



Legislative Finance Committee Budget Presentation

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Overview of Commission

- Created in its present form in 2003 (has existed in some form since 1977).
- The Sentencing Commission has the statutory mandate (Section 9-3-10(D)) to:
 - Advise the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of government on policy matters relating to criminal and juvenile justice; and
 - Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning proposed changes to laws relating to the criminal and juvenile justice systems that the Commission determines would improve those systems.

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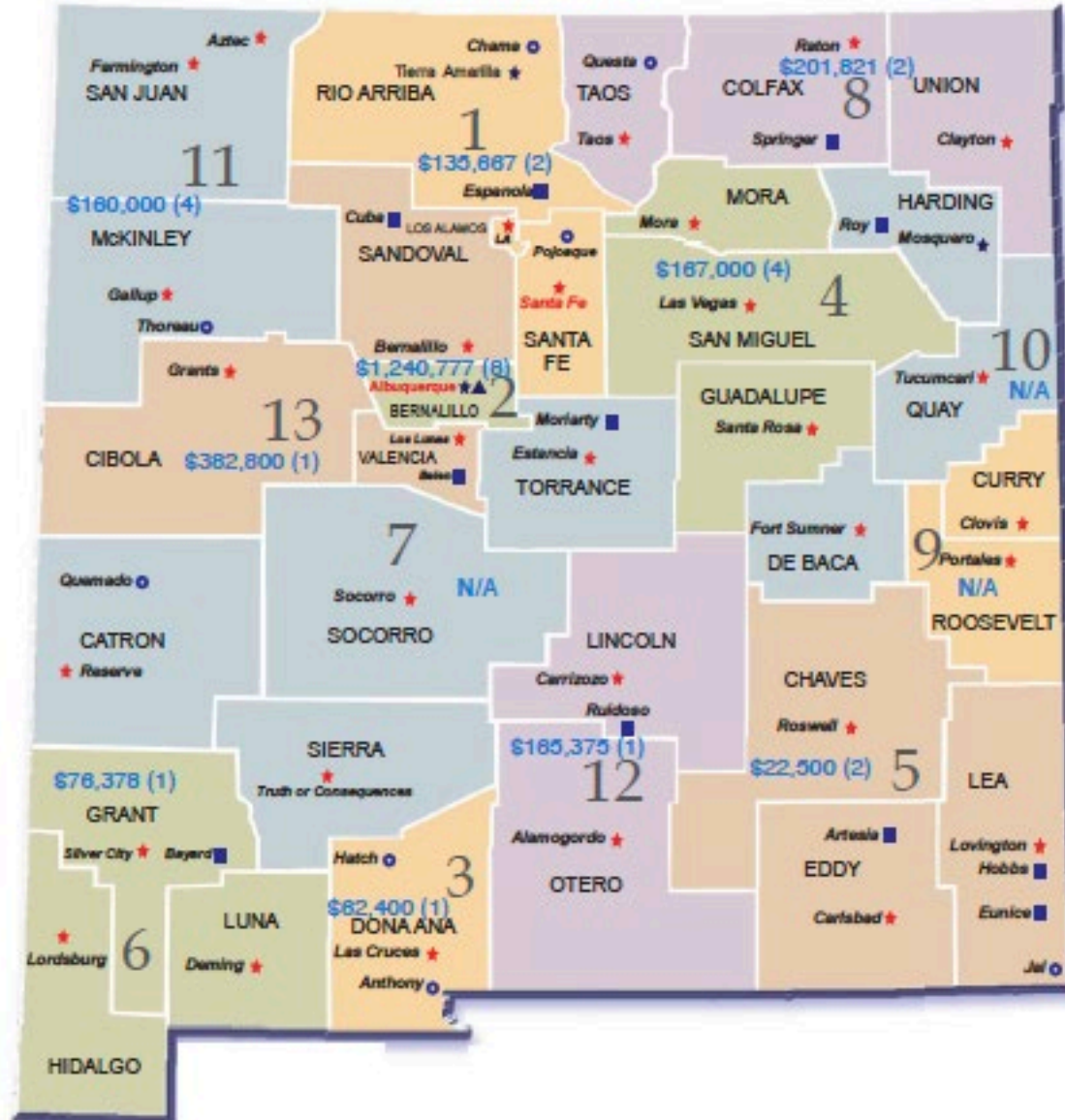
- There has been a gradual expansion of the Sentencing Commission’s duties over time, especially in 2019 when the following duties were added:
 - Crime Reduction Grant Act – disbursing crime reduction grants, and helping to organize the Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils; and
 - Various duties connected to data integration across the criminal justice system.
- The Commission has 27 members drawn from across the criminal justice system, including members appointed by leaders of majority and minority party in each chamber of the Legislature.

Crime Reduction Grants

FY 2024 Awards

- Round 1 NMSC Grants Committee awarded \$2,445,628 in grants to 26 programs & extended the time frame on 5 grants awarded in FY 23.
- Round 2 closed October 20, 2023.
- Grants Committee will meet to review applications on November 14, 2023.
- Staff are assigned to monitor grant recipients – but these are additional responsibility.

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FY 2025 Request

- We would like to hire a Senior Contracts & Grants Administrator to oversee the Crime Reduction Grants (~ \$98,000).
- We would like to hire a Staff Attorney (~ \$115,000).
- Reimbursement for the cost of unfunded mandatory compensation increases (~ \$125,800).