



Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE | NOVEMBER 20, 2025

MISSION | VISION | GOALS

Our **mission** to preserve, present, and nurture New Mexico's rich culture.

Our **vision** is to strengthen New Mexico communities by fostering greater connection, belonging, and respect for all cultural contributions.

Our **goals** are to:

- Expand Access and Inclusion
- Grow Collective Impact
- Enhance Stewardship of Cultural Resources
- Increase Partnership in Rural and Tribal Communities



NM Museum of Art

FOCUS AREAS



NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

Education

Tours | Classroom Visits | Activities
Presentations | Lectures



National Hispanic Cultural Center

Programming

Exhibits | Performances | Events
Partnerships



Museum Resources Division

Stewardship

Preservation | Conservation
Collections Care



NM History Museum

Scholarship

Research | Libraries | Archives
Databases | Fellowships

DIVISIONS

Museums/Cultural Centers

Museum of Indian Arts & Culture | Museum of International Folk Art | National Hispanic Cultural Center | NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum | NM History Museum | NM Museum of Art | NM Museum of Natural History & Science | NM Museum of Space History

Historic Sites

Bosque Redondo Memorial @ Ft. Sumner | Coronado | Jemez Ft. Selden | Ft. Stanton | Lincoln | Los Luceros | Taylor-Mesilla

Statewide Services

NM Arts | NM Historic Preservation Division | NM State Library | Office of Archaeological Studies

Statewide Support

Administrative Services Division | Facilities Management Bureau | Museum Resources Division | Office of Information Technology | Office of the Secretary



NM State Library



Office of Archaeological Studies

RECENT SUCCESSES

- Opened the full Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site
- Named Karen Kincaid Brady Director of the NM Museum of Space History
- Began first major infrastructure and facilities renovation at NM Museum of Natural History & Science in decades
- El Palacio garnered 7 awards at the International Regional Media Association Awards
- Initiated an Archaeological Field School to fill gaps in sector
- Convened THPOs and others statewide to launch NAGPRA compliance efforts
- Generated most significant capital improvement projects since the New Deal at Ft. Stanton Historic Site
- Cultural Properties Restoration Fund awarded \$1.2 million to eight New Mexico restoration projects
- Launched new Elders in Residence program at Jemez Historic Site
- Opened “Makowa: The Worlds Above Use” at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture
- Museum of NM Press nominated for 3 Southwest Book Design awards by the NM Book Association
- Launched 25th Anniversary Celebration of National Hispanic Cultural Center
- Named Manuel González as next NM State Poet Laureate
- Listed the Bataan Memorial Building to the Federal and State historic registries
- Reopened renovated and stabilized San José de los Jemez Mission Church at Jemez Historic Site

OPERATIONS

- Expended \$14.7 million in capital outlay in FY25
- Welcomed 1.33 million visitors in FY25
- Served 430,000 children in FY25
- Vacancy rate of 14.8% despite personnel funding challenges
- Leveraged \$900,000 in FEMA funds for fire mitigation at Bosque Redondo, Ft. Stanton, and Los Luceros historic sites
- Received \$1.3 million grant from the National Archives for digital preservation
- Received archaeological contracts with 10 governmental entities as well as private businesses and individuals
- General Fund reversion of 0.0063%
- No transfers out of 200s



NM Museum of Natural History & Science



NM Arts



NM Museum of Space History



Historic Preservation Division



Museum of International Folk Art

FY27 BUDGET REQUEST

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	Personnel & Benefits	Contractual	Other Costs	Total	% Change
FY26 Budget	37,465.2	1,446.4	8,801.0	47,712.6	
Base Request	1,695.8	-137.9	4,13.9	1,971.8	
FY27	39,161.0	1,308.5	9,214.9	49,684.4	4.13%



Museum of Indian Arts & Culture



Facilities Management Bureau

KEY POINTS

- 4.1% increase over FY26
- \$1.43 million to replace non-recurring funding for SB375 health benefits changes
- \$540,300 to cover rate increases from General Services Division and Department of Information Technology
- \$1.5 million transfer from the Land of Enchantment for Historic Preservation Grants under the Cultural Properties Protection Act.
- A projected \$900,000 transfer from the Rural Libraries Endowment fund to the State Library for grants
- The overall agency request—all funds—represents a 2.4% decrease, or \$1.5 million, less than FY26
- Includes a \$976,400 decrease in earned revenue from Museums and Historic Sites (P536) as admissions revenue lag
- Represents adjustments to Rural Library Grants programs and federal funds to the Historic Preservation Division
- Personnel costs have stabilized
- Maintaining a mid-teens vacancy rate by holding positions vacant as well as deleting vacate revenue-funded positions from the OL

NONRECURRING REQUESTS

- **\$250,000** for **Ft. Stanton Historic Site Master Plan**
- **\$250,000** for nomination development of *El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro* as part of the existing **UNESCO World Heritage** designation
- **\$200,000** for **Rural Arts Initiative** partnership with Creative Industries Division
- **\$600,000** to **acquire San Juan Basin fossils** from state museum of Pennsylvania
- **\$850,000** for **National Hispanic Cultural Center 25th Anniversary** programming and marketing
- **\$1.5 million** for next phase of **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation** compliance activities
- **\$500,000** for continued growth of **Archaeological Field School**



Museum Hill



Coronado Historic Site

THANK YOU

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