



New Mexico Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities

HB2 Appropriations

Detention Reimbursement Fund

Fully fund the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act Fund to reimburse counties for the actual cost of housing state inmates. The average 5-year cost to house NMCD inmates is \$8.2 million. Current fund at \$5 million.

Courthouse Funding

Authorize continued funding to AOC for the construction and renovation of state district courthouses. Counties maintain that courthouses are a state responsibility and that the rising costs of construction, security, and IT necessitate a shared revenue stream.

Detention Recruitment & Retention

Authorize continued funding for the newly formed Corrections Workforce Capacity Building Fund administered by DFA. Adequate detention staff are essential to a safe, well-operated facility, which is directly correlated to community safety.

Firefighter/EMS Recruitment Fund

Authorize continued funding for the Fire & EMS Recruitment Fund administered by DFA for fire departments to staff, recruit, and retain career and volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. Call volumes have increased by 50% and response systems are over-burdened. The average volunteer age is 65 years.

Emergency Medical Services

Ensure that SB 151 (2024 as amended by Senate Tax) authorizing a redirect of 10% of the Premium Tax from health insurance business to the EMS Fund is implemented as stated.

700 MHz Radios

Authorize continued funding for the monthly operational costs of 700 MHz radios to build out state interconnectivity infrastructure.

Equitable Disclosure

Treat residential and non-residential property transfers equitably to allow for accurate valuation of non-residential real property. Information would be used for statistical and analytical purposes only.

IPRA Improvements

Amend the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) to exempt from disclosing specific information and prohibit certain requests used to compromise and obstruct critical local government services.

Resources to Support Border-Related Humanitarian and Crime Efforts

Appropriate \$5 million to counties for services provided to state and federal agencies to support border humanitarian and crime efforts. This funding will be used to combat drug and human trafficking networks; to coordinate with community services that provide food, transportation, shelter, and family location; and to coordinate with state and federal agencies on information sharing and coordination of state law enforcement activities.

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