by end-September. Rig activity temporarily cooled a bit, totaling 102 by end-December 2022, but increased to 105 rigs by the end of January 2023. As of the end of July 2023, rigs counts are a tad over 110.

Oil production continues to outperform expectations as it has reached all-time highs in each year from 2017 through 2022 – with production in the most recent year totaling 596 million barrels, which is an increase of 243% compared to the record production in 2017. Data through the first quarter of 2023 shows no sign of cooling as a quarterly record of 169 million barrels was produced. Natural gas production followed a similar pattern with highs coming in each of the last three years. Like oil, natural gas production came in at all-time highs in consecutive years from 2019 through 2022, with 2023Q1 also reaching a quarterly record.

New Mexico's economic outlook

On an annual basis, the state added 34,500 jobs (4.3%) in 2022. This level is moved up from our last estimate by about 4,000 jobs due to modest upward revisions in the historical series and strong fourth-quarter data. On average, 2022 was down by about 4,200 jobs (0.5%) compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

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In 2023, several industries are primed to advance. Leading the gains will be healthcare & social assistance (3,071 jobs, 2.5%), which will return the industry to more typical rates of growth after several years of mostly substandard growth. Still digging out of a deep hole will be leisure & hospitality (which is comprised of accommodation & food services and arts, entertainment & recreation), which is projected to add about 2,600 jobs (2.8%). Despite the gains, however, the industry will still be some 2.1% below levels in 2019. Construction (1,440 jobs, 2.9%), professional & technical services (1,320 jobs, 2.1%), and mining (871 jobs, 4.1%) are all expected to advance. Although construction and professional & technical services will be fully recovered from the pandemic, mining employment will still be about 15% below where it was in 2019.

While several industries will take several years to recover all the jobs lost to the pandemic, some have fully recovered by end-2022, and the private sector overall has fully recovered. In particular, utilities; manufacturing; professional & technical services; (surprisingly) retail trade; transportation & warehousing; healthcare & social assistance; administrative & waste services; and educational services, each have fully recovered no later than end-2022. In addition, jobs will continue to be added in most of these industries throughout the forecast window. By 2028, employment in healthcare & social assistance will be 7% above 2019 levels; transportation & warehousing 32% above; and professional & technical services 14% above. However, after showing near-term resilience, retail trade will falter for the remainder of the forecast and will end 2028 about 3% below 2019 levels.

With enough time, all three government sub-sectors (state, local, and federal) should see some improvement, but not all of them will fully recover. State government, which was largely unphased by the pandemic, will end 2028 with 1,900 more jobs (4.0%) than in 2019. After losing jobs in 2021 due to the conclusion of the Decennial Census, the federal government should slowly move forward. By 2028, this industry is projected to end about 380 jobs (1.3%) above pre-pandemic levels. After declining by nearly 10,000 jobs in 2020 and 2021, local governments, which are highly dependent on GRT revenues, will fight hard to recoup losses. However, by 2028, employment in this industry will still be about 1,700 jobs (-1.6%) below pre-pandemic levels.

Driven by a surge in federal transfers, personal incomes advanced 7.8% in 2020 and then another 7.5% in 2021, as incomes continued to be bolstered not only by federal transfers but also by strong wage & salary growth. Incomes stagnated in 2022 (2.5%) as transfers were pulled back – even despite continued strength in wages and salaries. Incomes should bounce back in 2023 (5.4%) before averaging about 4.4% per year thereafter.

Real Gross State Product (GSP) had nearly recovered back to pre-pandemic levels by 2022 as it was only down about 0.2% for the year compared to where it was in 2019. Despite projected softness in the US economy over the next couple of years, real GSP is still projected to move forward – albeit slowly. This is because although much of the softness is expected to be in labor markets, real GSP should be propped up by overall productivity gains. Over the period from 2023 through 2028, real GSP is projected to advance by about 1.7% per year.

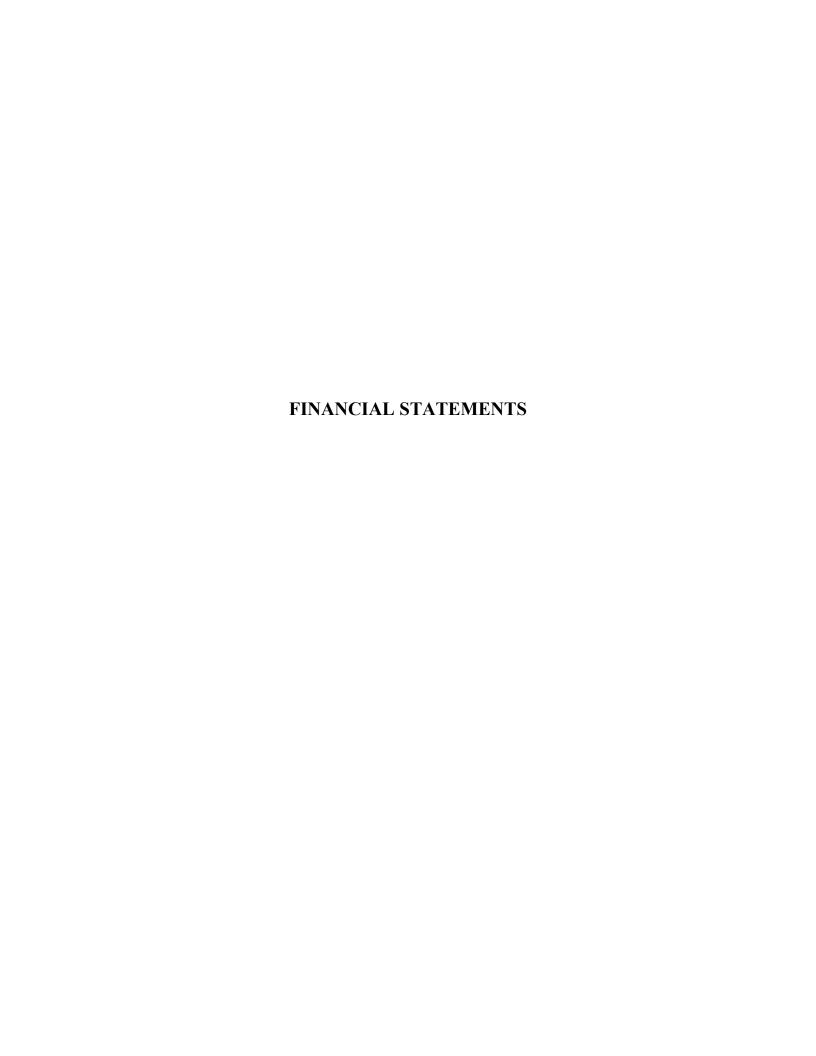
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FOR-UNM offers three alternative scenarios. The benefits of the optimistic scenario (5% probability) continue to be minor; overall, jobs end up virtually identical to the baseline scenario and incomes see a marginal boost.

There are two pessimistic scenarios. The first pessimistic scenario (35% probability) grows a bit slower than the baseline in 2023, falls into negative territory in 2024, flattens in 2025, and then grows faster than the baseline and optimistic scenarios in the out-years. Under S&P Global's pessimistic scenario, the economy experiences weaker consumer spending and a two-quarter recession with a peak-to-trough decline in GDP of 0.3% compared to a growth slowdown in the baseline. This scenario assumes that the recent turmoil in the banking sector leads financial institutions to severely tighten lending standards and curtail credit expansion. As a result, credit-dependent consumer spending and small business activity suffer the most. Moreover, higher energy prices due to an intensification of the Russia-Ukraine conflict continue to weigh heavily on businesses and households. When applying this scenario to New Mexico, the state ends 2028 with nearly 9,000 fewer jobs (-1.0%) than in the baseline. The failure of the economy to initially gain its footing depresses personal incomes and a recovery driven by low-wage industries is insufficient to recover the losses. In 2028, incomes in the pessimistic scenario are 2.8% below baseline.

The worst-case pessimistic scenario (5% probability) describes a deeper and longer recession with essentially no growth in 2023, contraction in both 2024 and 2025, and then growth similar to the baseline (but well below the first pessimistic scenario) beginning in 2026. In this scenario, geopolitical uncertainty, inflationary pressures, as well as post-COVID fatigue, operate to constrain business investment and dampen consumer spending. What begins as short-term layoffs, particularly in customer-service industries during the pandemic, results in permanent loss. In other industries, aggressive consolidation reduces labor demand. In this scenario, New Mexico ends 2028 with 29,000 jobs less than the baseline. Employment finally equals pre-pandemic levels by 2028. Income levels end 2028 at 6.4% below the baseline.



STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

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Assets

Assets	2022		2022		
		2023	2022		
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	18,735	\$	125,416	
Investment held with NM State Investment Council		9,547,232		9,457,679	
Investment held with NM State					
Treasurer's Office - LGIP		19,341,782		58,526,105	
Other investments		19,249,765		-	
Interest and dividends receivable		189,760		44,853	
Prepaid expenses		15,764	_	14,506	
Total current assets		48,363,038		68,168,559	
Noncurrent assets					
Notes receivable including accrued interest		603,853		556,191	
Equity investments in New Mexico entities Cooperative loan agreements, net of		2,275,605		2,231,223	
allowance for loan losses		72,594,537		49,297,302	
Total noncurrent assets		75,473,995		52,084,716	
Total assets	\$	123,837,033	\$	120,253,275	
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	25,462	\$	-	
Due to the State of New Mexico Severance Tax					
Permanent Fund pursuant to §5-29-7 NMSA 1978		1,725,798		-	
Debt funding payable, net		206,850		6,594,080	
Total current liabilities		1,958,110		6,594,080	
Total liabilities		1,958,110		6,594,080	
Net position					
Restricted for:					
Economic development		121,878,923		113,659,195	
Total net position		121,878,923		113,659,195	
Total liabilities and net position	\$	123,837,033	\$	120,253,275	
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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

		2023		2022	
Operating revenues					
Interest and dividends on investments	\$	2,091,030	\$	410,859	
Interest income on cooperative loan agreements		660,133		493,061	
Realized loss on investment held with New Mexico					
State Investment Council		(296,479)		(1,507,769)	
Realized loss on other investments		(7,608)			
Total operating revenues		2,447,076		(603,849)	
Operating expenses					
Equity investment operating expense, net		30,669		45,386	
Provision for loan losses		29,154		32,666	
Economic development program services		189,121		182,047	
Other operating expenses		175,138		163,867	
Total operating expenses		424,082		423,966	
Operating income (expense)		2,022,994		(1,027,815)	
Nonoperating revenue (expense)					
Contribution from the State of New Mexico					
Severance Tax Permanent Fund pursuant to					
§7-27-5.15(F) NMSA 1978		7,922,532		17,876,602	
Return to the State of New Mexico Severance Tax					
Permanent Fund pursuant to §5-29-7 NMSA 1978	-	(1,725,798)			
Total nonoperating revenue		6,196,734		17,876,602	
Change in net position		8,219,728		16,848,787	
Net position - beginning of year		113,659,195		96,810,408	
Net position - end of year	\$	121,878,923	\$	113,659,195	

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	1	2023	2022	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash payments to suppliers for operating expenses	\$	(340,055)	\$	(346,151)
Net cash used by operating activities		(340,055)		(346,151)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:				
Cash received from Severance Tax Permanent Fund		7,922,532		17,876,602
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		7,922,532		17,876,602
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of other investments		(19,257,373)		-
Liquidation (purchase) of investment held with NM State Treasurer's Office Investments in NM economic development activities		39,184,323		(47,438,824)
under Cooperative Agreements, net		(27,616,108)		29,783,885
Net cash used by investing activities	(7,689,158)		(17,654,939	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(106,681)		(124,488)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		125,416		249,904
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$	18,735	\$	125,416
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash used by operating activities:				
Operating income (expense) Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash used by operating activities:	\$	2,022,994	\$	(1,027,815)
Provision for loan losses		29,154		32,666
Equity investment operating expense, net		30,670		45,386
Non-cash investment (gains) losses, net		(2,302,170)		648,186
Interest and dividends receivable		(144,907)		(44,337)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Prepaid expenses		(1,258)		(237)
Accounts payable		25,462		
Net cash used by operating activities	\$	(340,055)	\$	(346,151)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 – DEFINITION OF REPORTING ENTITY

The Small Business Investment Corporation, also known as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC), is a nonprofit, independent, public corporation established by the New Mexico Small Business Investment Act, §58-29-1 et. Seq., NMSA1978, as amended (the Act). NMSBIC was formed to create new job opportunities by making equity investments in land, buildings or infrastructure for facilities to support new or expanding businesses in the State of New Mexico and to otherwise make debt investments and equity investments to create new job opportunities to support new or expanding businesses. NMSBIC's sole funding source is the New Mexico severance tax permanent fund.

NMSBIC seeks to establish programmatic, contractual relationships with existing and newly created providers of financial services to efficiently and effectively deliver capital for the purpose of creating new job opportunities and economic growth in the State of New Mexico. NMSBIC accomplishes this by providing capital for equity investments or loans for land, buildings or infrastructure to support new or expanded businesses, or equity investments or loans to New Mexico small businesses, to help support economic growth and job creation, and to otherwise enhance economic development objectives of the State of New Mexico.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements for NMSBIC have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

The accompanying financial statements present NMSBIC as a business-type activity, stand-alone, special purpose government. The Board of NMSBIC is appointed by the Governor of the State of New Mexico and has the power to make and alter bylaws or rules and regulations for the management and operation of the work of NMSBIC and the control and conduct of its business and affairs, including the ability to approve its own budget.

Financial Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define NMSBIC, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39 and GASB Statement No. 61. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

<u>Financial Reporting Entity – Continued</u>

The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility.

The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestation of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters.

A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate the potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.

Based upon the application of these criteria, NMSBIC has no component units, and is a component unit of the State of New Mexico. NMSBIC is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined in Section 2100, Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, but would be included in a state-wide Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as a component unit with the criteria set forth in GASB No. 14 (as amended by GASB No. 39 and No. 61) for determining component units.

Basis of Presentation

NMSBIC is engaged in business-type activities only and is considered a special-purpose government in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34. The financial statements (the statements of net position, statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and the statements of cash flows) present only the financial statements required for enterprise funds, and report information on all of the activities of NMSBIC.

Operating revenue consists of investment earnings, interest and dividends. Non-operating revenue consists of funding received from the New Mexico severance tax permanent fund. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income, financial position and cash flow. All assets and liabilities are included on the statements of net position.

NMSBIC reports all direct expenses by program in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a function. NMSBIC does not currently employ indirect cost allocation systems.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resource measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the statements of net position and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total position. The statements of cash flows provide information about how NMSBIC finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources resulting from exchange and nonexchange like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

When an expenditure/expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, it is NMSBIC's policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures/expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is NMSBIC's policy to spend committed resources first.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

NMSBIC's annual budget process is not subject to legal or State approval, and therefore, there is no established process for obtaining approval of NMSBIC's annual budget from any regulatory bodies. In addition, NMSBIC does not have a legally adopted budget and therefore, no budgetary statements are included in these financial statements.

Cash and Equivalents

NMSBIC's cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and money market accounts that are completely liquid and have no maturity dates.

Investments

NMSBIC may only make debt and equity investments in New Mexico businesses and in accordance with restrictions imposed by the Act.

Certain investments for NMSBIC are reported at fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The State Treasurer's Investment Pool (Pool) operates in accordance with appropriate state laws and regulations. The reported value of the Pool is the same as the fair value of the Pool shares.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

<u>Investments – Continued</u>

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, paragraph B74, debt and equity investments held primarily to further economic development are reported using the cost method. Debt and equity investments are carried at cost, less capital distributions received, management fees, operating expenses, and any impairment loss. An impairment loss is recognized if the fair value of the asset has declined below the carrying value and the decline is determined not to be temporary in nature.

A loan receivable is considered to be past due if any portion of the receivable balance is unpaid and outstanding for more than one month. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, allowances have been established for loan losses incurred as a result of debt investments made under Cooperative Agreements are as follows:

		2023	 2022
Allowance for loan losses, beginning Loan losses incurred in current period Provision for loan losses	\$	52,167 (34,324) 29,154	\$ 58,948 (39,447) 32,666
Allowance for loan losses, ending	<u>\$</u>	46,997	\$ 52,167

Debt Funding Receivables and Payables

Debt funding receivables and payables are the currently due or owed settlements for debt investments made under Cooperative Agreements.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid balances are for payments made by NMSBIC in the current year to provide services occurring in the subsequent fiscal year, and the reserve for prepaid items has been recorded to signify that a portion of fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

Net Position/Fund Equity

The statements of net position consists of three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. NMSBIC had no net investment in capital assets or unrestricted activities as of June 30, 2023 or 2022.

Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are externally imposed by creditors such as through debt covenants, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation includes a legal enforceable requirement that resources be only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Net Position/Fund Equity – Continued

Legal enforceability means the government can be impelled by an external party - such as citizens, public interest groups or the judiciary - to use resources for the purposes specified by the legislation.

These resources remaining in net position were received or earned with the explicit understanding between NMSBIC and the resource provider (grantor, contributor, other government or enabling legislation) that the funds would be used for a specific purpose. NMSBIC has presented restricted net position as follows as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Cumulative severance tax permanent fund		
capital contributions	\$ 136,359,888	\$ 128,437,356
Cumulative return of net excess funds	(4,556,930)	(2,831,132)
Cumulative expenses in excess of other revenues	(9,924,035)	(11,947,029)
	<u>\$ 121,878,923</u>	\$ 113,659,195

Severance Tax Permanent Fund Proceeds

Prior to July 1, 2007, Section 7-27-5.15 NMSA 1978 required that the State Investment Officer make a commitment to NMSBIC pursuant to the Act to invest three-fourths of one percent of the market value of the New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund. If at any time the commitment fell below that level, further commitments must be made until the invested capital is equal to three-fourths one percent of the market value of the fund. Effective July 1, 2007, the commitment was increased to one percent. Effective July 1, 2019, the commitment was increased to two percent. Funding received from the State Investment Officer due to the net market value of the New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund was \$7,922,532 and \$17,876,602 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Other Program Services

Other program services are comprised of an allocation of management and general expenses directly related to delivery of program services.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Pensions and OPEB

NMSBIC, as part of the primary government of the State of New Mexico, is included in the State's CAFR, however, does not have any employees. Thus, NMSBIC is not a contributing employer to the cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) or New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority (NMRHCA). No disclosures are required for these stand-alone financial statements and all disclosures pertaining to these plans will be contained in the General Fund and the CAFR and will be available, when issued, from the Office of the State Controller, Room 166, Bataan Memorial Building 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501.

Subsequent Events

NMSBIC has evaluated all events occurring subsequent to June 30, 2023 and through September 22, 2023, which is the date that the financial statements were issued and believes that any such events occurring during this period have been either recognized or disclosed in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS

State statutes authorize the investment of NMSBIC's funds in a wide variety of instruments including certificates-of-deposit and other similar obligations, state investment pool, money market accounts, and United States Government obligations. All invested funds of NMSBIC properly followed State investment requirements as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Deposits of funds may be made in interest or non-interest-bearing checking accounts in one or more banks or savings and loan associations within the geographical boundaries of NMSBIC. Deposits may be made to the extent that they are insured by an agency of the United States or by collateral deposited as security or by bond given by the financial institution. The rate of interest in non-demand interest-bearing accounts shall be set by the State Board of Finance, but in no case, shall the rate of interest be less than one hundred percent of the asked price on United States treasury bills of the same maturity on the day of deposit.

Excess of funds may be temporarily invested in securities which are issued by the State or by the United States government, or by their agencies, and which are either direct obligations of the State or the United States or are backed by the full faith and credit of those governments.

The types of collateral allowed are limited to direct obligations of the United States Government and all bonds issued by any agency, district or political subdivision of the State of New Mexico.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS – CONTINUED

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, public unit deposits are funds owned by the public unit. Time deposits, savings deposits and interest-bearing NOW accounts of a public unit in an institution in the same state will be insured up to \$250,000 in aggregate and separate from the \$250,000 coverage for public unit demand deposits at the same institution.

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, NMSBIC's deposits may not be returned to it. NMSBIC does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, other than the following state statutes as put forth in the Public Money Act (Section 6-10-1 to 6-10-63, NMSA 1978.) As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, all of NMSBIC's deposits were fully insured. New Mexico State Statutes require collateral pledged for deposits in excess of the federal deposit insurance to be delivered, or a joint safekeeping receipt be issued, to NMSBIC for a least one half of the amount on deposit with the institution.

All deposits are held with First National 1870, a division of Sunflower Bank N.A., as follows:

	 2023	 2022
Amount of deposits FDIC Insurance	\$ 18,735 (18,735)	\$ 125,416 (125,416)
Uninsured deposits Collateral from financial institution	 <u>-</u>	 - -
Total uninsured and uncollateralized deposits	\$ 	\$

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

NMSBIC accounts for certain investments in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 72 Fair Value Measurements and Application (GASB 72), which establishes fair value standards for certain investments held by governmental entities. GASB 72 requires certain assets and liabilities to be measured at fair value using a consistent and more detailed definition of fair value and accepted valuation techniques. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT – CONTINUED

This pronouncement establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments that NMSBIC has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the investment, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument in an inactive market, inputs other than observable quoted prices, or inputs derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The methods described below may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables presents the fair value hierarchy for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT – CONTINUED

Assets at Fair Value

Description – 2023	 Total	L	evel 1	 Level 2	_ <u>L</u>	evel 3
Cooperative loan agreements Investment held with NM State Treasurer's Office –	\$ 72,594,537	\$	-	\$ 72,594,537	\$	-
LGIP	19,341,782		-	19,341,782		_
Other investments Investment held with NM	19,249,765	19,	249,765	-		-
State Investment Council	 9,547,232			 9,547,232		-
	\$ 120,733,316	<u>\$19,</u>	249,765	\$ 101,483,551	\$	
Description – 2022	 Total	_ <u>L</u>	evel 1	 Level 2	_ <u>L</u>	evel 3
Cooperative loan agreements Investment held with NM State Treasurer's Office –	\$ 49,297,302	\$	-	\$ 49,297,302	\$	-
LGIP Investment held with NM	58,526,105		-	58,526,105		-
State Investment Council	 9,457,679			 9,457,679		
	\$ 117,281,086	\$	-	\$ 117,281,086	\$	-

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used.

Cooperative loan agreements: Valued at the net asset value of debt investment at year-end.

Other investments: Valued at unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. Other investments are comprised of a federal money market fund and United States Treasury securities with maturities less than one year.

Investment held with NM State Treasurer's Office - LGIP and NM State Investment Council: Valued at NMSBIC's percentage share in the pooled fund in which the pooled securities are measured using the closing price of the traded security at the statements of net position date.

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NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS IN NM STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL AND NM LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL

NMSBIC's investments are governed by state law, as well as a formal investment policy. The policy permits investments which are within New Mexico constitutional and statutory law; however, the policy does stipulate that asset-backed or collateralized securities must be rated AA or better. NMSBIC invests through the New Mexico State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool, and the New Mexico State Investment Council, which utilizes a list of legal investments per the State of New Mexico.

NMSBIC reports gains and losses on investments as increases or decreases in restricted net assets unless their use is permanently restricted by explicit donor stipulations or by law.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of NMSBIC's investments. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value risk arising from rising interest rates, the NMSBIC's investment policy requires investment of currently available funds to have a maturity of no greater than three years, with the exception of the investment in the Credit Plus Bond pool held with the New Mexico State Investment Council.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of NMSBIC's investment in a single issuer. NMSBIC's investments held with the NM State Investment Council and the NM Local Government Investment Pool are collateralized by the State of New Mexico.

<u>Investment in NM State Investment Council</u>

NMSBIC holds investments in NM State Investment Council and the make up the portfolio is the following:

2023

Description	Level of Inputs	Percentage of Portfolio	Market Value	Credit Risk Rating
Credit Plus Bond	Level 2	100.00%	\$9,547,232	Not available

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NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS IN NM STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL AND NM LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – CONTINUED

Investment in NM State Investment Council – Continued

<u>2022</u>

Description	Level of Inputs	Percentage of Portfolio	Market Value	Credit Risk Rating	
Credit Plus Bond	Level 2	100.00%	\$9,457,679	Not available	

NM Local Government Investment Pool

The New MexiGROW Local Government Investment Pool's (LGIP) investments are valued at fair value based on quoted market prices as of the valuation date. The LGIP is not SEC registered. The New Mexico State Treasurer is authorized to invest the short-term investment funds, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Finance, in accordance with Sections 6-10-10(I) through 6-10-10(P) and Sections 6-10-10.1(A) and (E), NMSA 1978. The LGIP's investments are monitored by the same policies and procedures that apply to all other state investments. The pool does not have unit shares. Per Section 6-10-10.1(F), NMSA 1978, at the end of each month all interest earned is distributed by the State Treasurer to the contributing entities in amounts directly proportionate to the respective amounts deposited in the fund and the length of time the fund amounts were invested. Participation in the LGIP is voluntary.

	202	23	
Description	Fair Value	Rating	Weighted Average Maturities
Investment held with NM State Treasurer's Office – LGIP	\$ 19,341,782	AAAm	22 Days (r); 86 Days (F)
	202	22	
Description	Fair Value	Rating	Weighted Average Maturities
Investment held with NM State Treasurer's Office – LGIP	\$ 58,526,105	AAAm	43 Days (r); 88 Days (F)

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NOTE 6 – INVESTMENTS IN NEW MEXICO ENTITIES

Cooperative Loan Agreements

NMSBIC is party to Cooperative Loan Agreements as follows:

• New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund (NMCDLF or The Loan Fund). NMSBIC is party to a revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with The Loan Fund, a non-profit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides a revolving loan to this corporation, which is fully collateralized by pledged loans. The agreement limits certain delinquent loans for use as collateral, limits the maximum loan size and the number of modifications allowed on nonperforming loans, and requires the corporation to maintain certain levels of liquidity, leverage, and net assets. The corporation undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in January 2029. Either party can terminate the agreement with 90 days written notice, with the outstanding balance repaid based on balances of collateralized loans. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$78,650 and \$162,433, respectively, was recognized related to this investment.

As of March 2020, in order to support its lending partners and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, changes were made to the agreement that included: (i) the interest rate on the loan was reduced to 1.0% from 2.0% for a period of twelve months ending February 28, 2021, and then extended to August 31, 2022; and (ii) the NMSBIC added a new COVID-19 Lending Program under which the interest rate charged by the NMSBIC is zero percent for up to thirty-six months, provided corporation's loan is to a business impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and the interest rate to the business is at 3.75% or less. Due to The Loan Fund's active participation in the NMSBIC's COVID-19 Lending Program, as of September 1, 2022, the NMSBIC reduced the interest rate of the loan to 0.50% through June 30, 2025, and extended the term for COVID-19 loans to up to sixty months. The COVID-19 Lending Program ended on September 30, 2022, for new or modified loans. The COVID-19 Lending Program will remain active for existing loans through September 30, 2027. See supplementary schedules for detail on this agreement.

• WESST Corp. (WESST) NMSBIC is party to a loan participation Cooperative Agreement with WESST, a non-profit CDFI. Under the agreement, WESST provides 25% of the funding and the NMSBIC provides the remaining 75%. NMSBIC shares in 75% of loan losses. The agreement limits the maximum loan size. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with monthly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. Either party can terminate the agreement with 90 days written notice, with the outstanding balance repaid in the normal course of business. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$3,196 and \$1,909, respectively, was recognized related to this investment. See supplementary schedules for detail on this agreement.

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NOTE 6 – INVESTMENTS IN NEW MEXICO ENTITIES – CONTINUED

Cooperative Loan Agreements – Continued

DreamSpring (formerly ACCION). NMSBIC is party to a loan participation Cooperative Agreement with DreamSpring, a non-profit CDFI. Under the agreement DreamSpring provides 25% of the funding and the NMSBIC provides the remaining 75%. NMSBIC shares in 75% of loan losses. In November 2013, the NMSBIC terminated the original participation agreement with outstanding loans handled in the ordinary course of business. In November 2013, the NMSBIC entered into new participation agreement with DreamSpring, referred to as the 2013 Lending Program. Under the 2013 Lending Program loan losses that can be passed through to the NMSBIC are limited to 1% of the average outstanding loan balance during any fiscal year. The agreement limits the maximum loan size and the number of modifications allowed on nonperforming loans. The corporation undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with monthly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. Either party can terminate the agreement with 90 days written notice, with outstanding loans handled in the ordinary course of business. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$102,969 and \$118,341, respectively, was recognized related to this investment.

Beginning in April 2020, in order to support its lending partners and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, a series of changes were made to the agreement that included: (i) the interest rate received by the NMSBIC was reduced to 2.0% from 3.0% for a period of twelve months ending March 31, 2021, which resulted in the net interest rate after loan losses being reduced to 1% from 2%; (ii) the NMSBIC added a new COVID-19 Lending Program under which the interest rate charged by the NMSBIC is zero percent for up to thirty-six months, provided DreamSpring's loan is to a business impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and the interest rate to the business is at 3.75% or less, and with no losses passed through to the NMSBIC on the COVID-19 Lending Program; and (iii) the NMSBIC added a new PPP Lending Program for DreamSpring to originate loans under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP loans are guaranteed by the SBA, and the interest rate charged by the NMSBIC is zero percent on funds used to originate PPP loans. See supplementary schedules for detail on this agreement.

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NOTE 6 – INVESTMENTS IN NEW MEXICO ENTITIES – CONTINUED

<u>Cooperative Loan Agreements – Continued</u>

- New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (NMMFA). NMSBIC is party to a revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with NMMFA, a public body politic and corporate, separate and apart from but constituting a governmental instrumentality of the state of New Mexico. Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides an unsecured revolving loan to this corporation. The agreement limits the maximum loan size, and requires the corporation to maintain certain levels of leverage and net assets. The corporation undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in November 2023. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of zero and \$15,222, respectively, was recognized related to this investment. See supplementary schedules for detail on this agreement.
- Ventana Fund. As of December 2019, NMSBIC entered into a revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with Ventana Fund, a non-profit CDFI. Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides a revolving loan to this corporation, which is fully collateralized by pledged loans. The agreement limits certain delinquent loans for use as collateral, limits the term that loans are eligible as collateral to no more than five years, and limits the maximum loan-to-value for NMSBIC funds. The corporation undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. NMSBIC has the right to reduce the maximum funding amount by the amount of any funds not used in the previous twelve months. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in December 2029. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$236,384 and \$166,849, respectively, was recognized related to this investment.
- LiftFund. As of March 2020, NMSBIC entered into a new revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with LiftFund, a non-profit CDFI. Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides a revolving loan to this corporation, which is fully collateralized by pledged loans. The agreement limits certain delinquent loans for use as collateral, limits the maximum loan size and the number of modifications allowed on nonperforming loans, and requires the corporation to maintain certain levels of leverage and net assets. The corporation also undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in March 2025. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of zero was recognized related to this investment.

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NOTE 6 – INVESTMENTS IN NEW MEXICO ENTITIES – CONTINUED

<u>Cooperative Loan Agreements – Continued</u>

As of March 2020, in order to support its lending partners and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, changes were made to the agreement that included: (i) the interest rate on the loan was reduced to 1.0% from 2.0% for a period of twelve months ending February 28, 2021; and (ii) the NMSBIC added a new COVID-19 Lending Program under which the interest rate charged by the NMSBIC is zero percent for up to thirty-six months, provided the corporation's loan is to a business impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and the interest rate to the business is at 3.75% or less. See supplementary schedules for detail on this agreement.

- Homewise. As of March 2020, NMSBIC entered into a new revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with Homewise, a non-profit CDFI. Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides a revolving loan to this corporation, which is fully collateralized by pledged loans. The agreement limits certain delinquent loans for use as collateral, limits loan size, limits the term that loans are eligible as collateral to no more than five years, limits the maximum loan-to-value for NMSBIC funds, and requires the corporation to maintain certain levels of leverage and net assets. The corporation undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in March 2025. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$59,928 and \$28,301, respectively, was recognized related to this investment.
- RCAC. As of October 2020, NMSBIC entered into a new revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with RCAC, a non-profit CDFI. Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides a revolving loan to this corporation, which is fully collateralized by pledged loans. The agreement limits certain delinquent loans for use as collateral, limits the maximum loan size and the number of modifications allowed on nonperforming loans, and requires the corporation to maintain certain levels of leverage and net assets. The corporation also undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in October 2025. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of zero was recognized related to this investment.

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June 30, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 6 – INVESTMENTS IN NEW MEXICO ENTITIES – CONTINUED

<u>Cooperative Loan Agreements – Continued</u>

- Clearinghouse CDFI. As of April 2022, NMSBIC entered into a new revolving loan Cooperative Agreement with Clearinghouse CDFI, a for-profit CDFI. Under this agreement, the NMSBIC provides a revolving loan to this corporation, which is fully collateralized by pledged loans. The agreement limits certain delinquent loans for use as collateral, limits the maximum loan size and the number of modifications allowed on nonperforming loans, and requires the corporation to maintain certain levels of leverage and net assets. The corporation also undertakes good faith efforts to make loans outside the Albuquerque metropolitan area. NMSBIC does not share in any loan losses or recoveries. Loans are serviced by the corporation, with quarterly reports and principal and interest remittances provided to NMSBIC. The outstanding principal balance of the revolving loan matures in April 2032. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$173,333 and zero, respectively, was recognized related to this investment.
- RBC Global Asset Management. As of September 9, 2022, NMSBIC entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM). Under this agreement RBC GAM sources Small Business Administration (SBA) loans that are focused on BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) areas and BIPOC owned small businesses in New Mexico. The guaranteed portion of the SBA loans are aggregated into SBA pools that are delivered to the NMSBIC. The NMSBIC committed \$25 million which was initially invested in short-term investments comprised of a federal money market fund and United States Treasury securities with maturities of twelve months or less. The short-term investments are liquidated and used to fund the SBA pools as they are delivered to the NMSBIC. The NMSBIC's SBA pool investments are guaranteed by the SBA. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest income of \$5,673 and zero, respectively, was recognized related to this investment.

Equity Cooperative Agreements

NMSBIC is party to several Subscription Agreements and Limited Partnership Agreements under which it has acquired interests as a limited partner in various limited partnerships. Under these agreements, NMSBIC has made capital contribution commitments to provide funding to these limited partnerships to be used for debt or equity investments made in New Mexico small businesses. The New Mexico Gap Fund I Limited Partnership terminated in May 2021, with two notes receivable transferred to the NMSBIC prior to termination of the limited partnership. The New Mexico Community Capital Fund I Limited Partnership, and the New Mexico Mezzanine Partner Limited Partnership, have passed the fund termination dates, and are both in winding-up periods. The NMSBIC's investments in Verge I L.P, Verge I.5 L.P., Verge II L.P., and Verge II.5 L.P., were combined into Verge I II Combined L.P. as of January 1, 2021. Verge I II Combined L.P. has a termination date of December 31, 2025. See supplementary schedules for detail on these agreements.

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NOTE 6 – INVESTMENTS IN NEW MEXICO ENTITIES – CONTINUED

Notes Receivable

NMSBIC acquired two promissory notes from the New Mexico Gap Fund I, L.P. in April 2021, prior to termination of the fund in May 2021. Prior to termination of the fund the NMSBIC owned 92.4% of the limited partnership. The NMSBIC purchased minority interests totaling 7.6% of the fund at a deeply discounted price of 25% of the value to have full control of the two promissory notes that were transferred to the NMSBIC.

NOTE 7 – REVERSIONS OF SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND

Pursuant to Section 58-29-7 NMSA 1978, the NMSBIC shall revert to the Severance Tax Permanent Fund an amount equal to the net excess funds held by the NMSBIC. "Net excess funds" are calculated as the return on investments to the corporation in the amounts of dividends and interest actually received plus any capital gains actually realized, less the operating expenses of the NMSBIC and less amounts reasonably reserved for losses. NMSBIC had excess funds of \$1,725,798 and zero as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, that are required to be returned to the Severance Tax Permanent Fund. Any net excess funds are reflected as a liability in the accompanying financial statements.

	 2023	 2022
Interest and dividends received, cash basis	\$ 2,471,807	\$ 815,886
Operating expenses, net of loan losses	(394,925)	(391,303)
Accumulated reserve for debt and equity losses	(46,997)	(52,167)
Fair value change, investment with New Mexico		
State Investment Council	(296,479)	(1,507,769)
Fair value change, other investments	 (7,608)	
Net excess (deficient) funds	\$ 1,725,798	\$ (1,135,353)

NOTE 8 – CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, total remaining commitments under debt cooperative agreements and equity cooperative agreements were \$37,065,129 and zero, respectively. See supplementary schedules for details of these remaining commitments.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 9 – TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

NMSBIC's sole source of funding are distributions from the New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund. The amounts of these distributions for 2023 and 2022 were \$7,922,532 and \$17,876,602, respectively. Details of these distributions are as follows:

2023 Agency	Number	Amount	Purpose
DFA	34100	\$ 7,922,532	Severance Tax Permanent Fund Proceeds
2022 Agency	Number	Amount	Purpose
DFA	34100	\$ 17,876,602	Severance Tax Permanent Fund Proceeds

NOTE 10 – CONCENTRATIONS

Concentration of Funding

NMSBIC receives 100% of its funding from the New Mexico Severance Tax Permanent Fund.

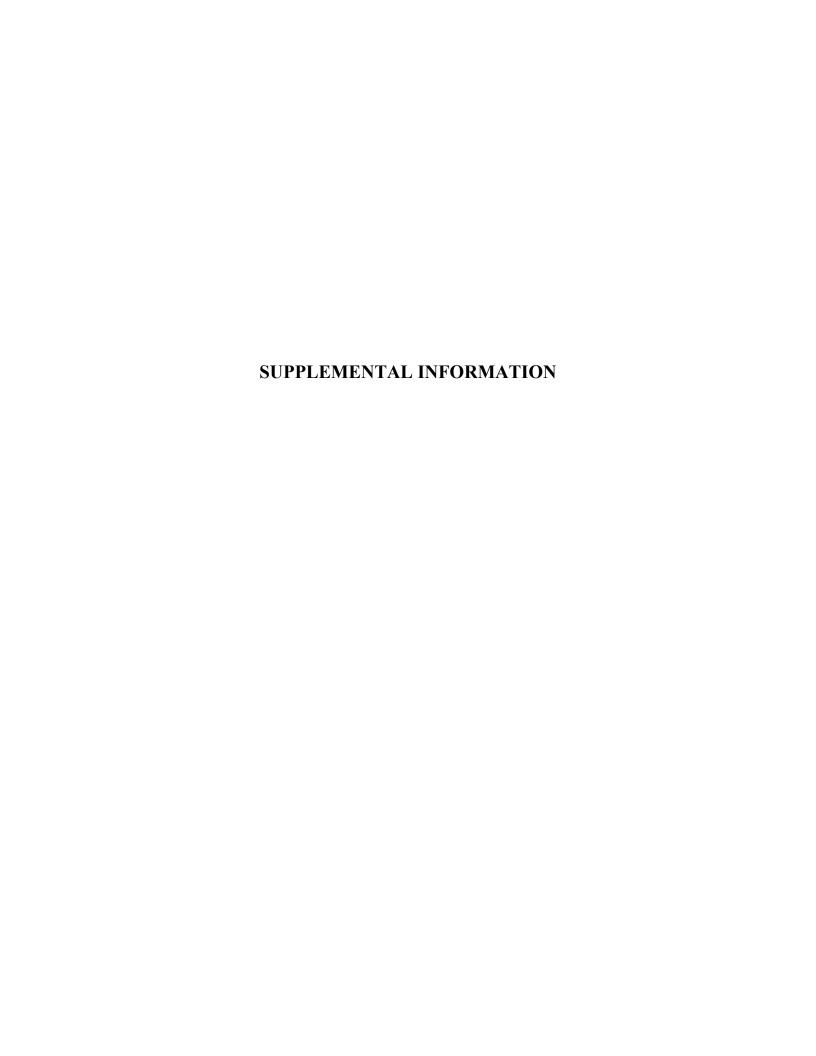
Concentration of Credit Risk

NMSBIC enters into Cooperative Agreements with parties that have demonstrated the ability to provide business assistance to new and expanding businesses and that are primarily engaged in the business of providing business services and debt and equity capital to new and expanding businesses. Under Cooperative Agreements with lenders, the lenders use their own funds and funds provided by NMSBIC to make loans to new and expanding businesses. Concentrations of credit risk arise from a number of loans made by such third parties utilizing NMSBIC funds to startup businesses. The lenders with which NMSBIC has entered into Cooperative Agreements have discretion as to whether or not to require, and the amount of, collateral taken, on the loans.

NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

NMSBIC is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, theft, and errors and omissions. NMSBIC insures against certain possible losses with a non-profit management liability insurance policy issued by Admiral Insurance Company that includes directors, officers and organization liability insurance, and third-party wrongful acts liability insurance. NMSBIC has no employees, no real property interests, and no significant tangible personal property.

For the last three years, NMSBIC has not filed any claims on its insurance policy. There have been no significant reductions in major risk categories or insurance coverage during the past year.



SCHEDULES OF ACTIVITY OF DEBT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	Loan Commitments	Beginning Gross Loan Balance	Loan Funding Net of Repayments	Realized Loan (Loss) Recovery	Ending Gross Loan Balance	Allowance for Loan Losses	Ending Net Loan Balance	
For the year ended June 30, 2023								
 RBC SBA Loan Pool DreamSpring #2 DreamSpring #3** NMCDLF WESST Corp NMMFA Ventana Fund Homewise Lift Fund RCAC Clearinghouse CDFI 	\$ 25,000,000 7,750,000 81,663 35,000,000 375,000 2,500,000 15,000,000 7,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 15,000,000 \$ 109,706,663	\$ - 3,439,797 488,656 28,742,784 111,059 - 9,640,074 1,905,673 21,426 - 5,000,000 \$ 49,349,469	\$ 6,361,453 (151,635) (406,993) 1,543,596 (20,687) - 3,671,232 2,341,693 (12,271) - 10,000,000 \$ 23,326,388	\$ - (34,323) 	\$ 6,361,453 3,253,839 81,663 30,286,380 90,372 - 13,311,306 4,247,366 9,155 - 15,000,000 \$ 72,641,534	\$ - (32,538) - (14,459) - (14,459) 	\$ 6,361,453 3,221,301 81,663 30,286,380 75,913 - 13,311,306 4,247,366 9,155 - 15,000,000 \$ 72,594,537	
For the year ended June 30, 2022	<u> </u>	Ψ 13,5 13,103	Ψ 23,323,330	ψ (31,323)	Ψ 72,011,001	<u> </u>	Ψ 72,031,037	
 DreamSpring #1* DreamSpring #2 DreamSpring #3** NMCDLF WESST Corp NMMFA Ventana Fund Homewise Lift Fund RCAC Clearinghouse CDFI 	\$ 7,750,000 815,506 35,000,000 375,000 2,500,000 15,000,000 4,000,000 1,000,000 5,000,000	\$ 592 4,934,724 21,582,819 26,543,780 59,415 1,000,000 7,373,127 572,608 33,245	\$ (592) (1,455,480) (21,094,163) 2,199,004 51,644 (1,000,000) 2,266,947 1,333,065 (11,819) - 5,000,000	\$ - (39,447)	\$ - 3,439,797 488,656 28,742,784 111,059 - 9,640,074 1,905,673 21,426 - 5,000,000	\$ - (34,398) - (17,769) 	\$ - 3,405,399 488,656 28,742,784 93,290 - 9,640,074 1,905,673 21,426 - 5,000,000	
	\$ 72,440,506	\$ 62,100,310	\$ (12,711,394)	\$ (39,447)	\$ 49,349,469	\$ (52,167)	\$ 49,297,302	

^{*}The DreamSpring #1 commitment was terminated in 2013 and replaced by DreamSpring #2. Active loans under the DreamSpring #1 agreement will run off under their normal course.

^{**}The DreamSpring #3 is used to fund Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans.

SCHEDULES OF ACTIVITY OF EQUITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Investment Activity, Cost Method of Accounting

	Investment Capital Commitments		Beginning Investment Cost Method		Capital Calls and Redemptions		Other Than Temporary Impairment		Operating Expense		Ending Investment Cost Method		Ending Investment Fair Value*
For the year ended June 30, 2023													
 NMCCF NM Mezzanine Fund Verge I II Combined 	\$	7,000,000 3,000,000 9,025,155	\$	- 688,800 1,542,423	\$	75,051	\$	- - -	\$	(30,669)	\$	- 688,800 1,586,805	\$ 1,162,857 902,226 1,960,078
	\$	19,025,155	\$	2,231,223	\$	75,051	\$	-	\$	(30,669)	\$	2,275,605	\$ 4,025,161
For the year ended June 30, 2022													
 NMCCF NM Mezzanine Fund Verge I II Combined 	\$	7,000,000 3,000,000 9,025,156	\$	- 688,800 1,512,757	\$	75,052	\$	- - -	\$	- (45,386)	\$	- 688,800 1,542,423	\$ 1,172,579 885,890 3,857,073
	\$	19,025,156	\$	2,201,557	\$	75,052	\$		\$	(45,386)	\$	2,231,223	\$ 5,915,542

^{*}Fair values are provided for informational purposes only. These investments are recorded on the cost basis for financial reporting purposes. See note 2 to the financial statements for more information on valuation methodology.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors and Management New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation Albuquerque, New Mexico

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Small Business Investment Corporation, also known as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation, (NMSBIC), a component unit of the State of New Mexico, as of June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NMSBIC's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered NMSBIC's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the NMSBIC's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the NMSBIC's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the NMSBIC's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies. However, significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.



Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether NMSBIC's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of NMSBIC's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering NMSBIC's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

September 22, 2023

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES – CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR

June 30, 2023

FINANCIAL FINDINGS:	
Current Year:	
NONE	
Prior Year:	
NONE	

Small Business Investment Corporation

COMMUNICATION OF NO MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

June 30, 2023



To the Board of Directors Small Business Investment Corporation

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Small Business Investment Corporation, also known as the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered NMSBIC's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NMSBIC's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of NMSBIC's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of NMSBIC's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and others within NMSBIC, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

September 22, 2023

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