



**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
FY22 APPROPRIATION REQUEST
19 NOVEMBER 2020
HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL FUND REQUEST**

Advance Judicial Excellence

- **\$4,728K** - General Fund Request for FY22
 - **\$161.7K** - requested increase from FY21 will restore original FY21 appropriation (3.5% increase.)
 - **\$115.6K** - transfers 2.5 clerks that are funded with warrant fees to General Fund: *Maintaining Public Confidence in the Judiciary.*
 - **\$41.8K** - Covers the Magistrate Court operational costs not funded following 2019 consolidation – i.e. Communications, Equipment, and CEO Magistrate Reclassification: *Streamlining and Simplifying Court Organization.*
 - **\$4.3K** - Pays mandatory rate increases charged by Executive Branch service providers.

Maintaining Public Safety during COVID-19 Emergency

- Consistent with the Supreme Court Orders, the Eighth Judicial District has conducted the majority of all proceedings remotely using video and phone conferences: *Protecting Public Health by Using Technology to Connect People with Courts.*
- The District has designated CV-Safe Ambassadors in each court facility to assure compliance with Supreme Court public health protocols: *Maintaining Court Operations.*
- The District has an approved jury resumption plan that focuses on the safety of the public, staff, judges, and hearing officers that are physically present in the court.

Aligning Court Resources with Caseloads

- The District has focused on efficiency within its own judicial structure.
- The current Eighth Judicial District caseload is 2,319 cases for the District Courts and 5,592 cases for the Magistrate Courts.
- The District is not requesting any new General Funding to cover potential “backlogs” caused by the Public Health Emergency.
- The District has addressed a growing need to expand our Domestic Relations operations to include two full-time Commissioners through restructuring and vacancy savings.

FY21 Supplemental Requests

- \$83.0K Supplemental request submitted for furniture and equipment needed to finish out the FY21 Capital Request for a Jury Assembly room, consolidated clerks’ office, and Jury Deliberation rooms in the Taos County Courthouse.
- \$34.0K – Supplemental request submitted to cover projected FY 21 Magistrate Court operational costs required by consolidation including communications and equipment rentals.