Modest Means





Modest Means Helpline is a civil legal telephone helpline and attorney referral service of the New Mexico State Bar Foundation. The Modest Means Helpline assists New Mexico residents with incomes below 500%* of the federal poverty guidelines. The Modest Means Helpline can assist in civil legal matters including but not limited to domestic relations (divorce, child custody, kinship guardianship, domestic violence), landlord/tenant, small business issues, consumer, and probate.

The Modest Means Helpline's staff attorneys provide legal advice by phone and, if appropriate, may refer the case to pro bono attorneys for representation ranging from legal advice to limited or full representation. Those interested may reach the Modest Means Helpline at 505-797-6013 or 888-857-9935, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The federal poverty guidelines are calculated by household size. In 2025, an income at 500% of the FPG is \$78,250 for household of 1 and \$160,750 for a household of 4.



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