

# New Mexico Wildlife Center Gets \$345,000 Grant for Full-Time Vet, Enclosure Renovations

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New Mexico Wildlife Center in Española received a three-year, \$345,000 grant from the H/3 Foundation in Stamford, Conn., to fund a full-time, year-round veterinarian and renovate eight mews and animal enclosures.

The veterinarian went full time Nov. 1. Previously, the center only had a vet working Monday through Thursday seasonally from May through September, Executive Director Matthew Miller said.

“This will really be a game-changing addition,” Miller said. “[Until now], we had to find vets that have the training and willingness to work for us pro bono [in the cooler months of the year]. We get about 1,000 wildlife patients a year.”

The veterinarian salary and associated professional licensing and certifications account for \$300,000 of the grant. The other \$45,000 plus \$20,000 from donors will cover renovations of the mews, where raptors and other birds are kept, and other animal enclosures.

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