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Who operates the stations?

Radio

Universities operate most public radio stations, such as KUNM-FM, Albuquerque, licensed to the University of New Mexico. These stations usually offer distinct program schedules, since they often are not linked together into statewide or regional multi-station networks.

- [NPR radio station finder](#)
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Television

Nonprofit community organizations, or state government agencies operate most public television stations. State government stations are typically linked into multi-station networks that air a common program schedule statewide, such as Maryland Public Television.

- [PBS television station finder](#)

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Definitions

Stations are full-power radio and television transmitters licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Licensees are community organizations, colleges or universities, local authorities or state governments, which hold the FCC licenses for CPB-supported stations.

Grantees are the entities to which CPB makes station grants. They may consist of single stations, or groups of co-licensed stations. For television, grants are made on a licensee basis.

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CPB promotes the growth and development of public media in communities throughout America.

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Digital, Diversity, and Dialogue are the framework for public media's service to America.

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CPB awards grants to stations and independent producers to create programs and services.

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