

GRANTS – The City of Grants will be hosting the New Mexico Film Office in two open meetings, Jan. 25 at 6 pm and Jan. 26 at 8 am. Both will be held at the Cibola County Convention Center, 515 West High Street.

At these meetings participants will be discuss how residents can list homes or businesses for use in the film industry. In a recent meeting, the Film Office stated that when a production comes to a city they try to source locally as much as possible.

Some sources required for the industry are accommodations, catering, dry cleaners, alterations, tires, doctors and dentists, automobiles, CPA's, beauty and barber services, media services, security, transportation, banners to list a few.

The City of Grants hopes that welcoming this industry will foster new economic developments for its citizens and businesses. This industry could be an economic boost, and much needed job opportunities to the area. The City hopes that by meeting with the New Mexico Film Office and beginning these conversations, it could collaborate with the Village of Milan and Cibola County to become entirely film friendly.

With the City of Grants just 78 miles west of Albuquerque, all of the city's great scenery, historic buildings, neon signs and open landscapes we have plenty to offer the film industry. These meetings have been set up to let citizens and business owners know how they can become film friendly.

## Grants welcomes the film industry

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The New Mexico Film Office continually searches for new locations to add to their online location database. Anyone interested in having their New Mexico home, business, ranch, or property listed as a potential location to film, television and commercial productions can do so, free and easy.

This will get the word out to productions that the city and its residents are eager to welcome them. Customer service and being a welcoming community is as important as word of mouth in building these key relationships.

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