



New Mexico State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors FY28 APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Agency Overview

- Funding Structure:

The Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (BLPEPS) is a non-General Fund agency fully supported by revenue generated from professional licensing fees. All net revenue is retained by the Board and revert annually to its fund balance.

- FY28 Appropriation Request:

The FY28 budget request includes a **base budget increase of \$330,500**.

Budget Category Breakdown

Personal Services & Employee Benefits - Increase: \$1,000 due to:

- Increased cost of employee longevity pay.

Contractual Services - Increase: \$171,200 due to:

- SaaS costs related to the Board's new online licensing system.
- Additional Professional Engineer Investigative services.

Other Costs - Increase: \$158,300 due to:

- Increased rates from the General Services Department (GSD) and Department of Information Technology (DoIT).
- Increased Board member travel to and from Board meetings. Travel was initially reduced in FY27 as a cost-saving measure but will return to normal levels in FY28.
- The cost of leased office space due to Executive Order 2026-024.

Executive Order 2026-024 Rescinding Executive Order 2011-023

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham rescinded the Executive Order previously issued by Governor Susana Martinez, which had required early termination of the Board's lease and its relocation to the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD). RLD Superintendent Clay Bailey has indicated that he supports the Board's relocation because he needs the existing space for his staff. The Board has now initiated the RFP process with the GSD Facilities Management Division to identify a new lease location. The estimated annual cost for the new lease is \$150,000.

Scholarship Information

The Board established a scholarship program during the 2019 legislative session, with the bill signed on April 3, 2019, to support and promote engineering and surveying licensure in New Mexico. Initial university disbursements began in FY20. In 2023, the Board expanded the program to include a university support initiative, signed into law on March 30, 2023, providing funding for equipment and related materials at qualified New Mexico institutions to further support engineering and surveying education.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Board paid the following amounts to NM universities for the University Support and Scholarship programs:

- University Support (to purchase equipment and related materials that support the education of engineering and surveying students):
 - NMSU, Engineering Technology Surveying Program - \$49,395
 - NM Institute of Mining and Tech, Engineering Program - \$99,709
- Scholarships to support engineering and surveying students:
 - NMSU, Engineering Program – \$23,333
 - NMSU, Surveying Program - \$30,000
 - NM Institute of Mining and Tech, Engineering Program – \$23,333
 - UNM, Engineering Program – \$23,333

*The Northern NM Colleges was added to the list of universities by the Board, which is effective for Fiscal Year 2027.

Certified Professional Licensure Application Project

The Board initiated the BLPEPS Professional Licensure Application Project to acquire a new online licensing system a major initiative aimed at modernizing the licensing system. It will be designed to streamline application processing, license renewals, and online payment acceptance. This project will eliminate the paper applications, paper renewals, and the reliance of excel spreadsheets for financial deposits, licensing, and compliance. It will also eliminate applicants from paying twice and sending in the wrong fee, which will reduce the amount of refunds issued by BLPEPS. The project was certified by the DoIT Project Certification Committee (PCC) in 2023. In FY25, the Board terminated the original implementation contract, resulting in a significant delay to the project timeline. A new contract for implementation services was procured in FY26, with system completion projected for February 2027. The project is planned to be fully funded by the Board without C2 funding, utilizing the remaining available fund balance to cover all associated costs.

Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) History – Fund Balance (FB) Use

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
FY24	\$473,000	Transferred to 300s for project initiation & planning.
	<i>Net Revenue Reverted to FB</i>	<i>\$12,112</i>
		<i>No FB used.</i>
FY25	\$70,250	Transferred to 200s to accommodate staff salary increases.
	\$382,000	Transferred to 300s for project implementation.
	<i>Net Revenue Used</i>	<i>(\$75,050)</i>
FY26	\$1,040,300	Transferred \$110,300 to 200s to fund salary increases granted in FY25 & \$930,000 to 300s to continue project implementation.
FY26	(\$661,000)	Transferred back to FB.
	<i>Net Revenue Reverted to FB</i>	<i>(\$95,370)</i>
FY27	\$60,000	Will transfer to 300s for SaaS to begin after project implementation.