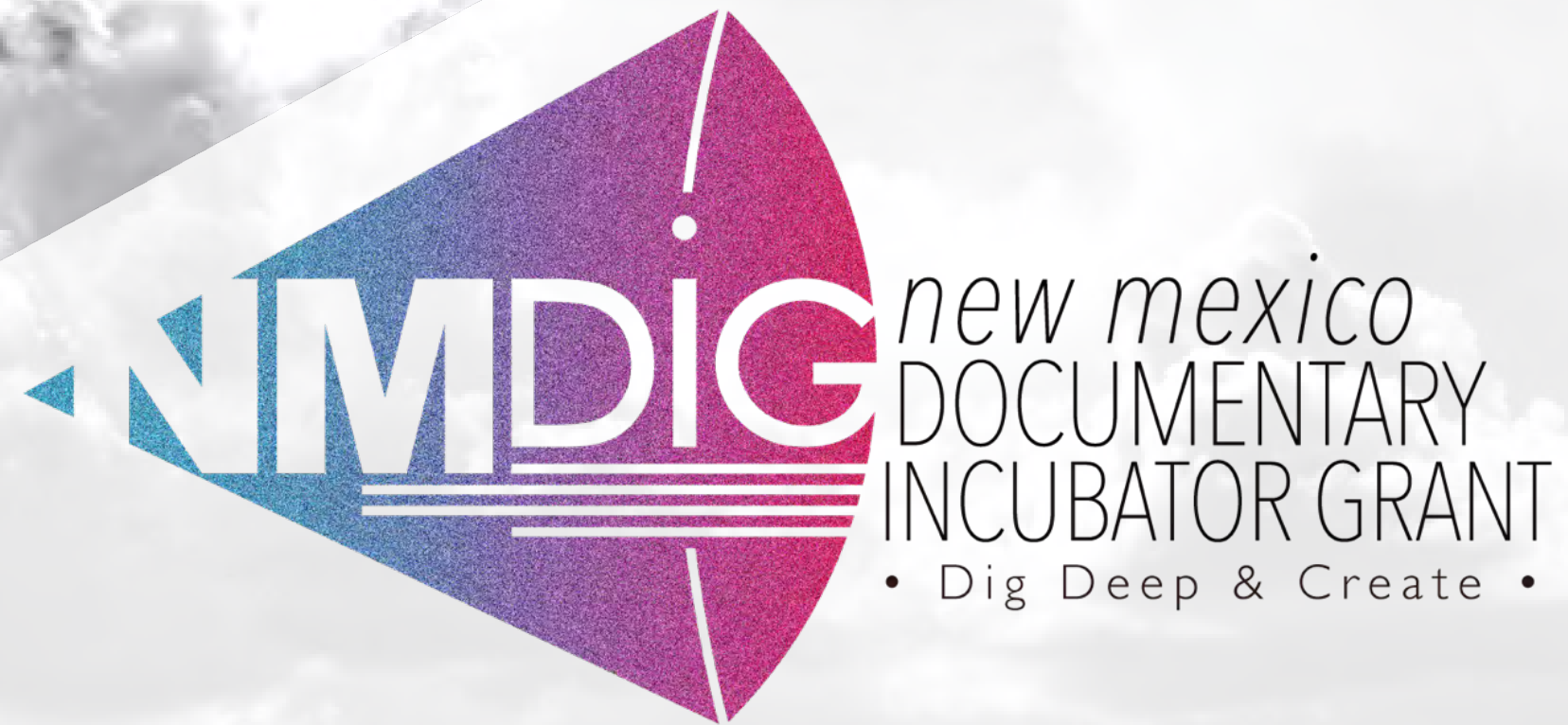




PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY

*Building a Sustainable Future for
Documentary Storytelling in New Mexico*

mission

The New Mexico Documentary Incubator Grant (NMDiG) supports emerging and early-career filmmakers through direct grant funding, creative guidance, and access to resources and filmmaking networks. The program is committed to fostering and growing documentary and non-fiction storytelling that engages with the communities, cultures, and most pressing issues unique to New Mexico.

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what is nmdig?

history

Established in 2024, at a time when New Mexico had become a major production hub for outside film and television projects, NMDIG's presence emerged as a vehicle *to ensure that our local filmmaking talent had opportunity to shape and tell their own stories.*

NEW MEXICO'S
PREMIER PIPELINE
FOR EMERGING
DOCUMENTARY
TALENT

by the numbers...

19

Home-grown
filmmakers funded
& supported

\$67K

Awarded in
direct-to-film
maker funding

300+

Minutes of new
stories told about
New Mexico

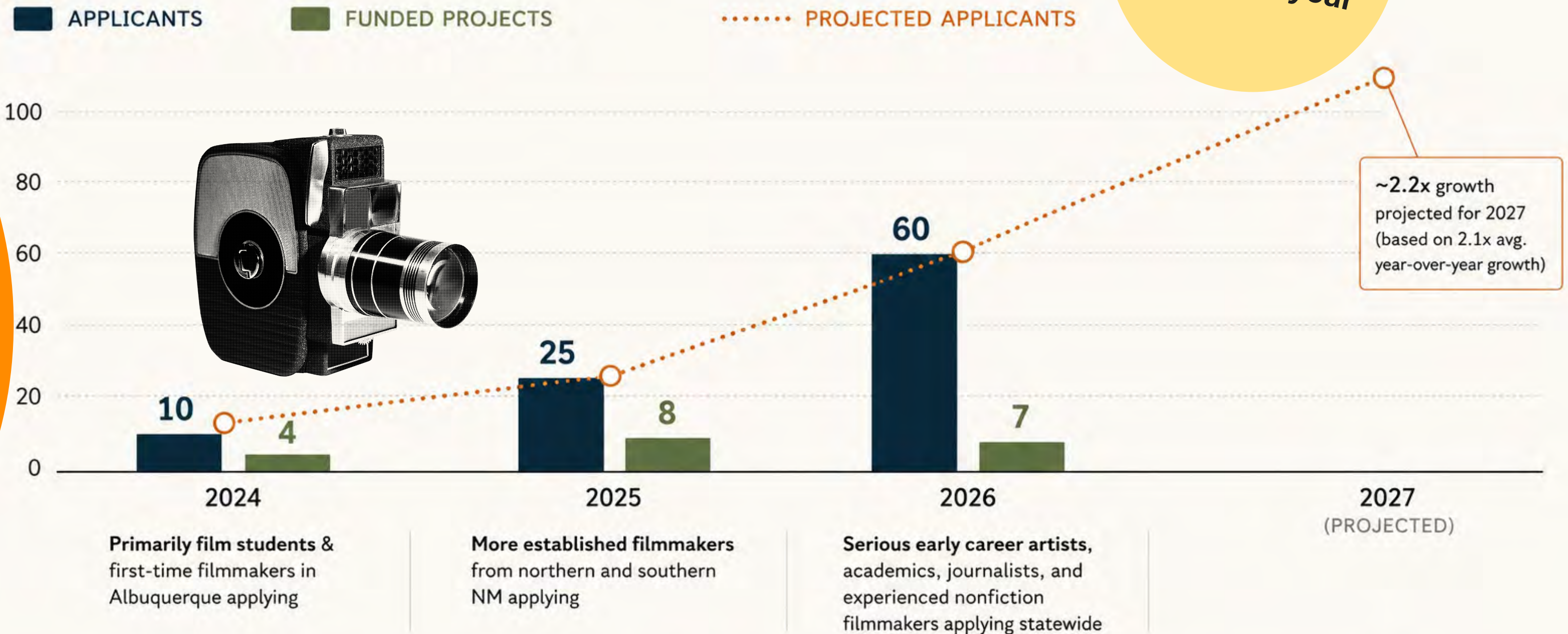
All while amplifying emerging faces in the NM film community...



program growth

THE
DEMAND
IS
REAL

APPLICATIONS & FUNDED PROJECTS OVER TIME



From 10 applicants in 2024 to a projected 135 in 2027 — NMDIG is building momentum and expanding impact statewide.

who nmdig supports — PAST & CURRENT FILMMAKER PROFILES

Annie Ersinghaus

The Land of Sacrifice

—2025 NMDIG cohort—
Documents the human and ecological impact of the oil and gas extraction in the Permian Basin.

"The NMDIG grant allowed me to make my first film while forging new connections with fellow filmmakers and audiences throughout New Mexico."

Annie now works as an editor at a production company having learned budgeting and project-pitching skills through her NMDIG experience while pursuing her next environmental documentary film project.

Makayla Yazzie

Between Home & College

—Current 2026 NMDIG cohort—
Follows Navajo college students navigating higher education while maintaining cultural connections.

Makayla comes to the 2026 NMDIG program as an award-winning filmmaker and multimedia artist enrolled at the Institute of American Indian Arts and focuses on culturally-driven storytelling, community engagement, and empowering underrepresented voices.

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Dylan Haworth

The End of History

—2024 NMDIG cohort—
Documents residents as they attempt to recover from the devastation of the Hermit's Peak fire.

"The experience with the grant program was one of support and care, as they not only uplifted us as artists but human beings searching to express ourselves."

Following his NMDIG funded project, Dylan began a Erasmus Mundus funded master's degree program at DocNomads producing documentaries in Portugal, Lithuania, and Belgium. Dylan also became a founding member of Albuquerque Cinema Club screening films in conjunction with local political education projects.

Michael Santillanes

Fractured Narratives

—2025 NMDIG cohort—
Delves into the role of misinformation in shaping public perceptions about immigration policy & its effects in New Mexico.

Michael has worked with the immigrant community for over a decade. In 2020 he received a film technician certificate from CNM and went on to participate in screenwriters labs. Michael's documentary was recently screened at the New York Documentary Film Festival.

a model for success

NMDIG'S MODEL UNIQUELY PROVIDES:

- **direct support**
Micro-grants put resources directly into the hands of emerging filmmakers for expedient, quality deliverables
- **creative development**
Mentorship, technical guidance, cohort exchange and professional feedback help filmmakers move projects forward.
- **a home for local stories**
NMDIG creates opportunities for New Mexicans to develop above-the-line talent and tell *our own* nonfiction stories.

LET'S BUILD THIS TOGETHER

NMDIG has demonstrated outsized impact in just three years. We are now looking to build relationships with individuals, businesses and organizations who share our vision for a thriving New Mexico creative community.

We'd welcome the opportunity to introduce you to NMDIG, our filmmakers, and our vision for the years ahead:

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