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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CRIME REDUCTION GRANT ACT; ELIMINATING THE
GRANT ADMINISTRATION AGENCY; CREATING THE CRIME REDUCTION
GRANT FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 31-28-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
Chapter 192, Section 6) is amended to read:

"31-28-2. DEFINITION.--As used in the Crime Reduction
Grant Act, "commission" means the New Mexico sentencing
commission."

SECTION 2. Section 31-28-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
Chapter 192, Section 7) is amended to read:

"31-28-3. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCILS
CREATED--COMPOSITION--DUTIES.--

A. A criminal justice coordinating council is
created for each judicial district and shall include
representation from within the district for:

- (1) each court in the district;
- (2) the district attorney;
- (3) the district public defender office;
- (4) law enforcement agencies;
- (5) jails;
- (6) behavioral health programs; and
- (7) other agencies and entities agreed upon

1 by the council.

2 B. Each criminal justice coordinating council
3 shall be convened by the chief judge of the district court in
4 the judicial district. The commission shall assist in the
5 organization of the criminal justice coordinating councils.

6 C. Each criminal justice coordinating council
7 shall select a chair at its first meeting. The first meeting
8 of each council shall take place by August 1, 2019, and the
9 council shall subsequently meet at the call of the chair, but
10 not less than ten months per year.

11 D. Each criminal justice coordinating council
12 shall organize itself and adopt rules in a manner appropriate
13 to accomplish its duties pursuant to the Crime Reduction
14 Grant Act.

15 E. A criminal justice coordinating council shall
16 develop a strategic plan to meet the requirements of this
17 section and shall:

18 (1) review the criminal justice system in
19 the judicial district, including judicial processes, law
20 enforcement, community corrections alternatives and
21 sufficiency of jail and detention facilities;

22 (2) identify criminal justice system
23 problems in the judicial district;

24 (3) develop data-driven policies and
25 evidence-based best practices designed to improve public

1 safety outcomes, cost-effective responses to crime and fair
2 and efficient adjudication processes;

3 (4) facilitate applications from its members
4 for crime reduction grants pursuant to the Crime Reduction
5 Grant Act;

6 (5) facilitate sharing of criminal justice
7 information between agencies as permitted by law; and

8 (6) in consultation with the commission,
9 develop data-sharing agreements and methods of data sharing
10 to allow system-wide analysis of criminal justice operations
11 within the judicial district and throughout the state.

12 F. Executive agencies and the administrative
13 office of the courts shall provide prompt responses to
14 criminal justice coordinating council requests for
15 information."

16 SECTION 3. Section 31-28-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
17 Chapter 192, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "31-28-4. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS--PURPOSES--
19 CONDITIONS.--

20 A. A member of a criminal justice coordinating
21 council with the consent of the council may apply to the
22 commission for a grant to accomplish any of the enumerated
23 purposes provided in Subsection B of this section.

24 B. Crime reduction grants may be made to:

25 (1) develop, expand and improve evidence-

1 based treatment and supervision alternatives to
2 incarceration;

3 (2) reduce barriers to participation by
4 criminal offenders in preprosecution diversion or specialty
5 court programs;

6 (3) develop or improve pretrial service
7 programs;

8 (4) develop or improve coordination of
9 services between law enforcement agencies and treatment
10 programs;

11 (5) establish law enforcement crisis
12 intervention teams;

13 (6) coordinate access to programs for
14 transitional or reentry homes for individuals recently
15 released from incarceration;

16 (7) recruit or retain law enforcement
17 officers, prosecutors, public defenders, corrections officers
18 and mental health workers;

19 (8) develop or expand digitized records;

20 (9) develop or expand the ability of a
21 criminal justice coordinating council member to share data
22 with, and access data on, the statewide criminal justice data
23 integration platform;

24 (10) develop or expand data-driven policing
25 programs and pretrial services;

1 (11) staff a criminal justice coordinating
2 council; and

3 (12) purchase equipment or provide training
4 to support any of the purposes provided in this section.

5 C. Crime reduction grants shall be conditioned on
6 the criminal justice coordinating council and the recipient
7 member complying with the following:

8 (1) using not more than five percent of a
9 grant for administrative costs of the recipient;

10 (2) in consultation with the commission,
11 developing data-sharing agreements and methods of data
12 sharing among criminal justice agencies and with the
13 commission to allow system-wide analysis of criminal justice
14 operations within the judicial district and statewide;

15 (3) using or developing evidence-based best
16 practices for any programs operated with crime reduction
17 grants;

18 (4) developing performance measures in
19 consultation with the commission relevant to the grantee's
20 application;

21 (5) collecting data to evaluate the
22 effectiveness of programs operated with crime reduction
23 grants;

24 (6) evaluating quarterly the process,
25 outputs, outcomes and other performance measures of programs

1 funded with grants for compliance with all provisions of the
2 Crime Reduction Grant Act;

3 (7) providing a quarterly report to the
4 commission for review and comparison with other programs
5 receiving grants for similar purposes; and

6 (8) providing an annual report to the
7 commission by October 1 of each year regarding program
8 outcomes from use of the grant.

9 D. The commission shall assist with the
10 implementation of data-sharing agreements to ensure
11 compliance with crime reduction grants.

12 E. The commission may consider any outcome
13 reported to it by a grant recipient from a previous year in
14 making a determination of whether to make subsequent grants
15 or the amount of a subsequent grant."

16 **SECTION 4.** Section 31-28-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
17 Chapter 192, Section 9) is amended to read:

18 "31-28-5. RULES.--The commission shall promulgate
19 uniform procedural rules necessary to administer the
20 provisions of the Crime Reduction Grant Act."

21 **SECTION 5.** Section 31-28-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
22 Chapter 192, Section 10) is amended to read:

23 "31-28-6. REPORTS.--The commission shall report to the
24 legislature annually by November 1 of each year regarding
25 the:

1 A. applications for grants made during the
2 previous fiscal year by each criminal justice coordinating
3 council;

4 B. purpose and amount of each grant approved by
5 the commission for each member for the previous fiscal year;
6 and

7 C. processes, outputs and outcomes resulting from
8 the use of the grant."

9 **SECTION 6.** A new section of the Crime Reduction Grant
10 Act is enacted to read:

11 "CRIME REDUCTION GRANT FUND CREATED--PURPOSE.--The
12 "crime reduction grant fund" is created as a nonreverting fund
13 in the state treasury. The fund consists of appropriations,
14 gifts, grants and donations. The commission shall administer
15 the fund, and money in the fund is subject to appropriation to
16 the commission to administer the provisions of the Crime
17 Reduction Grant Act and award crime reduction grants to
18 members of criminal justice coordinating councils to spur
19 local innovation in criminal justice reform, pursuant to the
20 Crime Reduction Grant Act. Expenditures from the fund shall
21 be made on warrant of the secretary of finance and
22 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the chair of the
23 commission or the chair's authorized representative. The
24 commission may expend no more than three percent of the
25 balance of the fund each fiscal year for administering the

1 Crime Reduction Grant Act. No money in the fund may be
2 expended in any way except as provided by the Crime Reduction
3 Grant Act." _____

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