1	SENATE BILL 236
2	56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ENACTING THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
12	RESEARCH GRANT ACT; CREATING THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH
13	GRANT PROGRAM AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING
14	DEPARTMENT DUTIES; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE RESEARCH
15	GRANTS; CREATING THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT FUND;
16	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
19	SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
20	enacted to read:
21	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] SHORT TITLEThis act may be cited as the
22	"University Faculty Research Grant Act"."
23	SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
24	enacted to read:
25	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] DEFINITIONSAs used in the University
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1	Faculty Research Grant Act, "department" means the higher
2	education department."
3	SECTION 3. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
4	enacted to read:
5	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT
6	PROGRAMCREATEDOVERSIGHT
7	A. The "university faculty research grant program"
8	is created in the department.
9	B. The department shall:
10	(1) establish and publish deadlines and
11	guidelines for the submission of grant applications;
12	(2) develop procedures for receipt, review and
13	approval of grant applications;
14	(3) receive, review and approve grant
15	applications;
16	(4) award grants to universities to assist
17	faculty research and provide funding for laboratory equipment
18	and any other necessary items to assist in faculty research;
19	(5) monitor universities' use of grant money
20	by reviewing annual reports submitted by those universities to
21	the department to ensure that grants are used consistently with
22	the universities' grant applications; and
23	(6) perform other duties as necessary to carry
24	out the provisions of the University Faculty Research Grant
25	Act."
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1	SECTION 4. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
2	enacted to read:
3	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] GRANT APPLICATIONSGRANT RECIPIENTS
4	REQUIREMENTS
5	A. A university may submit an application to the
6	department for a university faculty research grant. An
7	applying university shall comply with deadlines and guidelines
8	published by the department. A university faculty research
9	grant application shall include a statement of:
10	(1) the amount of money that the university
11	has already allocated for the research;
12	(2) the amount of grant money that the
13	university requests and a list of items and costs for the
14	proposed research; and
15	(3) the university's purpose for the grant
16	money and what goals the university wants to accomplish.
17	B. During the time that a university is using
18	university faculty research grant money, the university shall
19	report annually to the department. The report shall include:
20	(1) the name and title of each research
21	faculty member and the department within the university where
22	each research faculty member is using the grant money; and
23	(2) detailed information about each research
24	faculty member's role and contributions to the research being
25	accomplished."
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SECTION 5. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
 enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT FUND--3 CREATED.--The "university faculty research grant fund" is 4 5 created in the state treasury. The fund consists of 6 appropriations, gifts, grants and donations to the fund and 7 income from investment of the fund. Money in the fund shall 8 not revert to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The 9 department shall administer the fund, and money in the fund is 10 appropriated to the department to provide grants to universities to assist them in their research. Money in the 11 12 fund shall be disbursed on warrants signed by the secretary of 13 finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the 14 secretary of higher education or the secretary's authorized 15 representative."

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the university faculty research grant fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2024 and subsequent fiscal years to provide grants to universities to assist faculty research and provide funding for laboratory equipment and any other necessary items to assist in faculty research. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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