

Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be submitted under the authority of the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

This form must be used for Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each shortage situation. See the State Animal Health Official (SAHO) section of the VMLRP web site (www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp) for the number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Location of Veterinary Shortage: San Juan, McKinley, Cibola, Rio Arriba, Sandoval counties
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area; must be a logistically feasible veterinary practice service area)

Approximate Center of Shortage Area (or Location of Position if Type III): Grants, Gallup, Farmington, and Tierra Amarilla are surrounding cities that benefit from services in this area
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Overall Priority of Shortage: Critical Priority

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty (select one) :

Type II: Private Practice - Rural Area, Food Animal Medicine (awardee obligation: at least 30% FTE or 12hr/week)

For Type I or II Private Practice:

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| <p>Must cover(check at least one)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Swine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poultry</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Ruminant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> | <p>May cover</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swine</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poultry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Small Ruminant</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>camelids</u></p> |
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For Type III Public Practice:

Employer: _____ Position Title: _____
 Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas:

Food Safety

Public Health

Epidemiology

Other: _____

(Optional) If the nominator wishes to specify a service time for this shortage situation that is higher than the minimum required for the shortage type checked above, please specify the percent time in the box below (based on a 40-hour work week). Leave the box blank if the service time for this shortage situation is for the minimum percent time of the shortage type indicated.

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Please describe the **importance and objectives** of a veterinarian filling this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 1500 characters).

Food animal services in this shortage area are extremely limited. This 5 county area has 27,349 square miles. Agriculture and livestock are a significant portion of income generated in these communities. Agricultural receipts equaled \$113,369,474 according to the NASS 2012 survey. The designated area has a population of 503,000 dispersed in rural and isolated communities. This region includes multiple Native American pueblos and tribes and generally underserved populations. In the 2012 survey it was reported that the counties making up the designated area contained 105,900 cattle and calves; 7,465 horses; 55,476 sheep and goats. Smaller operations raising goats and swine for human consumption are also located in the region.

Please describe the **activities** of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 1500 characters or less).

The area has two operating livestock markets that would require the presence of an accredited veterinarian to perform regulatory work associated with these markets. The majority of the veterinary resources in the area are small animal and equine exclusive. These counties have been underserved for a long time and will face a greater shortage in the near future as the aging practitioners seek retirement. A veterinarian would need to be willing to participate and train with the New Mexico Ag/Livestock Incident Response Team (NM-ALIRT).

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 750 characters or less).

A similar listing of four counties was submitted two years in a row. State agencies have attempted to engage a veterinarian to form part of the NM-ALIRT program with no success.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 2000 characters or less).

Food animal services in this shortage area are extremely limited. These counties have been underserved and will face a greater shortage in the near future as practitioners retire, forcing producers to forgo veterinary assistance or seek veterinary services a greater distance from their location. Not having an accredited veterinarian of record associated with the livestock auctions will hinder the sale, movement of animals and animal welfare in the region.

SAHO nominator must check both boxes below in order for NIFA to consider this nomination for official designation

- By checking this box, I affirm that this form represents a nomination and is subject to NIFA review and approval.
- By checking this box, I affirm that it is my professional opinion that this is a bona fide food supply or public health-related veterinary shortage situation. I affirm due diligence has been invested to identify this area as a shortage situation of at least moderate priority (severity).

Authorized State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or designee:

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