

Financial Requests to the Interim Water and Natural Resources Committee

You requested information regarding financial requests that have been presented to the interim Water and Natural Resources Committee ("committee") for your presentation to the Legislative Finance Committee. The following summary is submitted in compliance with that request. Please note that while the summary below attempts to capture all financial requests received by the committee, this summary is not exhaustive.

Amount Requested	Agency	Purpose
Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)	Acequia Bureau, Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer	for acequia and community ditch infrastructure projects and disaster recovery
Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)	Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer	to provide consistent funding for the planning and implementation of the Strategic Water Reserve
Five million dollars (\$5,000,000)	Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer	for regional water planning; to establish regional planning councils, support the Tribal Working Group and the Acequia and Rural Water Security Advisory Working Group, collect data for planning support tools and ensure equitable participation in the development of regional plans in accordance with the Water Security Planning Act
One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)	Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer	to meet requirements for the <i>Texas v. New Mexico</i> settlement; this is a tentative amount requested by the Interstate Stream Commission, as the settlement to this litigation is still being finalized
Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)	Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer	for bosque management projects in the Rio Grande Valley
One million dollars (\$1,000,000)	Office of the State Engineer	to further develop the suite of tools and strategies that make up active water resource management

Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000)	Department of Environment	for the River Stewardship Program ; to fund restoration projects for rivers, streams and wetlands and support job creation in light of recent wildfires
Three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000)	Department of Environment	to fund and staff a state-led surface water quality permitting program pursuant to Senate Bill 21 (2025)
Twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000)	Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	to fund efforts to characterize the quantity, quality and distribution of ground water in aquifers
One million dollars (\$1,000,000)	Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	to fully staff, with eight full-time employees, the bureau's Aquifer Mapping and Monitoring Program
Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)	Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	for two and one-half full-time employees to support the state's need for seismic monitoring and research of natural and induced seismicity and support emergency management programs
Three million dollars (\$3,000,000)	Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	for research on critical minerals in New Mexico
Eight million nine hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$8,980,000)	Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	capital request for a New Mexico Core Research Facility for subsurface research in energy, critical minerals and water
Seven hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$732,000)	Public Regulation Commission	to fully staff the Community Solar Program
One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000)	Aging and Long-Term Services Department	for the New Mexico Grown Program to purchase food raised by local suppliers for a senior center meal program

Four hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$430,000)	New Mexico Department of Agriculture	for New Mexico Grown programs for food safety, value chain stability, long-term viability and economic opportunities
Two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000)	New Mexico Department of Agriculture	to continue the state's Farm to Food Bank Program
TBD	New Mexico Department of Agriculture	the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council seeks "investments in small and mid-scale agriculture, hunger relief and community health"
TBD	New Mexico Department of Agriculture	the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council seeks "public food utility policy development" to strengthen statewide food distribution of New Mexico-grown foods, including a capital outlay process, strategic identification and operating funds
Two million dollars (\$2,000,000)	Economic Development Department	for the Healthy Food Financing Fund to provide resources for local food retail and infrastructure
One million dollars (\$1,000,000)	Department of Health	to expand supplemental nutrition programs for women, infants and children (also known as WIC) and the senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program into rural and underserved communities
Five million dollars (\$5,000,000)	Department of Environment	for providing grants for water efficient projects
Five million dollars (\$5,000,000)	Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	to fully staff, with thirty full-time employees, disaster recovery and response programs
Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)	Office of the State Engineer	for funding for technical assistance for communities experiencing water scarcity

Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)	New Mexico Department of Agriculture	to work with the Cultural Affairs Department and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to create an archaeology field school program
Five million dollars (\$5,000,000)	New Mexico Department of Agriculture	for the agricultural water resilience program
Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)	Office of the State Engineer	for the water conservation program mentioned by the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts
TBD	Oil Conservation Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	to fully staff the Oil Conservation Division
Seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000)	Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	for the Grid Modernization Grant Fund
Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)	Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	to the Innovation in State Government Fund to increase agency capacity to implement climate change policy
Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000)	New Mexico Finance Authority	for the Local Solar Access Fund , which provides grants to plan, design, purchase, install and equip solar energy systems
Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)	Office of Superintendent of Insurance	for the New Mexico Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan
Eighty-eight million two hundred four thousand dollars (\$88,204,000)	Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	for the New Mexico Reforestation Center
Two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000)	Workforce Solutions Department	for Community Benefit Fund projects
One million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000)	Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University	for New Mexico Highlands University Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute programs and projects