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Our Commitment

The New Mexico Supreme Court Order mandating case timelines has strained the structure of case workflow. To comply with this ruling, we have found it necessary to assess strengths, gaps and identify relevant staff positions that support this program. The current FY24 funding program is not sufficient to fund all 64 general fund positions. As a result, one [1] Chief Deputy position and one [1] Senior Trial Attorney position remain vacant. With a 1.4% vacancy rate applied.

In order to remain in compliance with the NM Supreme Court order, ensuring that case deadlines are met, we are asking for funding to hire additional support staff: a Senior Legal Assistant and a Lead Investigator.

Crime Trends

Crime and homicides have decreased in Doña Ana County from 26 homicides in 2022 to 10 in 2023. Numbers of robberies, aggravated battery and criminal damage to property have increased. Juvenile assault and battery charges are on the rise, with teens under the age of 18 frequently being arrested with stolen guns. Ongoing engagement among law enforcement, prosecutors and community stakeholders has become an essential component to effectuate an improvement in public safety. Local violent crime is associated with youth or adult offenders, and gangs involved in illegal human and drug trafficking along the international Mexico border.

Primary Objective for additional technology investment	Success Metrics
<p>The scope of establishing the Prosecutor by Karpel (PbK) software modernization project is to update the current and future prosecutorial workflow needs by processing case management securely, swiftly, and efficiently.</p> <p>With the PbK software integration finalizing in the first quarter of 2024, we will be able to accurately report all data, stats, tracking and documenting case workflow handled by our district.</p> <p>The PbK state-of-the-art case centric software will assist our prosecutorial team with tracking every data point to improve our ability to manage multiple cases, court events and staff/electronic filing updates for compliance with the Supreme Court CMR ruling that was put into effect this year.</p> <p>To continue this important casework processing we will be asking for recurring funding in support of this essential software modernization investment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output measures can include indicators such as violent crime related arrests and prosecutions. • Accountability through Performance Metrics involving violent crime incidents, drug trafficking, firearm offenses and assaults. • Target repeat offenders, repeat victims for ongoing analysis, data tracking and intelligence sharing for making careful assessments.

